

EU-ILO Technical Assistance Facility on the Youth Guarantee (YG)

Peer Learning Event on Preparedness for piloting the YG

Date: 3-4 October 2023

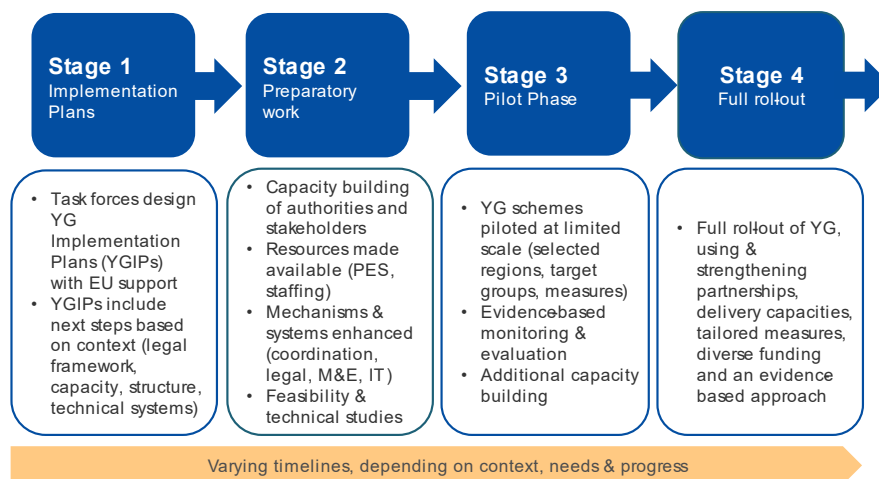
Place: Radisson Blu Béke Hotel, Teréz krt. 43, 1067, Budapest, Hungary

(in-person meeting; simultaneous interpretation in all WB languages)

Zoom link: [available as of 30/09/23](#)

The objective of this peer-learning event is to support the five Western Balkan economies that will soon begin to implement the Youth Guarantee (YG) for the first time in assessing their preparedness to move to Stage 3 (Pilot phase – see figure below). As reiterated throughout the process leading to the formulation of the YGIPs, **the first set of milestone relates to the reform of the organizational and functional structure of the public employment service (PES)**. These reforms are a pre-condition to enable the functioning of the YG service delivery system (registration, preparation services, quality offers). These are accompanied by the process of setting up of the YG monitoring system. If the WB economies cannot pursue multiple streams of work simultaneously but have set ambitious dates for the start of the pilot phase, priority shall be given to the realization of the PES reform over other planned reforms and actions envisaged in the other YG phases (mapping and early intervention, and outreach).

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The event will take place over one full day (3 October), followed by a final session, on 4 October, for all participants, and an additional session reserved to the YG coordinators.

Prior to the event, participants will receive background information on each session. The content of the background papers will be presented by EU-ILO TAF experts at the beginning of each peer learning session to launch the discussion. After the initial presentation, participating delegations will be asked to animate the peer-review and to respond to the guiding questions. Then, other delegations will be invited to ask additional questions of clarification and continue the peer-review process.

Financed through ILO's RBTC/SSTC (South-South and Triangular Cooperation) resources, this peer-learning event takes a very pragmatic approach, based on dialogue and sharing of experiences. With no ambition of summarizing or replacing all the capacity development interventions that have taken place since the launch of Flagship 10 under the Economic and Investment Plan (EIP), this event will work like a pre-flight checklist in the aviation sector: It will review a list of tasks that should be performed by Youth Guarantee Coordinators and their 'crews' prior to piloting the youth guarantee. Informed by the experience of the EU-ILO TAF's technical experts working in the region and the lessons learnt from the EU Member States, the purpose is to improve the framework conditions for the implementation of the pilots by ensuring that no important tasks are forgotten.

DAY 1, 03 OCTOBER 2023 – YG Pre-flight checklist (part 1)

Time	Topic
08:45 - 09:00	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
09:00 - 09:15	Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Commission, ETF, ILO
09:15 - 10:45	<p>Session 1: Taking stock –</p> <p><i>The session will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the findings of the internal evaluation of the EU-ILO Technical Assistance Facility on the Youth Guarantee (phase 1). Followed by discussion; Exercise: self assessment of the preparedness of the pilot. Followed by Q&A; Lessons learnt from North Macedonia: Looking back on the early days of the YG (presentation). <p>Peer-reviewed: The YG coordinator and the representatives from ESA will address the following guiding questions, sharing both challenges and good practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What happened during the last few weeks leading up to the launch of the YG pilot (operational meetings, planning, training, panicking)? What were the 3 things that went wrong and you should have checked ex-ante ? What were the 3 things that went unexpectedly well and you would like to share ? What would you do differently if you had the possibility of a do-over? <p>Speakers: Natasha Simjanoska, Mladen Frckovski, Goran Petkovski, Silvana Trajkovska Facilitator: Daniela Zampini</p>
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Health Break</i>
11:15 - 12:45	<p>Session 2: Voices from Tirana and Pristina</p> <p><i>The session will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the findings of the functional assessments and other analytics (by ILO experts). Followed by discussion; Update by the YG coordinators and PES representatives on the level of preparedness for the implementation of the pilot. Followed by questions from other peers.

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	<p>Peer-reviewed: the YG Coordinators and representatives of NAES and EARK will address the following guiding questions, sharing both challenges and good practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall, how did you “score” on the checklist ? Are there any elements of the checklist that would warrant further explanation ? 2. Several analytical pieces were conducted during the process of formulating the YGIP: have they helped in preparing and planning the pilots ? Is there any information missing that would facilitate the piloting ? 3. Is the YG service delivery system tested already or are you still tweaking some aspects? What are the biggest challenges ? 4. How is the PES staff reacting to the imminence of the piloting ? Have there been specific internal discussions, trainings, requests for capacity development ? <p>Speakers: Sajmira Kopani, Daniela Zampini, Olta Manjani, Klevis Hysa, Leunora Zylfijaj, Jehona Rexha Facilitator: Katarina Crnjanski-Vlajcic</p>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Voices from Belgrade and Podgorica The session will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the findings of the functional assessments and other analytics (by ILO experts). Followed by discussion; - Update by the YG coordinators and PES representatives on the level of preparedness for the implementation of the pilot. Followed by questions from other peers. <p>Peer-reviewed: the YG Coordinators and representatives of NES and EAM will address the following guiding questions, sharing both challenges and good practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall, how did you “score” on the checklist ? Are there any elements of the checklist that would warrant further explanation ? 2. Several analytical pieces were conducted during the process of formulating the YGIP: have they helped in preparing and planning the pilots ? Is there any information missing that would facilitate the piloting ? 3. Is the YG service delivery system tested already or are you still tweaking some aspects? What are the biggest challenges ? 4. How is the PES staff reacting to the imminence of the piloting ? Have there been specific internal discussions, trainings, requests for capacity development ? <p>Speakers: Irma Lutovac, Valli Corbanese, Dragica Ivanović, Neda Milanovic, Ranka Pavicevic, EAM representative Facilitator: Natasha Simjanoska</p>
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-17:00	<p>Session 3: Voices from Sarajevo, Banja Luka, and Brcko The session will include:</p>

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DAY 2, 04 OCTOBER 2023 – YG Pre-flight checklist (part 2)

Time	Topic
09:00 – 11:00	<p><i>Summary of the outcomes from the previous day (tour the table)</i> <i>YG Coordinators</i></p> <p><i>Way forward</i> <i>EC, ETF, ILO</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	Meeting of the network of YG Coordinators
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>Opening Remarks and updates</i> <i>European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Planning around emergent needs (tour the table)</i> <i>YG Coordinators</i></p> <p><i>Summary</i> <i>ILO</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the the next phase of the EU-ILO TAF</i> <i>EC, ILO, ETF</i></p>
13:00 – 13:15	<p><i>Closing</i> <i>European Commission</i></p>
13:15 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>