

RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

Reintegration policy for returning Armenian migrants

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About the Project

This Action aimed at strengthening the capacities of key Armenian authorities and civil society actors responsible for supporting the reintegration of returning Armenian nationals. The partners successfully implemented a very comprehensive programme including assistance in the development of returnees' business plans, the provision of in-kind assistance for business start-ups, medical care, temporary accommodation, as well as language courses for children born abroad and professional training sessions.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the Office Français de l'Immigration et de l'Intégration (OFII) (France) in collaboration with the Ministry of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia.



Countries

France and Armenia



Time frame

December 2016 – June 2018 (19 months)



Budget

EUR 484,263.00 (94.99% from AMIF)

Activities



Equal access to information

This Action supported the Referral Centre for Reintegration in ensuring equal access of returning Armenian nationals to information and support. During the project implementation period, about 240 returnees benefited from business and vocational training (on e.g. cattle breeding, farming, agriculture, car garage services), medical and housing services and information sessions for a smoother reintegration process. A database on returning migrants was also enhanced and handed over to Armenian authorities.



Welcoming speech from the representative of French Embassy in Georgia during the project kick-off event (31 January 2017)



Business start-up assistance and professional training

The social and economic reintegration of returning Armenian nationals was an essential element of this Action. A total of 46 business start-ups were launched and 30 professional training sessions organized.



Coordination of key stakeholders

Under this component, the Action aimed to enhance cooperation and synergies between state institutions and NGOs. Three reintegration, coordination and cooperation fora were organized, which were later included in the 2017-2021 Migration Policy Strategy of Armenia, increasing sustainability of project results.



Information campaigns on the risk of illegal migration

This component consisted of information trainings and awareness-raising campaigns addressed to different target groups and focusing on the danger of irregular migration, in addition to the promotion of the EU immigration portal and dissemination of information through various channels (social media, web portals, leaflets, posters, national and regional TV channels and public transport). More than 500,000 persons were sensitised on the risks connected to irregular migration.



Reintegration Referral Center poster produced by the project

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