

LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY + RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

Strengthening current and future employment and self-employment programmes through value chain management systems under the Migration Resource Centres and Local Centres of the State Employment Agency

 Project completed

About the Project

This action aimed at promoting the contributions of Armenian circular labour migrants to the development of Yerevan, Shirak and Aragatsotn regions in Armenia through the repatriation of skills, experiences and financial capital. The action provided assistance to the responsible authorities (Labour Migration Unit – LMU – of the Armenian State Employment Agency – SEA) to strengthen the capacity of the Migration Resource Centres (MRCs) and empower them to successfully implement circular labour migration as well as return and reintegration management policies.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by Arbetsförmedlingen (Swedish Public Employment Service) in collaboration with the Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM) under the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development and Ministry of Economic Development and Investment of the Republic of Armenia.



Countries

Sweden, Germany and Armenia



Time frame

July 2017 – November 2018 (17 months)



Budget

EUR 514,179.97 (92% from AMIF)

Activities



Assessment of the Armenian authority's needs

A preliminary study was carried out to identify the concrete needs of the Armenian authorities in order to better respond to the Armenia's National Development Strategy 2014-2025. In particular, the focus was on identifying ways to encourage the use of remittances and repatriation of knowledge and skills but also to foster business development and job creation by labour migrants in order to contribute to the national economic growth through identification of the value chain areas where investments would have the highest potential impact.



Project kick-off event (Yerevan, Armenia, July 2017)



Study Visit in Chisinau (Moldova, May 2018)



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Training and Study Visit

A total of 100 specialists and members of the SEA Local Centres in Shirak, Aragatsotn and Yerevan regions participated in a series of trainings to improve the use and application of electronic resources in order to better support circular labour migrants. These activities were complemented by the purchase and introduction of an innovative IT software, namely the Community Development Investment System (CDIS), in regions with high-net migration rates, yet lacking similar tools. The CDIS was successfully launched in May 2018 and nine businesses were selected for infrastructure grants. A study visit was also carried out in the Republic of Moldova with the participation of the project team, representatives from SEA and different Armenian ministries as well as Caritas Armenia in order to learn from the experience of Moldova as the first country to sign the Mobility Partnership with the EU, with a particular focus on the work of the Moldovan National Employment Agency.

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The Migration Partnership Facility



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