AGENDA

EVENT NAME	Workshop on data for evidence based education, employment and social policies. Focus on measuring skills mismatches
LOCATION	Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia Address: Milana Rakica 5, Belgrade
DATE	Thursday, 14 February 2019

SUMMARY

The European Training Foundation, in collaboration with the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, will organise a workshop on the topic of managing data and information relevant for evidence based policies in the field of education and skills, employment and social affairs.

The event has a twofold objective:

- present the analysis of skills mismatch incidence in Serbia and other ETF Partner Countries and discuss possible solutions to continue, on regular basis, measurement of skills mismatch and explore additional variables that would help planning of policies for matching skills supply and demand;

- share the results of ETF data collection on key indicators for education, skills and employment and discuss priorities for further development and capacity building in the area of statistics and data management.

Participants will discuss the state of play, current initiatives remaining challenges in developing data management and monitoring systems in areas of education, employment and social inclusion. The aim is to identify priorities and actions that will help Serbia to completely harmonise its statistical system with EU acquis requirements and further expand current data management practices. The outcomes of this discussion will guide EU, ETF and donors in planning future support to Serbian authorities.

Invited participants are representatives of Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia (SORS), Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (MoESTD), Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs (MoLEVSA), National Employment Office (NES), Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit (SIPRU), National Qualification Agency (NQA) and other relevant institutions and organisations.

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08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:20	**Introduction session: objectives of the meeting, expectations** Vesna Pantelić, Head of Labour Market Statistics Division, SORS Irena Radinovic, Project Manager – Education, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia (tbc) Lida Kita, Specialist in VET and Social Inclusion - Country Desk Serbia and Turkey, ETF
09:20 – 10:45	**Session 1: Measuring skills mismatches in ETF Partner Countries – country case Serbia** Facilitator: Cristina Mereuta, Labour Market Specialist, ETF *European and international context of skills mismatch research and policy use. Overview of ETF's initiative and key findings* Cristina Mereuta, ETF *Country case Serbia: main findings, calculation aspects and possible approaches to continue mismatch measurement* Ben Kriechel, ETF international expert Questions and answers; discussion
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	**Session 2: Data situation in Serbia – current challenges** Facilitator: Mircea Badescu, Statistician and Data Analyst, ETF *Results of ETF data collection process 2018 – Serbia case* Mircea Badescu, ETF *Open discussion on key gaps and possible actions*
12.30 – 13.30	**Session 3: Way forward and conclusions** Facilitator: Vesna Pantelić, Head of Labour Market Statistics Division, SORS *Discussion* will focus on remaining priorities and actions to harmonise completely Serbian statistical system with EU acquis requirements and EU recommendations and to consolidate data management and monitoring systems in areas of education, employment and social inclusion. The outcomes of the discussion will guide EU, ETF and donors in planning future support Proposed topics: - Linking administrative registers in education, employment, social insurance/protection and others – what are the current bottlenecks (if any) and possible solutions; - Monitoring education outcomes: graduates' tracking – what are the most feasible solutions for regular monitoring; - Job vacancy data – inclusion of private agencies' reported vacancies; potential of big data; - Any other support needs to build up informational systems in areas such as qualifications, occupations, labour market policy statistics, social protection and inclusion, etc. Contributors: SORS, MESTD, MOLSVA, NES, SIPRU, other stakeholders *Summary of follow up actions*: Serbia stakeholders, ETF, EUD
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch and closure of event