

LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Pakistan-Finland International Cooperation - Vocational Talent and Mobility Boost (PAFIIC)

About the Project

The PAFIIC project aims to create a sustainable talent development and mobility partnership between Finland and Pakistan by focusing on vocational education and work-based migration. Specifically, it strives to support Pakistan's vocational education system and boost the skills and employability of Pakistani students in the hospitality and care assistant sectors, while addressing the labour needs of Finnish and EU companies in these fields. This initiative will encompass a wealth of activities ranging from research, curriculum development, training, mobility, and knowledge exchange. The project results will be presented to EU and partner country authorities and stakeholders, aiming to inform decision-making and promoting replicability and scalability of the model.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by City of Turku/Turku Vocational Institute in collaboration with National University of Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan (NUTECH).



Countries

Finland, Pakistan



Time frame

July 2024 - May 2027 (35 months)



Budget

EUR 1,499,200.54 (95% from AMIF)

Activities



Research and Capacity Building

The PAFIC project comprises the development of a comparative analysis of educational curricula in Pakistan, Finland and the EU, in the hospitality and care assistant sectors. Based on these studies, in cooperation with their Finnish counterparts, the project will develop a common curriculum and a train-the-trainer programme for 30 Pakistani teachers, which will enable the sustainability of the programme in the long term.



In-Country Training

Following the development of the curriculum between Finnish and Pakistani teachers, 500 students will receive hospitality or care training for six months in the first phase in Pakistan. During a further 6-month training, with a second phase also in Pakistan, the students will be offered practical hands-on training and begin to study the Finnish language, culture and society. A final analysis of the Finnish-Pakistani educational model piloted by the project, which will be accompanied by the production of a dedicated handbook, will include insights into the functionality of the model and recommendations to support future replicability within the framework of EU Talent Partnerships.



Mobility and Orientation Support

Upon completion of vocational and language training in Pakistan, 150 selected students will travel to Finland to complete a 3-month internship. To facilitate mobility, the project will provide logistical support for participants, including facilitating travel arrangements and visa procedures, assisting with visa documentation for training and internships in Finland, and organising transportation for student groups. The project will also provide assistance by organising soft-landing orientation sessions and personalised support for the students following their arrival in Finland.



Cross-Cutting Activities

Aiming to create a sustainable skills partnership and cooperation model with Pakistan, the project results and best practices will be presented to EU and partner country authorities and stakeholders through dedicated dissemination events, with the objective of informing decision-making and promoting sustainability and scalability of the model.

Implemented by



The Migration Partnership Facility



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