AGENDA

TITLE:

ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Webinar

SUBJECT:

Digitalisation and the digital transition

27 June 2023 – 10:00 - 12:30 CET

SUMMARY:

In today's rapidly evolving world, digitalisation has emerged as a critical catalyst for change, **revolutionising the way we live, work, and interact**. As workers, students, companies and institutions navigate the complexities of the digital age, **understanding the nuances of digitalisation** and successfully transitioning to digital platforms have become essential for **sustainable growth and competitiveness**.

This webinar will showcase some recent initiatives and research projects dedicated to understanding **how digitalisation and the digital transition are affecting skills needs** in the EU and ETF partner countries.

Mircea Badescu and Eva Jansova from the ETF will share the first findings from the 2nd European Skills and Jobs survey carried out in five countries of Western Balkan and Israel at the end of 2022. The survey, already implemented in the EU countries by Cedefop, gathers insights from adult employees on **job-skill requirements, skills mismatches and their exposure to digital technologies**. The presentation will explore evidence on the issues of digitalisation, digital skill-job requirements and digital upskilling.

We will then move on to two rounds of presentations by members of the ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts.

In the first round, Talant Sultanov from the Internet Society Kyrgyzstan Chapter will take the floor to present Sanarip Insan, an EU-funded project dedicated to **improving digital literacy and building digital skills** for rural communities of Kyrgyzstan, especially for youth, women, and vulnerable groups of society.

Branka Andjelkovic from the Public Policy Research Centre (CENTAR) in Serbia will then join us to share some recent research on the various types of digital skills and **how technical and soft skills can be combined** to help startups promote their products on the international market.

In the second round of presentations, we shift our focus onto **digital competences and online learning environments.**

Natia Andguladze, Associate Professor at Ilia State University in Georgia, will be sharing the first findings of a study on **digital competences and attitudes among teachers and students in VET,** highlighting challenges and opportunities for effective integration of technology in VET.

Mitchell Peters from the Unit of Skills Forecasting and Labour Market Analysis at the Open University of Catalunya (UOC) will then take the floor to present UPAL, an initiative dedicated to **providing quality lifelong learning and agile continuous education** to meet the needs of individuals and organisations in rapidly changing work environments.

Finally, Ilgar Zarbaliyev, an Excel Workout Leader at Enterprise DNA Co., will share his experience of using **innovative learning pathways to develop data literacy**, critical thinking, and the ability to actively construct knowledge.

The webinar will close with an **informal networking session** in which participants are invited to share what they have learned and their own experience of digitalisation.

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
10:00 – 10:05	Opening, rules of engagement, Overview of agenda	Chairperson: Francesca Rosso, ETF
10:05 – 10:45	**ETF - Findings from the 2nd European Skills and Jobs Survey** Presentation 30' Q&A 10'	Chairperson: Bakyt Omurzakov, ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Mircea Badescu, ETF Eva Jansova, ETF
10:45 – 11:15	**Round 1 Network presentations** Closing the digital skills divide in rural Kyrgyzstan 10' Bridging the Gap: The Vital Blend of Technical and Soft Skills for International Success (10') Q&A 10'	Chairperson: Bakyt Omurzakov Talant Sultanov, Internet Society- Kyrgyz Chapter (ISOC) Branka Andjelkovic, Public Policy Research Centre, Serbia
11:15 – 11:20	Break 5'	
11:20 – 12:00	**Round 2 Network presentations** Exploring Digital Competences and Attitudes for Effective Online Learning in Vocational Education and Training (VET) (10') Introducing UPAL: Facing the digital transformation of lifelong learning and agile continuous education through skills alignment and labour market intelligence (10') Digital Skills: Navigating the Evolution and Embracing Innovation (10') Q&A 10'	Chairperson: Slavica Dimovska, ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts Natia Andguladze, Ilia State University, Georgia Mitchell Peters, UOC – University of Catalonia, Unit of Skills Forecasting and Labour Market Analysis Ilgar Zarbaliyev, ETF Innovative Educators Community, Enterprise DNA Co.
12:00 – 12:30	**Networking session** Informal virtual coffee to share and exchange research experiences and ideas of collaboration on the webinar topic	