“The main objective of the SUMMIT Project is to support the establishment and implementation of an integrated development sensitive migration policy framework at central and regional level, involving all relevant actors and fostering an inter-agency cooperation. This holistic approach aims to support long-term, development-sensitive and sustainable migration policy. A special focus is given on the integration into the labour market by various groups of migrants and refugees.

In this regard, A Study Report of the Impacts of Syrians to Gaziantep Economy was prepared under the SUMMIT Project in order to increase the institutional knowledge on the impact of Syrian investors on the Gaziantep’s economy to be able to develop development-sensitive migration policies in the region. This report serves a guidance to evaluate the effects of Syrians on Gaziantep economy, has the potential to be replicated for Turkish Economy and other regions.

In order to improve the influence of this report, a launching webinar for this report will be organised on 13th of July. Based on the information gathered the report, a roadmap will be created for the creation of an enabling business environment for Syrian investors through removing potential obstacles. Some particular areas that Syrian investors can be promoted will be specified in the webinar as well as the challenges against the socio-economic integration of Syrian investors.”

Agenda

14.00 – 14.20  Introduction
- Tamer Kilic, Regional Coordinator for Western Balkans and Turkey, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- Dr. Burhan Akyilmaz, General Secretary, Ipekyolu Development Agency
- Tobias Schläpfer, First Secretary/Migration Attache, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- Migration Policies and Projects Department, Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM)

14.20 – 14.50  Regional Investment Profile: Based on the Findings of the Study & Opportunities for the Development of Strategies Aimed at Increasing the Contribution of Syrians to Gaziantep Economy in the context of Socio-Economic Cohesion, Migration and Development

Moderator: Tamer Kilic, Regional Coordinator for Western Balkans and Turkey, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
Panelist:
- Doc. Dr. Celal Tasdogan, Academician, Haci Bayram University

Questions & Answers

14.50 – 15.10  Closing
- Tamer Kilic, Regional Coordinator for Western Balkans and Turkey, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- Dr. Burhan Akyilmaz, General Secretary, Ipekyolu Development Agency
- Migration Policies and Projects Department, Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM)
- Pinar Yapanoglu, SIDEM, SUMMIT & ENHANCER Senior Project Manager, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)