

# AGENDA

## TITLE:

## Effectiveness of Active Labour Market Policies in fragile socio-economic and post-conflict context

Brussels, Belgium

26 – 27 June 2024

**Venue:** Enabel, the Belgian Development Agency, Rue Haute 147, Brussels<sup>1</sup>

**Working language:** English

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## INTRODUCTION:

The European Training Foundation (ETF), in partnership with Enabel, the Belgian development agency, is organising a 2-day policy learning seminar on the effectiveness of active labour market policies (ALMPs) in fragile socio-economic and post-conflict context.

As governments face restrictions on budgets and pressures to use public money in effective and efficient way, there is a need to ensure that resources are spent on services that provide high economic and social return. Therefore, policies and programmes need to be monitored and evaluated in a regular and rigorous way, which allows for adjustments of existing policies and programmes to improve their performance vis-à-vis set objectives. At present, a regular assessment of effectiveness or impact of active labour market policies (ALMPs) is not an integral part of the policy cycle in many transition and developing countries. Often, the engagement of public employment services (PES) in such activities remains limited and/or ad-hoc, due limited resources for the implementation of such analytical exercises. At the same time, many ALMPs are implemented in difficult socio-economic contexts which influence the employment probability and other key effects of such policy approaches.

To support the consolidation of the thematic intelligence and exchange on ALMPs design, deployment and outcomes, the ETF conducted the analysis of effectiveness of ALMPs in fragile socio-economic and (post)conflict contexts to draw specific recommendations for the design of ALMPs and for the improvement of monitoring and assessment of the implemented measures and services.

The objective of the seminar is to stimulate common reflection and discussion on how to build effective active labour market policies and monitor their impact. The event is open to participants from ETF partner countries, EU countries and international donor organisations. It targets ministerial, public employment service's officials as well as researchers with the aim at providing them with reference background and making space for policy learning through sharing experience and discussing new policy ideas.

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<sup>1</sup> Online participation is available during the first day of the event on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in plenary sessio.n.

# DAY 1, 26 JUNE 2024

09:00 – 09:30	Registration of participants
09.30 – 09.50	<p><b>Opening session</b> Introductory remarks</p> <p>Jean Van Wetter, Director General, Enabel – Belgian Development Agency Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, ETF Laura-Gaelle Lemetayer, International relations officer, ACTIRIS Brussels</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Cristina Mereuta, Senior Human Capital Development expert, ETF</i></p>
09.50 – 11.00	<p><b>Setting the scene</b></p> <p>Presentations of key findings from the ETF research on the effectiveness of Active Labour Market Policies in fragile and (post-)conflict contexts</p> <p>Eamonn Davern, EPRD expert</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Eva Jansova, Human Capital Development expert, ETF</i></p>
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee/tea break
11.20 – 12.45	<p><b>Effective Active Labour Market Policies – good practice</b> Presentations of selected illustrative practices focusing on effective ALMPs in fragile, conflict or post-conflict contexts</p> <p>Nayera Eladly, policy manager, J-PAL MENA and Zeina Ossama, policy associate, J-PAL MENA based at the Egypt Impact Lab</p> <p>Olha Krasovska, Board Member, Ukrainian Evaluation Association, and Larisa Lisogor, Researcher, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Ukraine</p> <p>Valentyna Rybalko, Deputy director, and Vynnyk Serhii, Head of Communication, State Employment Service of Ukraine</p> <p>Shari Ghyselen, Skills and employment expert, and Martina Winkler, Expert in vocational education and training, ENABEL</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Iwona Ganko, Senior Human Capital Development expert, ETF</i></p>
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch Break
13.45 – 15.15	<p><b>Measuring impact of Active Labour Market Policies (parallel workshops)</b></p> <p><b>Introductory session</b> Piotr Stronkowski, Human Capital Development expert, ETF</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Eva Jansova, ETF</i></p> <p><b>Parallel sessions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Measuring impact of ALMPs through the use of administrative data – experience of Lithuania</b>  Gytis Darulis, Deputy Director, Lithuanian Public Employment Service (Online)</li> </ol> <p><i>Facilitator: Piotr Stronkowski, ETF</i></p>

	<p>2. <b>Measuring impact of ALMPs in the context of limited data availability</b></p> <p>Ada Shima, Researcher, Albania (online)</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Donatella Di Vozzo, Human Capital Development expert, ETF</i></p> <p>3. <b>Building effective ALMPs and address the needs of disadvantaged groups. The experience of the European Union</b></p> <p><i>Evaluating ALMPs in the EU: evidence from an ESF meta-analysis and additional studies</i></p> <p>Federico Lucidi, Deputy Head of Unit, and Linda Adamaite, Policy officer, Unit G.5 – Better Regulation, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Cristina Mereuta, ETF</i></p>
15.15 – 15.35	<p><b>Feedback from parallel sessions</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Eva Jansova, ETF</i></p>
15.35 – 16.15	<p><b>Introduction to Actiris Brussels' work in monitoring and evaluation of partnership measures</b></p> <p>Denis Jourdain, Indicators analyst, Partnership department, ACTIRIS Brussels  Laura-Gaelle Lemetayer, International relations officer, ACTIRIS Brussels</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Donatella Di Vozzo, ETF</i></p>
16.15 – 16.30	<p><b>Introduction to peer-visits</b></p> <p><i>Closure of Day 1</i></p>

## DAY 2, 27 JUNE 2024

09.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Parallel field visits</b> Visits facilitated by Actiris – Brussels employment office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DiversiCom</b> - DiversiCom's mission is to promote diversity in the workplace and facilitate the employment of people with disabilities on the basis of their skills. Its mission is threefold: to support the employment of clients with disabilities, to promote corporate social responsibility and diversity at a company level, and to support awareness raising aiming to change attitudes to disability, both within a company and beyond. (Address: Cours Saint Michel 30B, 1040 Brussels)</li> <li>• <b>CAD De Werklijn</b> - The Werklijn provides individual counselling toward employment for persons with occupational disability (physical disability, psychological vulnerability, learning or intellectual disability etc.). This is done through individualised approach that consists of traineeships at a workplace, training/education, voluntary work, employment care or job training. (Address: Naaldstraat 23, 1070 Anderlecht)</li> <li>• <b>Hobo</b> - Hobo is a day centre for homeless people, which organises social, sporting, cultural and educational activities throughout the week. These activities range from football to theatre, from Dutch lessons to excursions. It also helps homeless jobseekers in their search for training and work. This support is individual, tailor-made, accessible, intensive and, if necessary, long-term. (Address: Rue du Boulet 24, 1000 Brussels)</li> <li>• <b>OrientaEuro</b> - OrientaEuro specialises in designing and implementing active labour market measures for young people, in particularly those that are categorised as young people not in employment, education or training. The organisation is involved in the design of its interventions, outreach, coaching, job hunting and aftercare. (Rue des Pères Blancs 4, 1040 Etterbeek)</li> </ul> <p>Note: <i>Departure at 9.30hrs from Hotel Ibis Centre Gare du Midi (Rue d'Angleterre 2/20) and return to Enabel headquarters (Rue Haute 147)</i></p>
12.30 – 14.00	<p><i>Lunch break</i> <i>Enabel headquarters (Rue Haute 147)</i></p>
14:00 – 14:15	<p><b>Debriefing from field visits</b> <i>Facilitator: Eva Jansova, ETF</i></p>
14.15 – 15.30	<p><b>Designing effective Active Labour Market Policies, their monitoring and evaluation – interactive session</b></p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p><b>Plenary session</b> Debriefing from the interactive session <i>Facilitator: Donatella Di Vozzo, ETF</i></p>
16.00 – 16.30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> <i>Event closure</i> Jean Van Wetter, Director General, Enabel – Belgian Development Agency Manuela Prina, Head of Skills Identification and Development Unit, ETF <i>Facilitator: Cristina Mereuta, ETF</i></p>