



## Concept Note

### Workshop on The Future of Work and Skills for the Future

*25 November 2019 – Torino, Italy*

The **Future of Work** touches on areas of crucial significance to peace, stability and prosperity that include economic and social justice, socio-economic inclusion and empowerment, work-life balance, multi-stakeholderism, and technological disruption spillover, among others. Part-and-parcel of the concern about the Future of Work is the need for proactive labor policies, generating decent jobs, building proper governance models, harnessing new technologies, promoting inclusive dialogue and developing skills for the future in order to mitigate the risks of automation, digitalization, job losses and rising inequality, catering to an open set of stakeholders in a dynamic environment of accelerating complexity and escalating uncertainty.

The **Ministerial Declaration** of the 4<sup>th</sup> UfM Ministerial Conference on Employment and Labour held in Cascais on 2-3 April 2019 placed an unequivocal emphasis on *“the importance of the concertation between the government authorities and civil society organisations (...) in contributing to finding sustainable solutions to the challenges of the future of work.”* The Ministers welcomed the decision of ILO to place 2019 under the forward-looking topic of the “Future of Work”, and underlined *“the role that skills development plays to boost employability, competitiveness and growth and to address better the challenges of technological change and digitalization of the economy in the region.”*

Acting upon this mandate, the UfM Secretariat in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and in partnership with The European Training Foundation (ETF), will co-organize the ‘**Workshop on The Future of Work and Skills for the Future**’ in Torino, Italy, on 25 November 2019. The Workshop will focus on two themes, namely **The Future of Work in the Euro-Mediterranean Region** and **Skills Development in an increasingly Automated Market**.

This one-day Workshop will bring together experts and stakeholders representing relevant sectors and disciplines from across the UfM Region to exchange views and experiences, share best practices and lessons learned, and present recommendations on **how to brace for the Future of Work and harness the inevitable change in the UfM Region** in light of the region’s current realities and specificities.