

FINAL DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

LABOUR-INT 2

“Labour Market Integration of Migrants – A Multi-Stakeholder Approach”

Thursday, 4 March 2021, 9:00 - 13:00

online event

Working languages: English, French, Italian, Spanish, German and Greek

Background

LABOUR-INT was built on the cooperation, commitment and dialogue of the European Economic and Social partners (ETUC, SGI Europe, SMEunited, BusinessEurope and Eurochambres) as key labour market actors which was materialised in the signature of the [European Partnership for Integration](#). The Partnership which the European Commission and Economic and Social partners has [renewed](#) on 7 September 2020, lays down key principles and commitments to support and strengthen opportunities for migrants to integrate into the European labour market.

The [LABOUR-INT 2](#) aimed at further meeting the objectives of the first phase of the project to identify common solutions to tackle the key challenges faced by migrants in integrating the labour market, with a specific focus on skills and qualifications. Three pilot actions have been implemented in Austria (Tyrol), Greece (Athens) and Italy(Naples) as well as a follow up of the LABOUR-INT 1 pilot actions in Belgium, Germany and Italy. Each of them have dealt with specific subjects related to the integration of asylum-seekers and refugees in the labour market.

In addition, the [Expert Group on Skills and Migration](#) lead by FIERI assessed the implementation of the EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals in two national pilot countries and explored the potential of technological innovation in refugees and migrants' integration into the labour market.

Objectives

The conference aims at sharing the results of the LABOUR-INT 2 project, through which the ETUC, SGI Europe together with the involvement and support of several national, European and International organisations have been advocating for a multi-stakeholder approach in setting up inclusive integration paths of migrants in the European labour market.

The event will also give participants an overview of the current European migration context and of migrant's labour market integration, including the presentation of the various national pilot actions that were deployed throughout the implementation of the project. The conference will also provide with the opportunity to reflect on the lessons learned since the implementation of the first phase of the LABOUR-INT in 2016 until the current context with the inevitable consequences of the [COVID crisis](#) on European labour markets and on the integration of migrants and refugees.

PROGRAMME

8.45 – 9.00

Connection to the online meeting room

Participants to log-in through the Zoom link at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the event

9.00 – 9.30

Welcome of participants and introductory remarks

- Luca VISENTINI, General Secretary, ETUC
- Valeria RONZITTI, General Secretary, SGI Europe
- Liliane VOLOZINSKIS, Social Affairs and Training Policy Director SMEUnited
- Ben BUTTERS, CEO, Eurochambres

Labour Market Integration of Migrants: Setting the scene

Chair: Ștefan ENICĂ, Project & Policy Officer, SGI Europe

9.30 – 9.50

The European Partnership for integration: renew commitment and future actions

- Agnese PAPADIA, Policy Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

9.50 – 10.30

LABOUR-INT 2: EU economic and social partners' initiatives for labour market integration of migrants

- Presentation of the project, Mercedes MILETTI, Advisor, ETUC
- The LABOUR-INT approach four years on: Progresses and challenges, Ferruccio PASTORE, FIERI

Discussion and Q&A

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

LABOUR-INT 2 national pilot actions

Chair: Valentina GUERRA, Social Affairs and Training Policy Adviser, SMEUnited

11.00 – 11.45

Recipes for a successful migrants' labour market integration

- *"Stepping up the TIK concept in Austria"*, Elvira REITSHAMMER Tiroler Soziale Dienste GmbH
- *"Labour market integration of asylum-seekers in the agricultural sector in Naples"*, Emilio SAGGESE, UILA Napoli e Campania
- *"From reception to integration of beneficiaries of international protection in Athens"*, Christina THEOCHARI, EKA & Ioanna PROFYRI, KEK GSEVEE

Q&A

11.45 – 12.45

Lessons learned and the future of LABOUR-INT in the COVID crisis context

Chair: Mercedes Miletti, Advisor, ETUC



- Robin SPRUMONT, CEPAG
- Daniel WEBER, DGB Bildungswerk
- Maurizio BOVE, Fisascat Cisl Milano Metropoli & ANOLF Milano
- Marco CILENTO, Head of Institutional Policy, ETUC

Q&A

Conclusions and the way forward

- 12.45 – 13.00**
- Maxime CERUTTI, Social Affairs Director, BusinessEurope
 - Ludovic VOET, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

13.00 End of the conference



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