



MOVE GREEN participants receiving their end of mobility diplomas

MOVE GREEN: Empowering youth through green economy mobility

The (E)Co-development for innovation and employment in green and circular economy between Andalusia and Morocco (MOVE GREEN) project was designed to address two interconnected challenges: youth unemployment and brain drain in Morocco, as well as irregular migration pressures in southern Spain. Despite strong business and economic ties between the regions, a shortage of qualified professionals for the green transition hinders sustainable growth in both countries. By **equipping Moroccan students with academic training, hands-on internships, and exposure to Spain's green economy**, MOVE GREEN aimed to create legal, skills-based mobility pathways that **benefit individuals, strengthen regional cooperation, and support a more inclusive and sustainable future.**

More than a mobility programme



Participation in a business meeting

For many participants, MOVE GREEN marked a **turning point in their personal and professional lives**. Many of these students had never left Morocco before, and the opportunity to study in Spain was a unique experience that expanded their horizons. Through **academic courses, networking events, company visits, and internships**, they deepened their understanding of the green economy, particularly in the renewable energy sector. They gained insight into the real-world practices by meeting industry experts, visiting energy facilities, and observing firsthand how Spain has developed its green economy.

Armed with new knowledge, practical skills, and a stronger professional network, several participants **returned to Morocco with more than just a certificate—they came back with a clear vision of their future**. Some chose to launch their own startups, while others sought to integrate into the emerging green economy labour market, looking for opportunities that aligned with their newfound expertise.

Nine visions, three business ventures

Nine MOVE GREEN participants returned to Morocco inspired to make a tangible impact in the green energy sector. Drawing from the knowledge gained through academic courses, internships, and practical experiences in Spain's sustainable energy landscape, they **joined forces to launch three distinct business initiatives focused on green economy and energy efficiency**. *"Each of us had different ideas and strengths, but the project gave us the chance to collaborate, exchange perspectives, and turn our visions into real business models,"* shared one participant. Their journey demonstrates how MOVE GREEN empowered them to move from individual aspirations to concrete entrepreneurial action within Morocco's growing green economy.



From internship to employment

After completing an internship with a Spanish company, **a MOVE GREEN participant impressed his employers so much that they offered him a full-time job**. *"It was an extraordinary experience; it opened up many new areas in the field of renewable energy. Thanks to the project, I was able to get a job in Spain,"* the project participant explained. Now, employed and gaining experience in the green sector, he's satisfied with his role but hasn't lost sight of his entrepreneurial aspirations. He still dreams of one day launching his own green energy business, using the skills and knowledge he's gaining both in Spain and in his new job. His journey shows how MOVE GREEN opens doors for both employment and future ventures.

Final seminar
organised by
the project

Empowering growth through a circular mobility

These stories demonstrate how targeted mobility can have a profound impact. MOVE GREEN not only equipped participants with valuable skills and knowledge but also created pathways for them to pursue careers in the green economy. It highlights how **structured mobility programmes can transform challenges into opportunities, driving local economic growth and sustainable development.**

About the MPF

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About the project

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About the evaluation

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