

**AGENDA**

**new Economic and labour market trends and their implications for skills development**

*country case - azerbaijan*

**7th October 2021, 11.00 – 13.30 (Baku time), 9.00 – 11.30 hrs (CET)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The European Training Foundation (ETF) is engaged in the international debate about the future of work and skills in developing and transition countries, in particular in the European Neighbourhood and Central Asia. Within this context, the ETF is analysing the impact of global trends on human capital: its formation, development and utilisation.

The ETF’s recent research on [The future of work – New forms of employment in the Eastern Partnership countries: Platform work | ETF (europa.eu)](https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/future-work-new-forms-employment-eastern-partnership) focused on changing patterns of work triggered by digitalisation in the six EaP countries – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The research explored:

The report aims to foster a wider reflection on policy implications arising from the new trends in online labour and skills demand and changes in work organisation. The assessment considers possible measures to mitigate challenges and foster opportunities and focuses on both, country-specific and common regional elements, which could direct national and regional actions.

The main objective of the event is to discuss with the relevant stakeholders in Azerbaijan the findings of the study, particularly those related to Azerbaijan, presented in the country profile [Platform work in Azerbaijan](https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-06/platform_work_azerbaijan_1.pdf)  and discuss opportunities and challenges resulting from the new trends.

The working languages of the event are Azeri and English.

**Thursday, 7TH october 2021**

**Moderator:** Margareta Nikolovska, Senior Human Capital Development Expert – Country Liaison Officer, Azerbaijan, ETF

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| **11.00-11.15**  **09.00-09.15** | **Opening session**  *Introductory remarks*  Anar Aliyev, Deputy Minister, *Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan*  Mustafa Abbasbayli, Chairman of the Board, *State Employment Agency under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan*  Victor Bojkov, Head of Cooperation, *Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan*  Georgios Zisimos, Head of Policy Advice and EU Programming Unit, *European Training Foundation (ETF)* |
| **11.15-12.00**  **09.15-10.00** | **New labour market trends and forms of employment in the EaP countries – approaches and findings for Azerbaijan**  Speakers:  Iwona Ganko, Human Capital Development expert – Labour Market, ETF  Eva Jansova, Human Capital Development expert, ETF  *Questions and answers from participants* |
| **12.00-12.15**  **10.00-10.15** | **Short coffee / tea break** |
| **12.15-13.00**  **10.15-11.00** | **Key policy implications and future opportunities**  **Presentation from State Employment Agency under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan on digital transformation agenda for support of Labour Market in Azerbaijan**  *Elman Sadigov, Head of Labour Market Analysis and Development Department, State Employment Agency under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan*  *Panel discussion on main takeaways* |
| **13.00-13.30**  **11.00 – 11.30** | Wrap-up, next steps  *Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, State Employment Agency under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, National Observatory on Labour Market and Social Protection Affairs, ETF (Margareta Nikolovska, Iwona Ganko, Eva Jansova)* |