

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Protection and economic prospects: Fostering labour participation of asylum seekers in the Western Balkans

25 September 2024 | Skopje, North Macedonia

09.30-09.45 - Welcoming address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fatmir Sabriu, State Secretary, Ministry of Social Policy, Demography, and Youth of the Republic of North Macedonia Snezana Trajanovska, MSc, MARRI RC Director David Oberhuber, GIZ Country Director for North Macedonia Kevin Maas, Second Secretary, Political Department, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to North Macedonia <p>Master of Ceremony: Aleksandra Ilievska</p>
09:45-10.30 - Keynote Presentation	<p>Economic Aspects and Opportunities in Hosting People on the Move in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Isabel Ruiz, GIZ Expert/Professor, University of Oxford Dr. Ivana Krstic, GIZ Expert/Professor, University of Belgrade Dr. Nermin Oruc, GIZ Expert/Researcher, Centre for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research, Bosnia and Hercegovina
10:30-10:45	Q&A Session on the Keynote
10:45-11:30	Family photo & Coffee break
11:30-12:15 - Panel Discussion I	<p>Current labour market situation, benefits and challenges of labour market access of Asylum Seekers (on the example of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ivana Krstic, GIZ Expert/Professor, University of Belgrade Sasha Djordjevic, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime (GI-TOC) Dr. Nermin Oruc, GIZ Expert/Researcher, Centre for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research, Bosnia and Hercegovina <p>Moderator: Dr. Guido Tintori, Economic Affairs Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Secretariat</p>

12:15-12:30	Q&A on the Panel Discussion I
12:30-12:50 - Keynote Speech	Good practice on Labour Market Access for Asylum Seekers (presentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geert Daems, Future Orientation and Activation at Federal Agency for the reception of the asylum seekers (Fedasil), Belgium
12:50-13:00	Q&A on Keynote Speech
13:00-14:10	Lunch break
14:10-14:55 - Panel Discussion II	Legal reforms, opportunities and challenges for further enhancing labour market access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanja Gavranović, Senior Advisor for Creation of Active Employment Policy Measures, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs of the Republic of Serbia • Teodora K Joseva, Lawyer, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA) • Dr. Begüm Dereli, Project Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) <p>Moderator: Dr. Guido Tintori, Economic Affairs Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Secretariat</p>
14:55-15:10	Q&A on the Panel Discussion II
15:10-15:40	Coffee break
15:40-16:00 - Fire-side chat	Good practices on enhanced economic opportunities in other countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Guido Tintori, Economic Affairs Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Secretariat • Dr. Isabel Ruiz, GIZ Expert/Professor, University of Oxford • Dr. Begüm Dereli, Project Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
16:00-16:15 - Closing remarks and way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snezana Trajanovska, MSc, MARRI RC Director • Sophie Meinke, Team Leader of PeMo project, GIZ North Macedonia <p>Short movie about the project</p>