

# Interrelations between public policies, migration and development in Armenia

## Consultation meeting

Organised by the OECD Development Centre and the European Commission  
Yerevan State University, *The Palian's Meeting room*  
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In January 2013, the OECD launched a project on the **Interrelations between public policies, migration and development**, which aims at enhancing the capacity of the project's ten partner countries in incorporating migration into the design and implementation of their development strategies through case studies. The project seeks to better understand how international migration affects non-migration related public policies, and conversely, how these policies affect migration. The project is co-funded by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum and managed by the OECD Development Centre.

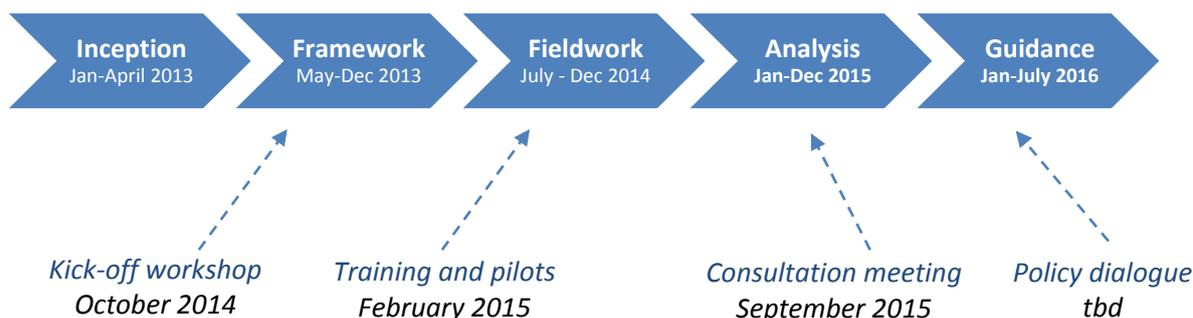
The project aims to provide **empirical evidence** on the interrelations between migration and public policy based on **quantitative and qualitative fieldwork** in the country. The methodological framework of the project was developed by the OECD Development Centre and implemented in Armenia by the Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), Armenia.

- ❖ 2 000 household surveys
- ❖ 100 community surveys
- ❖ 48 qualitative stakeholder interviews

The project will provide evidence at the country level as well as across countries. It will focus on the labour market, education, agriculture and investment, key sectors for sustaining economic and social development. Quantitative data for the project was collected from March 13<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

This consultation meeting will serve as a platform to bring together all relevant stakeholders in Armenia to discuss preliminary findings and open a dialogue on different points of views and interpretations. The meeting will contribute to enriching the analysis at the country level, and will offer an opportunity to discuss the preliminary results.

### Project timeline in Armenia



## Agenda

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| 08:30 – 09:00                                  | Registration   |
| 09:00 – 09:20                                  | <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hoa Binh Adjemian</b>, Delegation of the European Union to Armenia</li> <li>- <b>Artashes Bakhshyan</b>, Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Session I: Setting the scene</b>            |  |
| 09:20 – 10:00                                  | <p>Chair: <b>Maria Allahverdyan</b>, State Migration Service</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hyeshin Park</b>, OECD Development Centre</li> <li>- <b>Heghine Manasyan</b> and <b>Monika Shahmenendyan</b>, CRRC Armenia</li> </ul> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i><br/>This initial session will provide a brief introduction to the objectives and scope of the project. It will also present the tools developed and their implementation in the field, which form the project's empirical foundation. The session will end with an overview of the data collected.</p>   |
| 10:00 – 10:15                                  | Coffee break   |
| <b>Session II: Migration and labour market</b> |  |
| 10:15 – 11:30                                  | <p>Chair: <b>Sona Harutyunyan</b>, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Victor Aghadjanian</b>, CRRC Armenia</li> <li>- <b>Hyeshin Park</b>, OECD Development Centre</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Lusine Kalantaryan</b>, National Statistical Service</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i><br/>The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and labour market policies. It will highlight the different effects of migration on the labour market as well as the repercussions of labour market policies in terms of emigration, remittances and return migration.</p> |

### Session III: Migration, education and skills

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| <b>11:30-12:45</b> | <p>Chair: <b>TBD</b>, Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Arpine Porsughyan</b>, CRRC Armenia</li> <li>- <b>Lisa Andersson</b>, OECD Development Centre</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Harutyun Marzpanyan</b>, Yerevan State University</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i><br/>The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and education and skills policies in Armenia. It will emphasize the impact of migration and remittances on the education sector, as well as the consequences of education and skills policies on migration.</p> |
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12:45 – 13:45

**Lunch break**

### Session IV: Migration and agriculture

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| <b>13:45 – 15:00</b> | <p>Chair: <b>Armenak Aghajanyan</b>, Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Armenak Antinyan</b>, CRRC Armenia</li> <li>- <b>Hyeslin Park</b>, OECD Development Centre</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: <b>Vardan Urutyan</b>, International Center for Agribusiness Research and Education</p> <p><i>Focus of the session:</i><br/>The session will discuss the preliminary findings of the project on the interrelations between migration and public policies in the agricultural sector. It will show how migration affects the agricultural sector, and conversely, how agricultural policies affect migration.</p> |
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### Session V: Migration, investment and financial services

15:00 – 16:15

Chair: **Martin Galstyan** the Central Bank of Armenia

Presenters:

- **Armenuhi Vanoyan**, CRRC Armenia
- **Lisa Andersson**, OECD Development Centre

Discussant: **Alex Poghosyan**, Alphaplus consulting

*Focus of the session:*

The session will discuss the preliminary findings on the interrelations between migration and public policies in terms of investment and financial services. It will show first the repercussions of migration and remittances on investment, then the impact of both investment and financial services policies on migration, in particular the use of remittances.

16:15-16.30

**Coffee break**

### Session VI: Public policy, migration and development

16:30 – 17:45

Chair: **Artak Baghdasaryan**, the Ministry of Economy

Presenters:

- **Lisa Andersson**, OECD Development Centre
- **Hyeshin Park**, OECD Development Centre

Discussants: **Ilona Ter-Minasyan**, Head of the IOM Armenia office

*Focus of the session:*

The session will discuss the policy implications of the results discussed in the previous sessions. It will show how a different set of non-migration sectoral policies can have an impact on various dimensions of migration, namely, emigration flows, remittances and return migration.

17:45 – 18:00

**Closing remarks and next steps**

- **Hyeshin Park**, OECD Development Centre
- **Gagik Yeganyan**, Head of State Migration Service