

## RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

# Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship (D.O.M.D.E)

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## About the Project

This 14-month project was implemented as an effort to codify a cooperation scheme that aims at appraising the value and the socio-economic potential of Diaspora's entrepreneurship to the development of the Republic of Moldova.



### Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of Italy in coordination with Regione Veneto/Agenzia Veneto Lavoro (Italy) and the Bureau for Relations with the Diaspora of Moldova.



### Countries

Italy, Republic of Moldova



### Time frame

**November 2017 – December 2018** (14 months)



### Budget

**EUR 421,464.85** (88.01% from AMIF)

## Activities



### Institutional capacity building

This project component focused on providing training and support to Moldovan institutions involved in the management of migratory flows at central and local level in order to strengthen their capacities and to better interact, coordinate and communicate while providing assistance to returning migrants and Diaspora in the field of business opportunities and private investment. Additionally, an essential pillar of this component was enhancing the outreach of public institutions to Diaspora representatives and returning migrants for their reintegration into national labour market through evaluation of returning migrants needs, their experience and qualification acquired abroad.



### Training sessions

Twenty three candidates of Moldovan origins (15 from Moldova and 8 from Italy) were provided with training in order to develop entrepreneurial skills for initiating business with social impact for communities or disadvantaged social groups. The training sessions were carried out as group training (workshops) and individual or small group coaching, allowing also for peer-to-peer learning. Each candidate benefited from a theoretical and practical training on how to write a sustainable and valid business plan (in areas such as manufacturing & crafts, food industry, tourism & agro-tourism, agriculture and breeding, provision of services), and from a specific coaching focusing on his/her project idea to make it consistent with the requirements of potential partners and lenders.



*Study visit of Italian representatives in Moldova (May 2018)*



*Assessment mission in Chisinau, Moldova (June 2018)*



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## Study Visit in Italy and Business Roadshow in Moldova

During a 3-day study visit to Italy, a group of twenty representatives of state institutions, civil society and trainees, visited 8 social enterprises located in the Veneto region and operating in different sectors, in order to familiarise themselves with functional social business models in Italy, which could be subsequently replicated in Moldova. Additionally, after having been introduced to the peculiarities of the pitching sessions in front of potential investors and partners, a business roadshow to 8 different institutions and private actors promoting start-ups in the field of social entrepreneurship in Moldova took place where the trainees could hear first-hand about the challenges and opportunities of the social entrepreneurship in Moldova and to build some potential partnership ideas with the participants in the roadshow.

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## The Migration Partnership Facility



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