

Supporting Migrants' Integration into the Labour Market

Mövenpick Hotel Istanbul Golden Horn
Silahtarağa Caddesi, N.87, 34050, Eyüp, İstanbul, Türkiye

18-19 June 2026

Hybrid event: [Zoom Link](#)

Interpretation: English – Turkish – Italian

Day 1: 09:30 – 17:00 | Day 2: 09:30 – 13:00

Agenda

Day 1 – 18 June 2026

09:30 – 10:00	Welcome and introduction Mehmet Ali Kayabaşı , Vice President, HAK-İŞ Confederation Giulio Romani , Confederal Secretary, ETUC
10:00 – 11:00	Panel discussion: Policy Context on the Labour Market Integration of Migrants in Turkey Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mehmet Akif Kireççi , Ankara Social Sciences University, Board Member of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO Panelists Harun Aydoğmuş, Deputy Director General , Directorate General of International Labour Force, Ministry of Labour Shabarinath Gopinathan Nair Senior Programme Coordinator,Economic Recovery, and Labour Mobility and Integration, IOM Türkiye Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	Panel discussion: Challenges and Priorities in Supporting Migrant Workers in Turkey Moderator: Eda Akbulut , General Secretary, HAK-İŞ Panelists François Renaud, Assistant Representative in Türkiye, UNHCR Prof.Dr. Yusuf Adıgüzel, Rector, Anadolu University Amir Merdagani, Syrian Worker under Temporary Protection Q&A
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00	Thematic Focus Labour market integration of Syrians: Current Situation, Challenges and Policy Recommendations Presentation by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kürşat Tutar, Hacı Bayram Veli University ‘Work Permits as a Key Instrument for Social Cohesion in Labour Migration’ <i>Discussion and practices from other countries</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:45	Roundtable Session: Current State of Support Provided to Migrants Moderator: Fatma Zengin Gümrah, Deputy General Secretary, HAK-İŞ Sharing initiatives, good practices, cooperation examples and services provided by relevant actors operating in the migration field <u>General discussion session with priority given to participants below</u> • Kamil Erdem Güler - Director of Migration Services of Turkish Red Crescent (Kızılay) • Muhammed Zahid Kaya - Head of the Migrant Health Department of the General Directorate of Public Health of the Ministry of Health • Suat Şaşmaz -AFAD - Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency • Gökçe Çiçek Eryılmaz - Protection Specialist at the EU Projects Unit of the Ministry of Family and Social Services • Muhammed Hüseyin AKTA - President of ULIFED (Federation of International NGOs) • Av.Uğur Yıldırım- Board of Trustees Member Responsible for Migration - IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation • Halid Savafoğlu - Syrian Businessmen Association - SURIAD • Muhammed Beşir - Director of the Harmony Project • Istanbul Representative - Sadakataşı Association • Ali Bedo Mustafa - Syrian Turkmen Associations Federation • Salih Balta - Head of the Migration Unit of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality City Council (Businessperson - Business Council)
16:45 – 17:00	Conclusions of day 1 and preview of day 2 HAK-İŞ
19:30	Dinner provided by HAK-İŞ – Palude Restaurant

Day 2 – 19 June 2026

09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and Introduction Recap of Day 1 and objectives of Day 2 HAK-İŞ
09:45 – 11:00	Roundtable Session: How can we strengthen trade union capacity in supporting migrants integration into the labour market? Good practices in Türkiye <i>General discussion session with priority given to participants below</i> Moderator: Assoc. Prof.Dr Kürşat Tutar Participants • Fulya Pınar Özcan, Öz İplik İs, Textile Trade Union • Tansu Göksu, Hizmet İs, Municipal and Public Service Trade Union • Hatice Ayhan, Hizmet İs, Municipal and Public Service Trade Union • Gülnihal Arslan, Öz Gıda İs, Food Workers Trade Union • Erdem Dinç, Öz Sağlık İS, Health Workers Union • Nesibe Koyuncu, International Relations Specialist, HAK-İŞ Q&A/Open discussion
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	Roundtable Session: How can we strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships in supporting migrants integration into the labour market? Good practices from LABOUR-INT III pilot actions and transnational networks <i>General discussion session with priority given to participants below</i> Moderator: Mercedes Milette, ETUC • Francesco Errico, SMILE Puglia/CGIL Puglia, LABOUR-INT III • Cecilia Martin, SGI Europe, LABOUR-INT III coordinator • Vania Nedeltcheva, UnionMigrantNet, INE-GSEE • Marko Tanasić, European Support Network for Fair Mobility, ZSSS Q&A/Open discussion
12:30 – 13:00	Conclusions HAK-İŞ / ETUC
13:00	End of meeting, lunch provided at the venue