

LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Strengthening Circular Legal and Skilled Migration Through Cooperation Between Italy and Pakistan - SkillNet

About the Project

This project aims to establish an enabling environment for enhanced labour migration between Pakistan and Italy, with a focus on the Piedmont region in Northern Italy. To this end, the project will develop a conceptual framework as a practical guidance for establishing a talent mobility pathway between Pakistan and Italy. Furthermore, the initiative will provide Pakistani stakeholders with capacity-building support on skills and language requirements for the entry of skilled workers into the Italian labour market, deliver research and knowledge products that can be adapted in line with the European Union's objectives of promoting talent partnerships, and strengthen dialogue and cooperation between Italy, Pakistan and potentially other EU Member States on legal migration and mobility.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by National Association Beyond the Borders, Piemonte – ANOLF Piemonte (Italy), in collaboration with Trade Union Institute for Development Cooperation - ISCOS (Italy) and Confederation of Italian Trade Unions - USR CISL Piemonte (Italy).



Countries

Italy, Pakistan



Time frame

February 2024 – September 2025 (19,5 months)



Budget

EUR 373,149.68 (94% from AMIF)

Activities



Research and Knowledge Production

The project will analyse professional needs in the Italian labour market and investigate specific occupational profiles in the Piedmont region. By also identifying mismatches and gaps in the classification of skills in the countries concerned, the project seeks to better align local, national, and international practices for recognising professional qualifications, thereby enhancing employment prospects of Pakistani workers and their access to the Italian labour market.

A series of knowledge products and publications are integral components of the project deliverables, each of which is designed to deepen understanding of legal and labour migration issues among civil servants and key stakeholders. These include a report on the professional needs of Italian companies, which aims to pinpoint sectors and occupations with a high demand for foreign workers, and a publication on the qualifications framework and Piedmont's regional approach to labour migration. Furthermore, the project will produce a conceptual framework on legal migration and mobility between Italy and Pakistan, offering a methodology for matching labour supply and demand in line with the current Italian and potentially European legislative framework.



Stakeholder Engagement

Through stakeholder mapping and engagement strategies in both Italy and Pakistan, the project will identify key actors across governmental bodies, employer organisations, vocational training agencies, and civil society. Working with these key actors will ensure stakeholder involvement and compliance with existing legislative frameworks. By fostering a common approach to the recognition of professional qualifications and promoting the exchange on best practices, the project strives to lay a solid foundation for sustained cooperation between the two countries.



Capacity Building

Capacity-building activities and thematic workshops aim to enhance collaboration and knowledge sharing between Italian and Pakistani counterparts on labour mobility and skills recognition. In this regard, the project will organise a series of training webinars for Pakistani stakeholders dealing with vocational training, skills and classification. Three workshops will engage 90 stakeholders, among policy-makers, TVET and private sector representatives, government officials and employment agencies, with the ultimate goal of sharing methodological planning and promoting collaborative training and certification efforts.

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