

AGENDA

TITLE:

ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Webinar

SUBJECT:

How to create and use evidence for youth and gender inclusive labour markets?

23 February 2023 – 10:00 - 12:30 CET

SUMMARY:

Young people and women continue to face **significant barriers in accessing jobs** and fully developing their skills potential. Fostering **more inclusive labour markets** requires a carefully-designed policy mix based on systematic data analyses and the constant monitoring and evaluation of policy practices.

The ETF has invested in **innovative research and evidence generation** to capture changing labour market and skills dynamics and their effects on jobs, employability and social inclusion in the neighbouring countries of the European Union.

This webinar will be the opportunity to share and discuss some **novel methodological approaches** and research results that contribute to more inclusive labour market and skills policies. The focus of the webinar will be on the creation and use of evidence for **youth and gender-responsive skills development** and matching policies.

The webinar will be split into two sessions, with an extra **networking session** at the end. This is an informal virtual coffee during which attendees have the possibility to introduce themselves and exchange their work and activities on the webinar topic. We encourage sharing research experiences particularly on specific challenges and opportunities in creating and using evidence for youth and gender inclusive labour markets.

In the **first session**, our colleagues from the ETF will **frame the discussion** by presenting some recent evidence gained through a number of studies. This includes:

- An [e-survey jointly implemented by ETF and Eurofound](#) documenting the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the lives, working and learning of young people and women.
- Evidence on [the impact of digitalisation on youth and women's employment and policy implications of new working and learning patterns](#);

The **second session** will focus more specifically on young people, with some insights gained from research in ETF Partner countries. This includes:

- A study on '[Youth Labour Market Vulnerabilities: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia](#)' by Shireen Alazzawi (Santa Clara University) and Vladimir Hlasny (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia);
- Youth transition in the ETF partner countries, including measurement, monitoring and policy implications and insights generated through [skills mismatch analysis concerning youth's and women's joblessness and skills relevance](#) and regional analyses [Youth transition and skills mismatch in Eastern Partnership countries](#); [Youth disengagement and skills mismatch in the Western Balkans](#).

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
10:00 - 10:10	Opening, rules of engagement, Overview of agenda Welcome and opening remarks	Francesca Rosso, ETF
10:10 – 11:00	Session 1: Framing the discussion - Recent evidence from ETF studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living, working and learning in EU 27 and EU neighbouring countries. Insights concerning young people and women based on joint research by ETF and Eurofound (20') Evidence on the impact of digitalisation on youth and women's employment and policy implications of new working and learning patterns (20') Q&A and discussion	Chair: Bakyt Omurzakov, ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Cristina Mereuta, ETF Outi Kärkkäinen, ETF Iwona Ganko, ETF
11:00 – 11:55	Session 2: Policies for young people – Insights from ETF partner countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Labour Market Vulnerabilities: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia (20') Youth transition in the ETF partner countries. Framing – Measurement – Policies (20') Q&A and discussion	Chair: Najib Hamouti, ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Vladimír Hlásny, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Mircea Badescu, ETF
11:55 – 12:00	Conclusions	Ummuhan Bardak, ETF
12:00 – 12:30	Networking session Informal virtual coffee to share and exchange research experiences and ideas of collaboration on the webinar topic	Chair: Terence Hogarth, University of Warwick