

AGENDA

EVENT NAME	Migration, Human Capital and the Labour Market in North Macedonia: How they interact
LOCATION	Online webinar, hosted in Zoom
DATE	10 March 2021, 10:00 – 12:30
REGISTRATION	Zoom link



CONCEPT

The countries of the Western Balkans are characterised by declining populations driven by low birth rates, ageing populations and ongoing emigration. Emigration from the region has been constant since the 1990s, evolving from irregular, low- to medium-skilled labour migration to regular family reunification, international students and, more recently, high-skilled labour migration.

In 2020, the European Training Foundation (ETF), together with the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), launched a regional study entitled 'Migration dynamics from a human capital perspective in the Western Balkans'. Its aim was to shed light on the triangular relationships between human capital formation, labour markets and migration, and to determine how the current functioning of the education system and labour market affect migration in each country.

As a result of the study, a country report "Migration, Human Capital and the Labour Market in North Macedonia: How they interact" was produced based on a common analytical framework developed by the ETF and wiiw.

The objective of the webinar is to present and discuss the main findings of the country study in a small group of participants from relevant public institutions, researchers, civil society and donors in North Macedonia. Topics of discussion will include the educational/skill composition of Macedonian migrants, the reasons and types of recent migration flows, the impact of the labour market and educational structures on migrant composition and key policies to improve the triangular relationship between migration, education and labour markets.

The outcome of the webinar is checking and validating the main findings of the study for North Macedonia. The feedback received from the participants will feed in finalising the country report, which will be disseminated widely.

Organisation details: This online workshop will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation into Macedonian language. Registered participants will receive a *join link to zoom webinar* by mail. Please access it already at 9.45 in order to test your technical compatibility, video and audio settings.

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Chairperson: Maria Rosenstock, Country Liaison for North Macedonia, ETF

09:45 – 10:00	The host open to allow participants checking technicalities (i.e. video, sound)
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, ETF• Mr Steffen Hudolin, Counsellor, Head of Section, the EU Delegation to North Macedonia
10:10 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the analytical framework for analysing migration, human capital and the labour markets, Michael Landesmann, wiiw, Project Coordinator
10:20 – 11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the main findings of the country study on migration, human capital and the labour market in North Macedonia, Professor Marjan Petreski, University American College Skopje and UACS Business School Questions and discussion
11:20 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:00	Panel discussion on the main findings and policy implications (10' feedback from each key stakeholders) Facilitator: Michael Landesmann, wiiw, Project Coordinator
12:00 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr Will Bartlett, Visiting Senior Fellow, LSEE (Research on South-Eastern Europe)▪ Darko Dochinski, Deputy Head of the Labour Law& Employment Policy Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, North Macedonia▪ Professor Blagica Novkovska, University of Tourism and Management in Skopje (UTMS) Questions and discussion
12:15 – 12:30	Conclusions and next steps , Ummuhan Bardak, ETF