

## LABOUR-INT 3: A multi-stakeholder initiative for migrant integration into the labour market (project number: 101141174)

### Expert Meeting Report

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Expert meeting	<b>Meeting Date/Time:</b>	26 September 2024, 12:00 – 15:00
<b>Meeting Type:</b>	Hybrid	<b>Meeting Location:</b>	ZRSZ-ESS, Rožna dolina c. IX / 6, Ljubljana, Slovenija
<b>Meeting Coordinator:</b>	ZRSZ-ESS	<b>Issue Date:</b>	4.10. 2024

#### Meeting Agenda

##### 26 September 2024

##### 12:00 – 12:20 Registration

##### 12:20 – 13:40 Panel with the guests

- The labor market in the Republic of Slovenia and the European Union,
  - Mrs. Greta Metka Barbo Škerbinc, general director of the ZRSZ-ESS, Opening Speech
  - Mr. Miho Šepec and Mrs. Anka Rode, ZRSZ-ESS, Employment of Non-EU Migrant Workers, New national legislation
  
- Integration of migrants and refugees into the labor market
  - Mrs. Nina Marin, ZRSZ-ESS
  
- The SGI EUROPE organization and LABOUR-INT III Project
  - On-line participation of SGI Europe's representatives
  
- Project LABOUR-INT III in Slovenia
  - Mrs. Sonja Šarac, ZRSZ-ESS

##### 13:40 – 14:25 Networking with coffee

##### 14:25 – 15:00 Discussion





### **Kick-off Conference Summary**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, it was organized the Expert Meeting on the establishment of the Global Classroom. This was the first public event of the LABOUR-INT III project at national level aimed at enabling the presentation of the project at a wider national level. The event facilitated a broad discussion about the state of the labor market, integration and acceptance of third-country nationals (TCNs) into the labor market in Slovenia and integration in general.

Representatives of state institutions, employers, trade unions, and civil society were invited to the meeting of experts in Ljubljana. They are all exposed to integration of TCNs and face problems related to integration in Slovenia in their work.

General Director of ZRSZ-ESS, Mrs. Greta Metka Barbo Škerbinc welcomed the participants and spoke in the introduction about Slovenia's current confrontation with the lack of labor force in certain industries and the need of including TCNs in the labor market in Slovenia. They have the crucial role in supporting the Slovenian economy and the Slovenian social system.

It was presented the situation of the labor market in Slovenia, specifically the levels of employment and unemployment in Slovenia and labor migration in the country. It was clearly expressed the need to facilitate the path to integration into the labor market and the importance of the partnerships for integration - social and economic partners and a multi-stakeholder approach and close cooperation with entities at the local and national levels, including civil society organizations.

There was presented the efforts of ZRSZ-ESS in supporting citizens of third countries in finding suitable employment opportunities based on their educational level and skills.

The representatives of SGI EUROPE presented online the role and functioning of their organization and presented the project LABOUR INT III, as a continuation of the previous editions of the project LABOUR-INT and LABOUR-INT II. They presented the innovative side of the LABOUR-INT III project, its goals and the number of partners and countries, as well as the envisaged new mandates of the expert group on migration and its three sub-groups, which will focus on skills matching, ensuring decent working conditions and welcoming services.

The activities of the project in Slovenia and the goals were presented, with a special emphasis on the organization of the Global Classroom network of participating organizations, the necessary dialogue on how to organize a multi-stakeholder network in the field of integration, the necessary support of institutions and local communities, and the avoidance of a negative narrative about migration. With the aim of promoting the integration of third-country nationals into the labor market, the network will take care of disseminating information on employment and language learning, obtaining qualifications and recognition of education, advising and protecting labor rights and decent working conditions. One of the measures of the project for workers from third countries is 10 acquired national professional qualifications and support for inclusion in the labor market in Slovenia, as well as 10 seminars in Slovenia on the Slovenian employment, education, health system, labor rights and decent work, and soft skills for easier entering the labor market.

An open conversation took place during the speakers' presentations. Part of the consultation was dedicated to getting to know each other and networking and accepting the idea of cooperation. The ideas of cooperation were positively received by the participants. Positive surprise has been the participation of a wide range of stakeholders, gathering and working together, and praising the Global Classroom stakeholder network initiative. The participants showed interest in cooperation, and discussed about the form and method of their own participation in the Global Classroom network.

In their closing remarks, the representatives of ZRSZ thanked all the guests for their participation in the consultation and once again highlighted the importance of effective multi-level cooperation between stakeholders at the local and national levels.

<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>LABOUR INT 3, Expert meeting</b>
Attended participants online	2
Attended participants in person	39
Date	26-September-24
Time	12.00 – 15.00
<b>Participants Online</b>	
<b>Name &amp; Surname</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Cecilia Martin	SGI EUROPE
Benoît Cassorla	SGI EUROPE
<b>Participants in Person</b>	
<b>The list</b>	<b>Organization and Participants are:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ State institutions: 8</li> <li>▪ Public institutions: 15</li> <li>▪ Employers: 3</li> <li>▪ Trade unions: 2</li> <li>▪ Civil societies: 11</li> </ul>