

AGENDA

ETF Skills Lab Network of Experts - MIGCOM

MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

5 May 2025, 10.00 – 11.30 CET

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Building on the continued high interest around the skills agenda of migration across EU Member states and partner countries worldwide, ETF launches a second series of webinars in 2026 as part of MIGCOM Community, the ETF network of international researchers and experts on skills dimensions of migration. Objectives of the webinars will be knowledge sharing, peer learning and reinforcing international networking among members.

Content-wise, the main scope of the webinars will be on how research and good practices can help policies address better the “Triple win” of migration: for countries of origin, for countries of destination and for migrants themselves. Central to any discourse will be the attention to skills, including issues of skills’ intelligence, skills’ provision and recognition of qualifications.

This first webinar will explore a few angles regarding positive and controversial dynamics between migration and development in countries of origin, including issues regarding the effects of remittances, the tensions between risks of brain drain and opportunities of brain gains and brain circulation. Cases from different partner countries will be presented to inform active dialogue with participants.

All MIG Community members are invited to attend the webinar and engage with speakers. More webinars will follow in 2026.

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
10.00-10.05	Opening, rules of engagement, overview of agenda	Mariavittoria Garlappi, Migration Focal Point at ETF
10.05-10.45	<p>The migration and development nexus seen from selected origin countries (Part 1)</p> <p><i>From brain drain to brain circulation: linking skills and migration for development; insights from Lebanon (8')</i></p> <p><i>How migration can contribute to development in countries of origin when supported by institutional and policy mechanisms: the Western Balkans (8')</i></p> <p><i>Aligning skills systems with migration dynamics in Bosnia and Herzegovina (8')</i></p> <p>Followed by Q&A with the audience (15')</p>	<p>Facilitator: Sona Kalantaryan, Human Capital Development Expert at ETF</p> <p>Sélim Mekdessi, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Lebanese University, Lebanon</p> <p>Lirim Krasniqi, Co-Executive Director of the NGO Germin, Kosovo¹</p> <p>Nermin Oruc, Director of Research at CREDI, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
10.45-11.10	<p>The migration and development nexus seen from selected origin countries (Part 2)</p> <p><i>Is the EU the Next Migration Destination for Uzbeks? (8')</i></p> <p><i>The ambivalent impact of remittance inflows on labour markets and economic development in origin countries (8')</i></p> <p>Followed by Q&A with the audience (10')</p>	<p>Facilitator: Mariavittoria Garlappi, Migration Focal Point at ETF</p> <p>Shoirakhon Nurdinova, Visiting Scholar at George Washington University, US</p> <p>Mihail Arandarenko, Professor of Labour Economics, University of Belgrade, Serbia</p>
11.10-11.25	<p>The ETF Migration dashboard (10')</p> <p>Followed by Q&A with the audience (5')</p>	Elma Aga, Expert in Human Capital Development at ETF
11.25-11.30	Wrap up and next steps	Mariavittoria Garlappi, Migration Focal Point at ETF

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence