

LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

NET-Work You: Creation of a Skills Network to Increase Employment Opportunities for Young Egyptians in the Green Job Sector

About the Project

The NET-Work You project aims to establish a pioneering and sustainable model of circular and skilled labour mobility between Italy and Egypt. The project will offer a traineeship opportunity to 100 young Egyptians in the region of Apulia, Southern Italy, with a labour mobility scheme focused on enhancing the participants' skills in the fields of green economy, digitalisation and agriculture. A training programme delivered complementarily in Egypt and Italy will contribute to the acquisition of professional skills valid in both countries, increasing the participants' employment prospects in Europe as well as in their country of origin. Furthermore, the establishment of a Mediterranean multi-stakeholder network will strengthen public-private partnerships at local, regional and national levels in both countries involved, fostering the exchange of good practices also with other EU Member States.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by Confcooperative – Unione Regionale della Puglia (Confcooperative Puglia) (Italy) in collaboration with the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies - CIHEAM Bari (Italy).



Countries

Italy, Egypt



Time frame

April 2024 – April 2027 (36 months)



Budget

EUR 3,000,000.00 (95% from AMIF)

Activities



Skills Enhancement

The development of training curricula will involve institutions and the private sector in both countries, and will incorporate pre-departure courses on soft skills, English and Italian language, as well as a technical component on green economy and transition for 150 participants. In alignment and synergy with the EU Talent Partnerships framework, the skills enhancement activities will be designed to build specific knowledge to facilitate skills certification and recognition, developing a replicable model at regional and national level in Italy and Europe.

The establishment of a multi-stakeholder Mediterranean network will enable the exchange of good practices, with activities encompassing exchange events and the promotion of an online database for matching job and traineeship opportunities with a pool of candidates with skills in demand on the labour market.



Mobility Phase

The project envisages that, after a training phase, 100 young Egyptians will move to Italy for a 3-month traineeship. The group includes 40 recent graduates and 60 agricultural workers/technicians from rural regions of Egypt. In collaboration with the Italian private sector in the Apulia region, the project will focus on identifying a skills framework to meet short and long-term workforce demands in areas like agriculture, food processing, engineering, and digital expertise. The labour mobility of participants will rely on the study and/or traineeship visa mechanism, which in the Italian legal framework facilitates the entry of foreign graduates into the Italian labour market and potentially allows them to obtain a work visa during their stay in the country, should the host company decide to retain the talent. Although the immediate result is short-term mobility within Italy, the ultimate goal is to establish a sustainable and comprehensive circular mechanism that addresses long-term labour imbalances and ensures a resilient labour market.



Return Phase

Upon their return from the mobility phase in Italy, the participants will be supported in their insertion into the Egyptian labour market, with the involvement of Egyptian institutional and private partners, in particular incubators and private companies, from the early stages of the project. The return activities include further capacity and skills building actions, with the aim of harnessing the experience gained by the participants for the benefit of the development of the agricultural sector in rural regions of Egypt. The project also includes support for entrepreneurship through technical and financial assistance for the mentoring of local start-ups created by 10 selected participants.

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The Migration Partnership Facility



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