

SGI Europe joins European and national partners in Ljubljana to discuss inclusive labour market integration

Brussels/Ljubljana, 1 October 2026 - On 1 October 2026, SGI Europe participated in the international conference *“More than employment: the Employment Service of Slovenia as a co-creator of an inclusive labour market”*, organised by the Employment Service of Slovenia (ZRSZ) in Ljubljana, within the framework of the EU-funded project LABOUR-INT III.

The conference brought together representatives of European and international organisations, public authorities, social partners, civil society and migrant communities to discuss the challenges and opportunities of integrating third-country nationals into the labour market and to present the results of the activities implemented in Slovenia.

SGI Europe, coordinator of LABOUR-INT III, participated alongside the EU-level social and economic partners ETUC, SMEunited and Eurochambres, highlighting the importance of cooperation between employers, trade unions, public employment services and other stakeholders in fostering inclusive and sustainable labour markets. Opening the conference remotely, Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary of SGI Europe, stressed that access to employment is essential for integration, but employment alone is not enough: sustainable labour market integration also requires access to high-quality employment, skills development and access to essential services, including housing, healthcare, education, childcare and transport.

During the conference, ZRSZ presented the work carried out in Slovenia under LABOUR-INT III, demonstrating how practical support for migrants can be combined with stronger cooperation among the organisations involved in their integration. Building on the project achievements, the national and international panel discussions explored how to move beyond access to employment towards sustainable labour market integration. Particular attention was given to the need to reconcile labour market demands with decent working conditions, skills development and the protection of workers' rights, as well as to the importance of cooperation between public employment services, social partners and other relevant actors.

The discussions and results presented in Ljubljana reflect the multi-stakeholder approach promoted by LABOUR-INT III, which seeks to improve employment opportunities for migrants and refugees through cooperation between social partners, public authorities, employment services and civil society. By connecting practical initiatives at local and national level with European cooperation and social dialogue, the project aims to develop sustainable integration pathways that benefit workers, employers and society as a whole.