SKILLS AND MIGRATION: GEORGIA

Overview

21.3% International emigrants (as % of total population)

2.0% International immigrants (as % of total population)

Reasons to migrate:

- Difficult economic conditions
- Lack of well-paid jobs and corresponding underemployment
- Developed networks of Georgian migrants
- Worsening ecological conditions and Tbilisisation (triggering internal migration)

Profile of migrants:

- Relatively higher-than-average educational attainments
- 49.8% male
- 50.2% female

Outbound mobility ratio of tertiary level students:

7.5%

Top 10 countries of emigration, 2020

- Other: 66,181
- Spain: 11,824
- Cyprus: 15,201
- Italy: 15,813
- Germany: 25,387
- Armenia: 39,422
- Azerbaijan: 48,815
- Ukraine: 65,065
- Greece: 85,065
- Russia: 99,973

Key achievements

- Significant developments in migration policy (including on labour migration) and governance
- Extensive services available for migrants
- Circular migration schemes

Possible way forward

- Inclusion of skills dimension of migration in the VET development agenda
- Improve readability of returning migrants and immigrants’ skills and qualifications
- Exploring opportunities offered by EU such as EU’s Skills4Jobs, Talent Partnerships

How can the ETF help?

- Expertise sharing and capacity enhancement
- Research on skills development and migration

Full datasets, definitions and sources are available in the ETF Skills and Migration country fiche Georgia: https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/regions-and-countries/countries/georgia