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International round table Migration and Labour Market – What can be learned from SEEMIG?

Ljubljana, 7. 10. 2013 – Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU) is organizing an international round table on migration and labour market, with a special focus on SEEMIG. Why are we observing an increasing dependence on remittances in many post-communist countries of South-East Europe? What are the long-term regional, national and local implications? How can we follow and measure these processes? How can we influence them on the basis of better evidence? These questions are being discussed by researchers, local government representatives, statisticians, and other stakeholders collaborating in the project SEEMIG – MANAGING MIGRATION AND ITS EFFECTS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE – TRANSNATIONAL ACTIONS TOWARDS EVIDENCE BASED STRATEGIES. Researchers from ZRC SAZU will be joined by the international graduate students of the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations study programme (**EMMIR** - Erasmus Mundus) to discuss the preliminary results of the SEEMIG project and talk about the future perspectives of migration and labour market. The round table will take place at **ZRC SAZU on October 8, 2013 at 9.00** and will be moderated by dr. Duška Knežević Hočvar, researcher and lecturer (ZRC SAZU, Sociomedical Institute).

What is SEEMIG?

SEEMIG is a strategic project funded by the European Union's South-East Europe Programme. www.southeast-europe.net SEEMIG aims to better understand and address longer term migratory, human capital and demographic processes of South-East Europe, as well as their effects on labour markets, national and regional economies. The main goal of the project is to empower public administrations to develop and implement policies and strategies by using enhanced datasets and empirical evidence.

Project duration: 1 June 2012 – 30 November 2014.

The objective of the project is to:

- _understand migratory, demographic, labour market and human capital processes historically and regionally,
- _analyze longer term demographic and migratory profiles in various countries in South-East Europe,
- _improve data collection for successful evidence based strategies,
- _promote dialogue between scientific communities, policy makers and state officials,
- _contribute to transnational strategies arising from migration.

Overall SEEMIG aims to provide reliable data on migratory, labour market and demographic processes in South-East Europe. The main concern of SEEMIG is that there is a dramatic need to improve migration and related statistics in order to assess the interrelated migratory, demographic, human capital and labour market processes better. Therefore the main objectives of SEEMIG are to collect existing data and to enhance data production concerning migration-related processes, in

order to base policy and strategy recommendations on improved evidence. For this purpose we the project teams have developed a complex strategy.

SEEMIG relies on a wide network of partners. Research institutes, universities, statistical offices and local government bodies from eight countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia) and observers from further three countries (Albania, Georgia, Ukraine) are involved. More about the project: www.seemig.eu

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What is EMMIR?

EMMIR is the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations. EMMIR is jointly run by three African and four European universities, and facilitated by a wider network of partners. EMMIR is a unique study programme focusing on migration through an intercultural approach. It provides profound theoretical skills in migration studies combined with field work in Europe and Africa. It is designed as a multidisciplinary programme that addresses important contemporary issues in an emerging field of study. Various associate organisations on the regional, national and international level provide significant assistance for student internships and graduate's employment. The quality of the programme is constantly evaluated by an international board of experts.

The Consortium consists of delegates from the following institutions:

University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia (UNG), University of Oldenburg, Germany (UOL), University of Stavanger, Norway (UIS), University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic (USB), Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan (AUW), Makerere University Kampala, Uganda (MUK) and Mbarara University of Science & Technology in Uganda (MUST).

EMMIR starts annually in September at the University of Oldenburg with a four weeks intensive phase. For semester two all students move to Stavanger, where they contextualise their studies and concentrate on key areas and concepts. In their third semester depending on their internship placement and/or the research focus module, students move on to another partner institution, either in Europe or in Africa. In Slovenia, the module Migration and Small Nations is organized for them. Read more at: <http://www.emmir.org/>

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