



# AGENDA

<b>EVENT NAME</b>	Stakeholders Forum on Migrant Support Measures from Employment and Skills Perspective (MISMES)
<b>LOCATION</b>	Amman, Crowne Plaza Hotel
<b>DATE</b>	10 July 2017, Monday



## SUMMARY

Migration legacy in Jordan can be largely explained by regional political and economic developments, together with the country's geographical location and its historical process of state-building. The lack of natural resources together with scarce job opportunities have led to emigration of many highly skilled Jordanians, mainly to the Gulf countries. Their remittances have become one of the main sources of wealth and economic growth since the early 1970s. By increasing the reservation wages of low-skilled Jordanians at home, remittances have contributed to the immigration of cheaper foreign (low-skilled) labour, mainly from Egypt and Asian countries. This has resulted in the development of a particular labour market structure, with the emigration of high-skilled Jordanians balanced by the immigration of low-skilled foreign workers in almost equal numbers. Jordan has also received successive waves of refugees due to the regional conflicts: Palestinians from historic Palestine, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and Kuwait, Iraqis and Syrians.

Despite existing migration research in the country, there has been limited mapping and analyses of existing interventions and their results to support migrants and refugees, particularly from skills and employment perspective. As part of support provided to the European Union (EU), in 2016 - 2017 the ETF has conducted an inventory of 'Migrant Support Measures from Employment and Skills Perspective' (MISMES) in Jordan. The inventory is one of the seven inventories carried out in countries surrounding the EU and that have signed Mobility Partnership with the EU, upon the request of the European Commission. Jordan signed the Mobility Partnership with the EU on 9 October 2014. The inventory is a review of existing migrant support measures aimed to increase the labour market integration and reduce the skills underutilisation of migrants and refugees. In particular, the MISMES inventory in Jordan included policies and measures targeting three specific groups:

- Jordanian potential emigrants, expatriates and returnees
- Foreign immigrant workers in Jordan
- Asylum seekers/ refugees in Jordan

This event is organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour as well as with the support of the EU Delegation in Amman. Planned as a 'Stakeholders Forum', it has the overall objective to increase awareness on the employment and skills aspects of migration within the EU-Jordan Mobility Partnership through disseminating the MISMES report results.

The specific objective is to present and discuss the preliminary findings of MISMES Inventory in Jordan, namely successful policy measures, lessons learnt and good practices targeting emigrants, returnees, foreign immigrants and refugees with all the stakeholders, including public institutions, civil society/ NGO actors and donors active in the field. In addition to validation of the report the event will also increase awareness of authorities and wider public on the activities/ projects implemented under the EU-Jordan Mobility Partnership.

The ETF report is the first attempt to map migrant support measures from an employment and skills perspective in the last decade and to analyse their results. By bringing all relevant stakeholders together into a discussion platform, a policy dialogue can be launched on the employment and skills aspects of migrants and refugees. The results of the MISMES report can contribute to the better implementation of the Mobility Partnership, by providing inputs and advice for the design of new actions for the better use of migrants' skills and employment. Policy measures for improving skills utilization and skills enhancement are often the missing link between migration and development, although they are key instruments to overcoming labour market integration problems and skills mismatches in both countries of origin and destination.

## Monday, 10 July 2017

**Chairperson: Xavier Matheu de Cortada, ETF**

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:00 – 09:20	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Xavier Matheu de Cortada, ETF</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Abdelaziz Lyamouri, EU Delegation</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Hani Khleifat, Ministry of Labour</i></li> </ul>
09:20- 09:30	<p><b>Ice breaker voting: knowledge about migration</b></p> <p><i>Mounir Baati, ETF</i></p>
09:30 – 10:45	<p><b>International migration and EU policy framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>GAMM and EU-Jordan Mobility Partnership, Jean-François Puel, EU Delegation and European Commission</i></li> <li>▪ <i>International migration and initiatives on migrants' skills, Xavier Matheu de Cortada, ETF</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Introduction of the EU JEMPAS project, Sarah Schlaeger, ICMPD</i></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:30	<p><b>MISMES report: preliminary findings and recommendations</b></p> <p><i>Ummuhan Bardak, ETF</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<p><b>Reflections on the findings of MISMES report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>What is most relevant and interesting for your organization of the conclusions and recommendations emerged from the report?</i></li> <li>▪ <i>What do you think is more feasible and implementable for your organization?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion moderated by Ummuhan Bardak, ETF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Maha Kattaa, Syrian Crisis Response Coordinator, ILO Jordan Office</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Daniela Cicchella, Assistant Representative for Protection, UNHCR Jordan Office</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Hamdan Yacoup, Head of Syrian Refugees Department, Ministry of Labour</i></li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Conclusions and next steps: how to operationalise MISMES recommendations?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Group exercise on next steps, Ummuhan Bardak, ETF</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Wrap-up and voting exercise, Mounir Baati, ETF</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Filling up the event evaluation form</i></li> </ul>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Lunch</b>