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AGENDA

Skills Development and Activation Policies in Jordan

Tackling the challenge of skills mismatches

31 March 2022, 10.00 – 13.30 hrs (Jordan time)

Hybrid event: Venue (in presence) – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Amman

Online participants: https://linktr.ee/etf.europa.eu

INTRODUCTION

The European Training Foundation (ETF) has launched in 2020 two initiatives aimed at measuring the incidence of skills mismatches in the ETF partner countries as well as assessing innovation and effectiveness of labour market interventions.

In what regards the skills mismatch incidence, the ETF has developed a framework for calculation of key skills mismatch indicators, with focus on vertical and horizontal mismatch, on relevant age groups (e.g. young vs. adults) and types of education (e.g. VET vs. non-VET). In addition, the research took stock of innovation in data interpretation to better inform education and employment policies. A standard set of indicators for measuring skills mismatches is now available for Jordan, in line with data availability, and international and European standard approaches and definitions (e.g. ILO, ILOSTAT, EUROSTAT, CEDEFOP, OECD).

The research on labour market interventions considered the context of COVID-19 crisis with a view to identify main lessons and messages for the next generation of policies and measures aimed at human capital development and improved labour market performance. The work included (i) an assessment of the effectiveness of ALMPs in crisis and post crisis situations, and (ii) a mapping of innovative practices of ALMPs among EU Member States and EU neighbouring countries. Three country focused analyses in Jordan, Moldova and North Macedonia have been developed to showcase reform potential in various socio-economic and institutional contexts.

The objectives of this meeting are (a) to present the preliminary results of mismatch calculation using Jordan datasets (i.e. Labour Force Survey); (b) to share the draft findings and recommendations emerging from the country analysis of labour market interventions, and (c) to discuss the main takeaways for policy actions, or new research/knowledge expansion as well as capacity building. The working languages of the event are Arabic and English. The event will take place in hybrid format: in presence and online.

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2022

10.00-10.30	Registration and welcome coffee
10.30-10.45	**Opening session** H.E Mr. Nayef Zakariya Stetieh, Minister of Labour, Jordan Xavier Matheu, Director *ad Interim* of the ETF, Head of Knowledge Hub Department (on-line) Moderator: Mounir Baati, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - VET Quality Assurance - Country Liaison for Jordan
10.45-11.40	**Skills mismatch measurement** *Presentation of main methodological aspects, indicators, and calculation results in Jordan* Contributors: Mircea Badescu, Human Capital Development Statistician, ETF Ben Kriechel, Senior Researcher, Economix Research & Consulting, Germany Q&A
11.40-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-12.50	**Effectiveness and innovation potential in the area of active labour market policies** *Presentation of key findings and conclusions of the ETF report on ALMPs effectiveness and innovation potential in Jordan* Contributors: Cristina Mereuta, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, ALMPs Coordinator Dr Nooh Alshyab, National Expert, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini Q&A
12.50-13.20	**Key policy implications and future steps** *Main implications for policy making and capacity building needs* Open discussion
13.20 – 13.30	**Closing session** Wrap-up, next steps *Jordanian authorities* *ETF*
	Lunch and closure of event