

#17 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 11 Jan 2024

Minutes of meeting #17 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid Meeting on Teams and at the UNHCR office in UN House - Primaverii, Thursday 11 January 2024, from 13:00 to 15:00	
Co-Chairs	Christian Renson (UNHCR) and Lucian Dinu (IOM)	
Facilitating Support	UNHCR - Victoria Moren and Teodora Rogoza	
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alla Stegnii, UNHCR Field Office Timisoara 2. Adriana Petre, IKEA Timisoara 3. Alice Mihailescu, World Vision 4. Ana Cojocaru, Code for Romania 5. Adela Popovici, HEKS EPER 6. Andreea Baias, PATRIR 7. Andreea Vrinceanu, Cattia Hub, Brasov 8. Andreea Berezchi, Romanian Diversity Chamber of Commerce 9. Bogdan Ardeleanu, UNHCR Field Office Galati 10. Bogdan Cosmaciuc, UNHCR Field Unit Constanta 11. Cristian Lazar, FONSS 12. Dragos Moldovean, UNHCR Field Office Suceava 13. Marian Sitar, UNHCR Field Office Suceava 14. Dumitru Jucov, NESst 15. Iona Chirac, World Vision 16. Lucian Dinu, IOM 17. Lutz Drieling, Fagaras Research Institute 18. Mihaela Buzduga, ARCA 19. Mykola Koltun, HIAS 20. Mykolay Latushkin, Help Ukrainians, Galati 21. Raluca Teodor, Civil Society Development Foundation 22. Sergiu Mihailov, HIAS 23. Victor Sulla, World Bank (Labour and Social protection) 	
Agenda	<h3>Agenda</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Introduction of new Working Group members ▶ Discussion on lessons learnt from 2023 and ideas for 2024 ▶ IKEA presentation ▶ UNHCR presentation on beneficiary engagement strategy (link) and private sector engagement tool (link) ▶ Open floor for discussions / updates 	
	Discussion	Action Points
General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone is encouraged to ensure that their contact details are up-to-date in the Working Group's contact list and that

		their organization's services are mapped on the Services Advisor Tool .
Discussion on lessons learnt from 2023 and ideas for 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions on lessons learnt from 2023 and updates/ideas for 2024 was held. Draft notes from this can be found here, everyone is encouraged to make additions/inputs. 	
IKEA presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adriana Petra (People & Culture Manager and Sustainability Leader at IKEA Timisoara) held a presentation (available here) about a fund-raising opportunity whereby IKEA customers and staff can choose to donate 3.5% of their income tax to an NGO. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOs from the working group who are interested in joining this fund-raising opportunity are requested to reach out to the IKEA store in Timisoara or Bucharest with a brief statement (maximum 2 paragraphs) motivating why they should receive the support. IKEA focal point in Timisoara: Ms. Adriana Petre, adriana.petre@ingka.ikea.com.
UNHCR presentations on different tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Renson, LEI Officer at UNHCR, held a presentation on the UNHCR's beneficiary engagement strategy (available here), and private sector engagement tool (available here). The ANOFM guidance tool developed by the Working Group is now available here in English, Romanian, Ukrainian, Russian, and Arabic. Q&A: more effort to keep qualified people in same level jobs, however plan-centered approach means getting first available formal employment while services will continue to support their main objective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANOFM guidance tools to be disseminated at local level through focal points.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code for Romania – working on entrepreneurship branch on the webpage cezicelegea (Prima pagină – Ce zice legea) 	