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**Eighth meeting of the
UfM High-Level Working Group on Employment and Labour
and
Seminar on the integration of refugees and migrants
in the labour market**

23-24 October 2018
Steigenberger Hotel, Brussels

Working together for employment, employability and decent work

The meeting of the High-Level Working Group (HLWG) will focus on the preparation of the 2019 Ministerial Conference. The meeting will be organised back to back with a seminar on the integration of refugees and migrants in the labour market, which will take place on the first day.

Preparing the 2019 Ministerial Conference

The HLWG kicked off the preparation for the next UfM Ministerial Conference at its meeting in March 2018, where the participants agreed on the broad outline of the event (format, date, place). The participants also gathered ideas for the policy conference, identified elements for the Ministerial Declaration and made proposals for implementable actions as a follow-up to the conference.

Building on this preliminary work done, the HLWG will continue to work on these topics to advance as much as possible on the preparation of the 2019 Ministerial Conference.

The integration of refugees and migrants in the labour market

The first day of the meeting is dedicated to a seminar on the "integration of refugees and migrants in the labour market". This seminar is part of the 2017-2019 Roadmap, which implements the 2016 Ministerial Declaration.

The Syrian refugee crisis and the evolution of migratory flows within the Mediterranean area during the recent years are challenges for the countries of both shores of the Mediterranean. While recognizing the complexity and sensitiveness of these challenges, the seminar will focus on the specific issues relating to the integration of refugees and migrants in the labour market.



DAY 1 – Tuesday, 23 October 2018

Draft agenda

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	Agenda item
08.30-09.00	Registration
Seminar on the integration of refugees and migrants in the labour market Chair: Jean-Paul Tricart	
09.00-09.15	WELCOME
09.15-10.00	OPENING SESSION Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Setting the scene: migratory trends in the Mediterranean region and policy responses <i>Ms Geertrui Lanneau, Senior Labour Mobility and Human Development Specialist, International Organisation of Migration IOM</i>– Labour market impacts of migration and key factors for successful labour market integration in UfM countries, <i>Mr Nick Grisewood, Specialist on Crisis Migration, International Labour Organisation</i>
10.00-10.45	FIRST SESSION Panel discussion: Integration of refugees and migrants in the labour market – what works and why? Moderator: <i>Ms Ummuhan Bardak, European Training Foundation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>Mr Obada Otabashi, Co-founder and Director of We Exist, NGO and catering activity, Brussels</i>– <i>Ms Kristin Scharpé, Social Economy Coordinator, Social Service of the Municipality of Mechelen, Belgium</i>– <i>Mr Rainer Münz, Adviser on Migration and Demography to the European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission</i>
10.45-11.00	<i>Break</i>
11.00-11.45	SECOND SESSION Country experience – integration of refugees <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Jordan: Refugees in the labour market - successes and challenges, <i>Mr Abdullah Aldahham, Assistant Secretary General for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Jordan</i>– Austria: Boosting the labour market participation of refugees through targeted services by the public employment service <i>Ms Marlies Gatterbauer, Bureau of the Directors, and Mr Ali Elenbary, Consultant, AMS Wien/Public Employment Service Vienna</i>

11.45-12.30	<p>THIRD SESSION</p> <p>Country experience – integration of migrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Germany: Shaping Sustainable Migration - GIZ approach and experiences <i>Ms Stefanie Gömann, Planning Officer, GIZ</i> – Morocco : The integration of migrants in the labour market – the Moroccan experience <i>Mr Hicham Achabi, Chef de service de la gestion des flux migratoires légaux aux fins de travail</i>
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-15.15	<p>FOURTH SESSION</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Engaging with Employers in the hiring of refugees: A multi-stakeholder action plan for employers, refugees, governments and civil society <i>Ms Eva Degler, Migration Policy Analyst, OECD</i> – The European Partnership for integration <i>Ms Cinzia Sechi, Senior Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation and Mr Robert Plummer, Senior Advisor, BusinessEurope</i> – Multilateral Development Banks' coordination platform on economic migration and forced displacement <i>Mr Alain Scriban, Special Adviser to the Vice-President Policy & Partnership, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Mr Andreas Berkhoff, Banks Division, Neighbouring Countries Department, European Investment Bank</i>
15.15-16.15	<p>FIFTH SESSION</p> <p>Recognising, validating and improving skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals <i>Mr Dennis van Gessel, Policy Officer, Unit for Skills & Qualifications, Directorate-General for Employment, social affairs and inclusion, European Commission</i> – Assessing the skills of Syrian refugees in Turkey and EBRD/ETF cooperation <i>Ms Mirjam de Jong, European Training Foundation and Mr Osman Seçkin Akbiyik, Turkish Vocational Qualification Authority</i>
16.15-16.30	<i>Break</i>
16.30-17.00	<p>SIXTH SESSION</p> <p>Promoting the integration of refugees and migrants in the EU: recent initiatives and priorities of the European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ms Agnese Papadia, Policy Officer, Unit for legal migration and integration, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i>
17.00-17.15	<p>SEVENTH SESSION</p> <p>Takeaways for the fourth UfM Ministerial Conference, the Declaration and follow-up actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – European Commission
17.15-17.30	<p>Roundup and closing of the seminar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – European Commission
As of 17.30	<i>Networking Cocktail - Food provided by We Exist, a Brussels-based catering company founded and managed by Syrians</i>

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 24 October 2018

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	Agenda item
High-Level Working Group on Employment and Labour <u>Co-chairs:</u> Ms Nathalie Creste, European Commission, and Mr Abdullah Aldahham, Ministry of Labour, Jordan	
09.00-09.30	OPENING SESSION Welcome back, Merhaba, Bienvenue Opening addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Jordi Curell, Director Labour Mobility, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion– Mr Abdullah Aldahham, Assistant Secretary General for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Jordan– Mr Rachid Maaninou, Deputy Secretary-General for Business Development and Employment, UfM Secretariat
09.30-10.00	FIRST SESSION State of play of preparations: the fourth UfM Ministerial Conference on Employment and Labour <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Debriefing of the UfM Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) of 4 May 2018– Update by Portugal Ms Deolinda Correia, Technical Expert, Cabinet of the Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security
10.15-10.45	<i>Break</i>
10.45-12.30	SECOND SESSION The Ministerial Conference Introduction by the Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Policy Conference: Agenda and Speakers– Ministerial Meeting
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-16.00	THIRD SESSION The Ministerial Declaration and its Action Plan Introduction by the Commission
16.00-16.15	<i>Coffee</i>
16.15-16.45	FOURTH SESSION Next steps and procedure to prepare the Ministerial Conference

16.45-17.30	<p>FIFTH SESSION</p> <p>Update on other recent developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – YouMatch II <i>Mr Pierre Lucante, GIZ</i> – Report on Vocational Education and Training in the Mediterranean region <i>The European Economic and Social Committee</i> – The Social Dialogue Charter (output of the project SOLiD) <i>Mr Mustapha Tlili, Executive Secretary, Arab Trade Union Confederation</i> – Updates from Member countries on relevant developments
17.30-17.45	Closing remarks

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