



Training in Moldova

Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship

The project 'Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship 2' was implemented by a consortium led by the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, with the aim of improving sustainable circular migration opportunities between Italy, the European Union (EU) and Moldova by directly engaging central and local authorities, as well as other relevant stakeholders, and promoting investments in social entrepreneurship within the Moldovan diaspora. To achieve its objectives, the project carried out capacity development and research activities, initiatives to support social enterprises and awareness-raising activities.

Local actors: from training to confidence

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The project's capacity-development component, delivered across seven districts, reached **133 participants** from local administrations, schools, NGOs and diaspora groups. Activities had a **transformative impact**, equipping them with **practical skills and greater confidence**. They strengthened problem-solving and analytical abilities, improved stakeholder engagement and professional relationship-building, and enhanced team leadership. Participants felt empowered to mobilise resources and advocate for social initiatives.

Thanks to the project, we have significantly improved our understanding of social economy principles, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning. We have also strengthened competences in designing action plans, conducting SWOT analyses, and applying monitoring tools. (Trained NGO).

A key success factor was the thoughtful design of the training sessions, which were carefully tailored to **participants' needs** based on a **preliminary needs assessment** conducted by the project team.

Greater knowledge within the National Commission

The project also supported the institutional development of the National Commission for Social Entrepreneurship of Moldova. This activity consisted of four training sessions delivered to 25 members of the National Commission, equipping them with **tools to accelerate the recognition process for social enterprises**. Participants strengthened their knowledge across several key areas, including the European Union's Social Economy Action Plan; methodologies for measuring the social impact of social enterprises in Moldova; organisational analysis concepts and tools; internal and external communication approaches; and European-level social economy networks.



Durable tools, enduring capacity

The training materials and tools developed through the project will ensure the lasting impact of the initiative. Key institutions, including the Entrepreneurship Development Organization (ODA), have already outlined concrete plans to **integrate these resources into upcoming training programmes for social enterprises**. The Moldovan Bureau for Diaspora (BRD) also intends to further disseminate the project's training materials, extending their reach and supporting continued capacity development across the country.

Strengthening individuals and institutions

The project strengthened participants' skills and knowledge, while also fostering connections among local authorities, private companies, NGOs and diaspora groups. It further laid the groundwork for the long-term empowerment of Moldovan institutions by enhancing their technical capacities, providing durable tools and reinforcing their ability to advance social economy development beyond the project's duration.

About the MPF

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About the project

The project 'Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship 2' was running between 1 June 2022 and 31 May 2025. The project was implemented by the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies in partnership with the Veneto Lavoro Agency, the Diaspora Relations Bureau of the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova, Sviluppo Lavoro Italia, and the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development.

About the evaluation

Testimonies used in this document were collected as part of the final evaluation of the project 'Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship 2' completed between August 2025 and December 2025. The evaluation was led by Blomeyer & Sanz, who leads a consortium of six consultancies and NGOs, namely Blomeyer & Sanz, Diversity Development Group, Migration Policy Group, Policy Impact Lab, Samuel Hall and Tandans.



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