

**Consultative virtual workshop on the World Bank - CMI/UNOPS report
“COVID-19 and Migration in the Mediterranean Region”**

15th December 2021

16:00 - 17:30 CET (10:00 - 11:30 EST)

Context

This consultative virtual workshop, organized by the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)/UNOPS and the World Bank, will provide space to discuss the preliminary findings and conclusions of their joint report "COVID-19 and Migration in the Mediterranean".

The report explores the challenges and opportunities for mobility in the Mediterranean region following the COVID-19 outbreak and draws attention to the tension between mobility restrictions and the continued need for migrant workers in essential jobs in destination countries.

Objectives

The aim of the consultative virtual workshop is to leverage feedback on the main findings and conclusions of the report. The team will present the main findings of the report, followed by open discussion with representatives from institutions, civil society actors, and policymakers, who will share their views on i) key entry points for an effective dialogue; ii) helping the team perfect a cogent narrative and iii) any potential sensitivities arising.

Agenda

Event moderation: **Blanca MORENO-DODSON**, Director, CMI/UNOPS

Introduction

Michael LOKSHIN, Lead Economist, Office of the Chief Economist for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank

Presentation of the main findings of the report “COVID-19 and Migration in the Mediterranean Region”

Mauro TESTAVERDE, Senior Economist, Social Protection & Jobs Global Practice, World Bank

Jacquelyn PAVILON, Research Consultant, Development Research Group, World Bank

Discussants/Feedback on the report

Francesco FUSARO, Policy Officer, Legal Pathways and Integration Unit, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

Caterina Francesca GUIDI, Migration Expert, former staff at Caritas

Amal EL OUASSIF, International Relations Specialist, Policy Center For the New South

Q&A

Conclusion

Roberta GATTI, Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank