

AGENDA

EVENT NAME

Improving skills and labour market
integration for refugees and host
communities in Turkey

LOCATION

Adana, Turkey

DATE

20 – 21 September 2017



SUMMARY

There is a close relationship between formal and informal skills acquired, recognition of qualifications and validation of skills and further development of skills by training, which should be reflected in policies for the improvement of the refugees' integration in any recipient country labour market. By understanding and utilising the existing systems of the recipient country, in this case Turkey, effective policy actions can be applied for the labour market integration of refugees and host communities. In addition to concrete actions to respond to the immediate refugee crisis, there is also a need to fill skill needs in the Turkish labour market, facilitating job matching and recognition and validation of migrants' qualifications and skills.

This conference is a follow up to the Workshop on Validation of Informal and Non- Formal Learning for Refugees in Turkey, held in Ankara on 17 May. That event was organized jointly by ILO Ankara Office, the European Training Foundation (ETF), and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in co-operation with Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Ministry of National Education, General Directorate of Lifelong Learning, Professional Competence Authority, authorized certification bodies, workers and employers' organizations. The EU Delegation to Turkey, United Nations agencies and other international and national organisations working on Syrian refugees in Turkey joined the workshop. Participants discussed validation of the skills of those Syrians through Turkey's national qualification system. More on the May workshop: http://www.ilo.org/ankara/news/WCMS_556085/lang--en/index.htm.

Following this workshop, it was agreed that a one-day and a half conference would be held on 20-21 September, with Turkish Authorities - Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, ISKUR, Turkey Vocational Qualification Authority - and other public/private institutions working on skills, plus the EU Delegation, the ETF, EBRD, ILO and the World Bank. The aim is to present the outcomes of some piloting and to further discuss how to boost the coordinated efforts to better integrate Syrian refugees and host community into the Turkish labour market.

Subject to final confirmation

Day one, Wednesday 20 September 2017

08:30 – 09:30	Registration of participants (in parallel to welcome coffee)
09:30 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening speeches <p>Director Gaziantep VocTest Centre, Chamber of Industry Gaziantep, DG EMPL, EUD EBRD, ETF, ILO, MoNE, MoLSS)</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of EU delegation to Turkey on the Facility (15 mn) • “Fast screening, matching to labour market needs and guidance to further services (15 mn) <p>ISKUR & World bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on inclusion policy and refugee response programme in Turkey (15 mn) <p>EBRD Questions & answers</p>
11:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMPL/CULT perspective: EU New Skills Agenda, Qualifications framework in Turkey and cooperation between the EU and Turkey <p><i>Michaela Šojdrová, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-chair of the Czech delegation in the EPP Group (15 mn)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on results of pilot Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning for refugees in Gaziantep and Hatay (15 mn) <p>ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on recognition and validation practices in Europe (15 mn) <p>ETF Questions & answers</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lunch in the hotel
14:00 – 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three parallel working groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working group 1: Skills profiling /fast screening, matching to labour market needs and guidance to further services by ISKUR councillors (key actors: EU Delegation to Turkey, ISKUR and World Bank) 2. Working group 2: Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning (key actors: VQA, VocTest Centre representatives, MoNE LLL and DG VET, VQA, EU Delegation, ILO, ETF) 3. Working group 3: Labour market integration and social inclusion through skills development: building a future for refugees and host communities (key actors: Ministry of Labour, Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Family and Social Policy, ISKUR, ILO, EBRD, ETF)
16.00 – 16.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concluding plenary session with reports from the three working groups and closing remarks
19.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official dinner

Day Two, Thursday 21 September 2017

09:00 – 13.00	Site visits (half-day total) - EBRD, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office, Adana Chamber of Industry, MoNE Provincial Authorities and VocTest centre, in Adana.
13.00 – 14.00	▪ Lunch in a restaurant