

D.O.M.D.E. 2 - Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship 2

About the Project

As a follow-up to the D.O.M.D.E project implemented in 2018, D.O.M.D.E. 2 aims to strengthen the relationship between the public and private ecosystem of social entrepreneurship in Moldova and the Moldovan Diaspora in Italy.

The project will promote circular migration and the productive return of Moldovan migrants with a view to their reintegration into the local labour market - especially in the social entrepreneurship sector - thanks to the professional skills acquired in the migration process.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of the Italian Republic - Directorate General of Immigration and Integration Policies in collaboration with the Veneto Lavoro Agency and ANPAL Servizi S.p.A. in Italy, the Diaspora Relations Bureau (BRD) of the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova, and the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development (ODA) in Moldova.



Countries | Italy and Moldova



Time frame

1 June 2022 – 31 May 2025 (36 months)



Budget

EUR 1,320,413.23 (94.06% from AMIF)

Activities



Capacity Building and Research

Capacity building for representatives of partner country authorities involved in the management of legal migration (including migration monitoring) will be organised to promote the full implementation of the Law on Social Enterprises and cooperation with the National Commission for Social Entrepreneurship in Moldova. Central and local authorities of Moldova will be involved in these activities, aiming to create a shared understanding of the social economy potential and foster the role of local actors and the diaspora in local development. Collaboration between migration research centres will be strengthened and field research will be carried out on the nexus between migration and the development potential of social entrepreneurship in Moldova. Moreover, a methodology will be established to annually collect information from social enterprises on their social and economic impact on the community and publish it in the 'National Observatory of Social Enterprises'.



Awareness raising on social entrepreneurship

The Moldovan diaspora in Italy will be invited to five empowerment meetings that will be held in key settlement regions, with the aim to inform about public policies and support measures related to social economy, to promote institutional associative and entrepreneurial initiatives within the diaspora, and to encourage participation and investments.

Information campaigns will also be addressed to the Moldovan diaspora beyond Italy, together with the creation of an e-learning platform on diaspora, migration and development launched by the Moldovan Diaspora Relations Bureau, with the objective to foster the involvement of the diaspora in local development and to improve the cooperation between Moldovan institutions and the diaspora.



Support to social enterprises

At least 10 entrepreneurs-to-be (either returnees or migrants intending to return) will be trained on how to start up a social enterprise and develop a business and communication plan. At least six of them will then be awarded a grant to cover e.g. market testing, a business field-simulation, a pilot launch of the social products and services, a "saleability" study or the purchase of initial assets. Moreover, Moldovan social entrepreneurs or potential ones, representatives of the civil society and members of Moldovan diaspora in Italy interested in investing in their country of origin or in a business return project will have the opportunity to undertake study visits in social enterprises and CSOs in Italy.

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