

AGENDA

TITLE:

Changing the skills needs in North Macedonia

RECENT FINDINGS FROM THE EUROPEAN SKILLS AND JOBS SURVEY

VENUE

27 September 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 (CEST), Zoom

SUMMARY:

The objective of this event is to present key findings for North Macedonia gathered through the European skills and jobs survey¹ and discuss main takeaways for policy actions, or new opportunities to expand skills research as well as capacity building in skills intelligence. The findings and analysis are central to ETF's skills and labour market work in its partner countries, aiming at strengthening skills intelligence and support the twin – digital and green – transitions and consolidation of lifelong learning and employment policies.

This Cedefop periodic survey collects information on the job-skill requirements, digitalisation, skills and qualification mismatches and workplace learning of nationally representative samples of adult workers in wage and salary employment. It aims at informing the policy debate on the impact of digitalisation on the future of work and skills also in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic. The survey collects information in the European Union member states, Norway, and Iceland. Cedefop has joined forces with ETF which conducted the survey in six partner countries (ie Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo², North Macedonia, Serbia, and Israel). The survey aspires to become a key tool for evidence-based policymaking in education and training, particularly reskilling and upskilling programmes. Its design incorporates the growth, sustainability, and resilience ambitions of the European Pillar of Social Rights, [EU Skills Agenda, European, Digital Strategy](#), acknowledging the importance of digital skills also put forward in the 2020 [Council Recommendation on VET](#) and the [Osnabrück Declaration](#).

The working languages of the event are Macedonian and English.

¹ More information on the survey is available [here](#).

² This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Time	Agenda Item
10:00 - 10:10	<p><i>Event facilitator: Lisa Rustico, Human Capital Development expert - Country Liaison for North Macedonia (ETF)</i></p> <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p><i>Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit (ETF)</i> <i>Alexandru Albu, EU Delegation in North Macedonia</i></p>
10:10 - 10:55	<p>Changing the skills needs. First findings from the European skills and jobs survey in North Macedonia</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mircea Badescu, Human Capital Development Statistician (ETF)</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:55 - 11.50	<p>European skills and jobs survey: implications for policy actions and research</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p><i>Contributors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mladen Frckovski, Head of labor market unit, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy</i> - <i>Nadica Kostoska, Deputy Head of Unit, EU Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science</i> - <i>Lindita Qazimi, Head of Department for Preparation, Approval and Professional Supervision of Programs for Adult Education, Adult Education Center</i> - <i>Snezana Jovanovska Aceva, Head of the Unit for research and statistics on the labour market, Employment Service Agency</i> - <i>Natasa Janevska, Project Manager in charge of the Council for Promotion of Training Quality, Chamber of Economy</i>
11:50 - 12.00	<p>Closure</p> <p><i>Cristina Mereuta, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Coordinator for Active Labour Market Policies (ETF)</i></p>