

LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Young Generation as Change Agents (YGCA)

 Project completed

About the Project

The “Young Generation as Change Agents” (YGCA) project offered Moroccan graduates the opportunity to complete a Master’s degree in Spain in various fields. Students received language and socio-cultural training prior to the start of their Master’s degree courses as well as administrative support and tutoring during their stay in Spain. At the end of the master’s programme, the project supported graduates in the realisation of their professional or entrepreneurial projects in Morocco.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Spanish Service for the Internationalisation of Education (SEPIE) in cooperation with the Spanish Ministry of Labour, Migration and Social Security, the Moroccan Ministry in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, the Moroccan Ministry of Labour and Professional Insertion, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the Moroccan Ministry for National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research.



Countries

Spain and Morocco



Time frame

1 May 2019 – 30 June 2021 (26 months)



Budget

EUR 2,318,461.48 (95% from AMIF)

Activities



Pre-departure

The pre-departure phase focused on identifying the key socio-economic sectors of interest to Morocco where Master's degrees would be offered to young graduates, with the ultimate goal of meeting the needs of the labour market during the reintegration phase and producing social and welfare benefits for the country. Building on these activities, the project drew up a set of eligibility criteria for the participating Spanish universities, which were matched with academic curricula covering a total of 20 priority socio-economic sectors such as energy engineering and renewable energies, data sciences, biotechnology and agro-food industries among others. The graduates selected by the programme also received cultural and administrative training sessions to help them prepare for their stay in Spain.



Moroccan university students participating in the "Young Generations as Agents of Change" (YGCA) project, Rabat, Morocco, September 2019.



Mobility

During the mobility phase in Spain, 98 young Moroccan graduates (53 women and 45 men) enrolled in 61 Master's degree programmes at 21 Spanish universities. As part of this programme, these students received support during the 2019/2020 academic year to finance their studies and the costs associated to their stay abroad for the study period. Candidates also received language and entrepreneurship training to complement their respective academic curricula and support them in the development of tangible project and business proposals to be realised upon return to Morocco.



Reintegration

In cooperation with the Moroccan public employment agency ANAPEC, the project developed a referral mechanism for returnee migrants to support job seekers' reintegration in Morocco, as well as a distance learning entrepreneurship-training programme. Furthermore, graduates were encouraged and coached to develop ideas for entrepreneurial or research initiatives that could be implemented upon their return. A competitive award scheme at the end of the programme identified the most promising initiatives and provided them with funding and incubation support for successful reintegration.



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Online resources by Young Generations as Change Agents:



YGCA website: <http://sepie.es/ygca/>



YGCA – the project in brief: <https://youtu.be/pgXBYNBesyk>



YGCA – the students: <https://youtu.be/w2xrMGc2zA4>



YGCA – the universities: <https://youtu.be/Axx3MimRliY>

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