

Employment and Social Affairs Platform

Meeting of Statistics Officials from Public Employment Services of the Western Balkan Economies

Skopje, 21 June 2017

Background

The regional project ‘Employment and Social Affairs Platform’, which began its implementation in March 2016 and will last for 3 years, is a regional project financed by the European Commission and jointly implemented by RCC and ILO in the Western Balkan economies (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). The project aims to strengthen regional cooperation and institutional capacities of national administrations, employers’ and workers’ organizations, enabling them to develop and effectively implement labour market and social policy reforms in their EU accession process.

Specifically, with regard to the support to Public Employment Services, ESAP will facilitate the work to create a systematic and integrated link between a joint benchmarking process and mutual learning activities based on identified good practices. This process, known as ‘benchlearning’ has been implemented in the Public Employment Services of EU countries since 2014.

The methodological guide for benchlearning entails quantitative benchmarking on selected key indicators and qualitative benchmarking through the collection of information on performance enablers by combined self-assessment – external assessment exercise. The initial methodological proposal has identified the following indicators for the quantitative benchmarking exercise: Transition rate from unemployment to employment, Speed of transition and PES market share in hirings.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

Objectives

Participants in the event will be officials of Public Employment Services (PES), who deal with labour market statistics. The aim of the meeting will be to discuss and agree on a set of quantitative indicators to be collected for the Western Balkan PES benchmarking analysis. Representatives of PES will work together under the leadership of the RCC and ILO experts to refine the definitions and measurement procedures for the selected indicators and additional relevant and available indicators, including context related indicators that take into account differences in national institutional settings and economic conditions. The final list of proposed indicators will be shared with the Western Balkan PES offices for approval.

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 20 June 2017

Arrival of participants

Wednesday, 21 June 2017

Venue: tbc

08.30 – 09.00 Registration of Participants

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome, Context and Aims of the Workshop

Representative of Employment Agency, Skopje (tbc)

Nand Shani, Team Leader, ESAP RCC

Representative of ILO (tbc)

09.15 – 10.30 Overview of key PES quantitative indicators: design and implementation

During this session, participants will be presented with key quantitative indicators for PES performance measurement at the EU level, the specific indicators proposed by the RCC commissioned methodology for benchmarking, and will be informed about methodological aspects of indicator definitions and data collection and validation procedures.

Moderators: RCC statistics expert and ILO expert

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 National presentations of key quantitative indicators use

Each PES representative will inform on the availability of data as well as discuss the context in which indicators are measured with a view to providing information on indicator harmonization and relevant context indicators

Moderator: *Nand Shani, Team Leader, ESAP RCC*

Questions and Answers

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Open discussion on proposing a set of key quantitative indicators

Participants will engage in an open discussion facilitated by key statistics experts in order to come to a well-defined list of indicators to be proposed for adoption by each PES office and agree on a timeline for the collection of indicators

Moderators: RCC statistics expert and ILO expert

16.00 – 16.30 Conclusions and Next Steps

19.00 Dinner

Venue: tbc

Thursday, 22 June 2017

Departure of Participants

The organizer reserves the right to amend the meeting agenda and timings.