

# INCLUSIVE LABOUR MARKETS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

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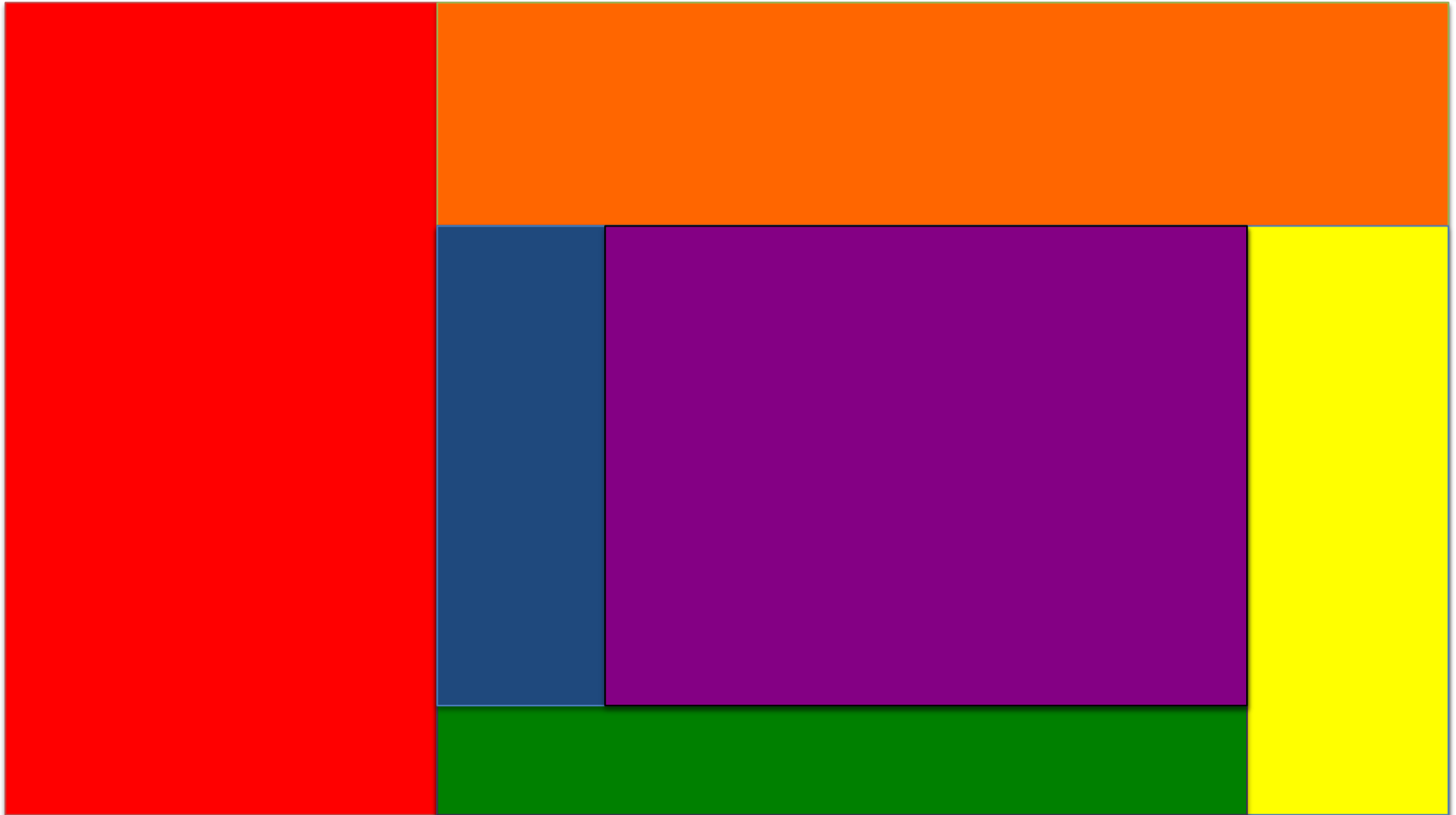
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- ❖ Budget: €1.6 million, funded by ADA, UNDP and ILO
- ❖ Current project (20 months)
- ❖ Expected to be a long term Programme
- ❖ **Implementing agencies**
  - ❖ UNDP (Istanbul Regional Hub and UNDP Country Offices)
  - ❖ ILO (Central and Eastern Europe Office)
- ❖ **Project Partners**
  - ❖ Ministries of Labour; Public Employment Services; Centres for Social Welfare; Social Partners; Civil Society Organizations and representations
- ❖ **Partner regional Project:** RCC/ILO implemented ESAP Project



# The sense of exclusion?



- ❖ A key challenges of labour markets in the Western Balkan's economies is low employment and activity rates especially among youth, women, people with disabilities and some ethnic minorities such as Roma.
- ❖ Some recommendations stemming from Economic Dialogue between the EU and the Western Balkan economies:
  - ❖ foster activation policies and measures;
  - ❖ provide holistic support to the unemployed on their path to formal and decent employment by strengthening the link between activation measures and social assistance;
  - ❖ reduce the disincentive for the employers and unemployed to take up formal work;
  - ❖ Promote youth programmes that facilitate the school to work transition.

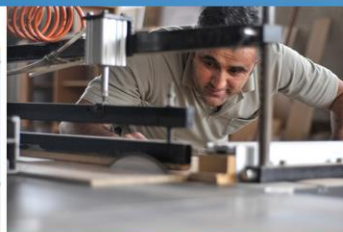




Labour market  
governance

Innovation for  
fostering inclusive  
labour markets

Knowledge  
systematization and  
knowledge exchange



# I. Labour market governance

- ❖ Participatory assessments (central and local levels) of PES
- ❖ Individual case management
- ❖ Linking up PES and CSW
- ❖ Youth Employment responses, inspired by the YEG
- ❖ Capacity and possibility of local communities and PES services for migrants, refugees



## II. Innovation for fostering inclusive labour markets

- ❖ New services and solutions for job search, including e-services
- ❖ Mainstreaming social mentorship models
- ❖ Establishing/strengthening Business to Business Networks on inclusiveness
- ❖ Establish horizontal partnerships network on TEPs



# III. Knowledge systematization and exchange

- ❖ Ensure inclusiveness and create effective capacity hold regional exchange
- ❖ Commonly available guidelines, tools, reports, checklists and benchmarks
- ❖ Knowledge generation on link of employment and social protection (SPF)





# Thank you for your attention!

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