

AGENDA

EVENT NAME How Migration, Human Capital and the Labour Market interact in Albania
LOCATION Online webinar, hosted in Zoom
DATE 30 June 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 "How Migration, Human Capital and the Labour Market interact in Albania" 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 Albania. Topics of discussion will include the educational/skill composition of emigrants from Albania, the reasons and types of recent migration flows, the impact of the labour market and educational structures on migration and key policies to improve the triangular relationship between migration, education and labour market.

The outcome of the webinar is checking and validating the main findings of the study for Albania. The feedback received from the participants will feed to finalise the country report, which will be disseminated widely.

Organisation details: This online workshop will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation into Albanian 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: Romain Boitard, European Training Foundation (ETF)

09:45 – 10:00	The host open to allow participants checking technicalities (ie. video, sound)
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Manuela Prina, ETF, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit• Ms Bora Muzhaqi, Deputy Minister of Education, Sports and Youth• Mr Andrea Marco Vera, Head of Section on Sustainable Economic and Social Development, EU Delegation to Albania (tbc)
10:15 – 10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the analytical framework for analysing migration, human capital and the labour markets, Michael Landesmann, wiw, Project Coordinator
10:25 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the main findings of the country study on migration, human capital and the labour market in Albania, Professor Ilir Gedeshi, Director of Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), University of Tirana <p>Questions and discussion</p>
11:15 – 11:25	Coffee Break
11:25 – 12:25	<p>Moderator: Ummuhan Bardak, ETF, Labour Market and Migration Specialist</p> <p>Panel discussion on the main findings and policy implications (10' feedback from key stakeholders)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms Dajna Sorensen, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy, in charge of education and professional training▪ Professor Kosta Barjaba, Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the Parliament of Albania, European University of Tirana, Academy of Sciences of Albania▪ Ms Luljeta Minxhozi, First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Albania <p>Questions and discussion</p>
12:25 – 12:30	Conclusions and next steps, Ummuhan Bardak, ETF