

## MIGRATION GOOD GOVERNANCE

# Strengthening Migrant Integration through cooperation between Portugal and Cabo Verde – Coop4Int

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## About the Project

'Coop4Int' aimed to enhance the integration of migrants into the society of Cabo Verde, facilitating the development of tools and services provided locally to migrants and strengthening cooperation on migration issues between Portugal and Cabo Verde. The action reinforced reception and social inclusion mechanisms through the establishment of local integration units and service desks, supported by multilingual interpretation and a multichannel platform to improve access to services. It also strengthened the capacities of Cabo Verdean authorities through targeted training, study visits and practical tools, enhancing institutional cooperation with Portugal. In parallel, it promoted migrants' socio-economic inclusion through vocational training and entrepreneurship support, while strengthening the national migration evidence base through studies and the establishment of a Migration Observatory to inform policymaking.



### Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo (AIMA) of Portugal in collaboration with Alta Autoridade para a Imigração (High Authority for Immigration, Public Institute) of Cabo Verde, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE) and Instituto Politécnico de Bragança (IPB) in Portugal.



### Countries

Cabo Verde, Portugal



### Time frame

**December 2021 – July 2025** (44 months)



### Budget

**EUR 1,342,332.84** (94.42% from AMIF)

## Activities



### Reinforcing mechanisms of migrant integration

The action aimed to strengthen mechanisms for the reception, regularisation, and social inclusion of migrants, while also developing migration-related instruments and local approaches. These objectives were operationalised through the expansion of migrant support services nationwide. Four local integration units and two customer service desks were established in key municipalities, delivering more than 6,000 services at physical locations and conducting 30 awareness-raising sessions. These efforts were further supported by multilingual interpretation in six languages, improving migrants' access to services. An Immigrant Entrepreneur Support Service provided direct assistance to approximately 300 migrants, supported the formalisation of 20 businesses, and facilitated access of 12 entrepreneurs to microcredit. A Multichannel Support Platform was also developed and launched to improve access to integration services, enabling more efficient and user-friendly communication between migrants and service providers across various channels.



*First national meeting of technical staff from municipal and immigrant services, 8-9 May 2024*



### Capacity-building for Cabo Verdean authorities

The action strengthened the capacity of Cabo Verdean authorities in migration management, with the aim of enhancing migrants' integration. A total of 24 capacity-building training actions were delivered to technical staff from Cabo Verde and Portugal, covering key topics such as human rights, intercultural education and mediation, migration flow management, civil society organisation, entrepreneurship, leadership, project management, and training of trainers. Overall, 447 technical staff members benefitted from the training, and eight training manuals were developed to support continuous learning. In addition, four study visits (three to Portugal and one to Cabo Verde) were organised, facilitating the exchange of experiences and best practices between stakeholders from both countries. Also, two entrepreneurship bootcamps, one immersion activity and 8 workshops reached approximately 270 migrants across several islands and sectors, further fostering skills development and opportunities for self-employment.



*Study visit of technical staff from the High Authority for Immigration (AAI, I.P.) to Portugal*



### **Professional training for migrants in Cabo Verde**

The action promoted social inclusion by supporting immigrant residents in Cabo Verde to access vocational training across various fields, with the aim of enhancing professional qualifications, increasing employability, and facilitating access to the labour market.

In addition, 10 vocational training courses were delivered, from which 147 immigrants (95 men and 52 women) graduated in practical fields, strengthening their employability and economic integration.



### **Reinforcing the knowledge about migration in Cabo Verde**

The action aimed to strengthen the production, systematisation, and dissemination of migration-related data in Cabo Verde to foster inclusion and combat discrimination. Two awareness-raising campaigns and related information materials were produced, enabling the introduction of migration topics in schools, civil society organisations, and the wider public, while also addressing information gaps relevant to immigrants. In parallel, key knowledge products were developed, including the Foreign and Immigrant Population Survey and three thematic studies. A major milestone was the establishment of the Migration Observatory, supported by a dedicated website and regular publications (factsheets, highlights, studies), strengthening data collection, analysis and the use of evidence for migration policymaking in Cabo Verde.



*Graduation ceremony of the Mechanical Structures Metalwork vocational training course promoted between April and May 2025 in Praia, by the Centre for Renewable Energy and Industrial Maintenance (CERMI), in the scope of the Coop4Int Project*

## For more information about the project

Strengthening Migrant Integration through cooperation between Portugal and Cabo Verde – Coop4Int:  
<https://aima.gov.pt/pt/a-aima/projeto-coop4int> AND <https://aai.gov.cv/sobre-aai/projetos/coop4int>

-  [Coop4Int on the ISCTE website](#)
-  [Coop4Int on the IPB website](#)
-  [Cooperation For Integration: The Joint Efforts of Portugal and Cabo Verde for the Social Inclusion of Migrants in the Framework of Coop4Int](#)
-  [Projecto Coop4Int fortalece mecanismos de acolhimento e integração de imigrantes em Cabo Verde](#)
-  [Projeto entre Cabo Verde e Portugal cria postos de atendimento e formação para imigrantes](#)
-  [Alta Autoridade para a Imigração visita Alto Comissariado para as Migrações](#)
-  [Lançamento de Serviço de Interpretação Telefónica e da Linha Verde Imigrante](#)
-  [Local Immigration Units serve as anchors in Cabo Verde migration landscape](#)
-  [Answering the Call: Cabo Verde's Local Immigration Units Support Migrants Arriving by Boat](#)
-  [Apresentação dos dados preliminares do 1º Inquérito à População Estrangeira e Imigrante em Cabo Verde](#)
-  [Celebração do Dia Mundial da Diversidade Cultural para o Diálogo e o Desenvolvimento: Lançamento do estudo sobre a Imigração Portuguesa em Cabo Verde](#)
-  [Lançamento público do Observatório das Migrações de Cabo Verde](#)
-  [Lançamento da Campanha "Ligey Bou Juub – Bom negócio é cumprir as regras. Ganho eu, ganhamos todos!"](#)
-  [Lançamento da campanha «A Diversidade Nos Enriquece»](#)
-  [Projecto Coop4Int: NOSi apresenta Plataforma Integrado de Registro de Atendimento dos Imigrantes](#)
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