

LEGAL MIGRATION AND LABOUR MOBILITY

Entrepreneurial Mobility in Blue and Green Sectors for Mauritania (EMBLEM)

About the Project

The EMBLEM project aims to strengthen legal and circular mobility pathways between Mauritania, France and Spain, by establishing a targeted mobility programme designed to develop the entrepreneurial skills of talented young Mauritians in the blue and green economy sectors. It will support 100 young Mauritians aged between 18 to 35, with a particular focus on women, through two distinct programme tracks: aspiring entrepreneurs who have not yet set up their own businesses will undertake training in France or Spain and receive reintegration support upon their return in Mauritania; young entrepreneurs who are already active will benefit from an acceleration programme delivered in Mauritania. In addition, the project will contribute to strengthening the capacity of Mauritanian institutions to design and coordinate initiatives for regular labour migration.



Partners

This project is implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in the framework of the Technical Assistance and Support (TAS) component of MPF. The project also includes a 'grant' component, implemented by the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI, Spain) in partnership with the organisation High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executive Recruitment (HOMERe, France).



Countries

Mauritania, France, Spain



Time frame

July 2026 – June 2029 (36 months)



Budget

EUR 2,811,767.20 (100% from AMIF)

Activities



Foundational Analysis and Partnership Building

This component aims to lay the operational foundations for the project by analysing sectoral opportunities within the blue and green economy, institutional roles, the entrepreneurial ecosystem, conditions for accessing funding, and the potential for engaging the Mauritanian diaspora in France and Spain. It will support the identification of participant profiles, the design of training and support programmes, and the establishment of cooperation frameworks with institutions, training organisations, businesses and other relevant partners in Mauritania and Europe. The component will be implemented by FAMSI, in cooperation with HOMERe France.



Mobility and Entrepreneurship Tracks

This component sets up two distinct programme tracks aimed at young Mauritanian entrepreneurs aged between 18 to 35 in the blue and green sectors. The international mobility track is aimed at 50 young aspiring entrepreneurs who do not yet have an active business. It will include preparatory activities in Mauritania, four months of technical training and work placement in France or Spain, followed by reintegration and incubation support upon their return to Mauritania. The domestic acceleration track is aimed at 50 entrepreneurs who already have a business operating in Mauritania. It will offer a four-month acceleration programme focused on business development, skills enhancement and access to finance. This component will be implemented by FAMSI, in cooperation with HOMERe France.



Institutional Capacity Building and Governance

This component supports Mauritania in strengthening the organisation and management of labour migration initiatives. It will adopt a phased approach, focusing on the key functions involved in managing the mobility cycle, in particular the allocation of roles, institutional coordination and the flow of information. The mobility programme supported by the project will provide an opportunity to observe how these mechanisms operate in practice, and the lessons learnt will support the identification, in consultation with the national authorities, of priority areas, in particular the provision of coordination tools and the development of a roadmap. The component will be implemented by the ICMPD.

Implemented by



The Migration Partnership Facility



This project is implemented by ICMPD within the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an EU-funded initiative that supports the external dimension of EU migration policy. Through its Grants and Technical Assistance and Support components, the MPF facilitates the implementation of projects that strengthen dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility between EU Member States and partner countries outside the EU.

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