

# D.O.M.D.E. 2 - Development of Moldovan Diaspora Entrepreneurship 2

 Project completed

## About the Project

As a follow-up to the D.O.M.D.E project implemented in 2018, D.O.M.D.E. 2 aimed to strengthen the relationship between the public and private ecosystem of social entrepreneurship in Moldova and the Moldovan Diaspora in Italy.

The project promoted circular migration and the productive return of Moldovan migrants with a view to their reintegration into the local labour market - especially in the social entrepreneurship sector - thanks to the professional skills acquired in the migration process.



### Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of the Italian Republic - Directorate General of Immigration and Integration Policies in collaboration with the Veneto Lavoro Agency and Sviluppo Lavoro Italia (SLI) S.p.A. in Italy, the Diaspora Relations Bureau (BRD) of the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova, and the Organisation for Entrepreneurship Development (ODA) in Moldova.



### Countries

Italy and Moldova



### Time frame

**1 June 2022 – 31 May 2025** (36 months)



### Budget

**EUR 457,463.20** (93.93% from AMIF)

## Activities



### Capacity Building

Tailor-made capacity building activities were organised for local administrations, schools, NGOs, and diaspora groups to foster a shared understanding of the social economy's potential and to strengthen the role of local actors and the diaspora in local development. Over 130 participants benefited from these activities, which enhanced problem-solving and analytical skills, stakeholder engagement, professional relationship-building, and team leadership.

Institutional development was further supported through targeted capacity building for the National Commission for Social Entrepreneurship of Moldova. Four training sessions were delivered to 25 members of the Commission, equipping them with tools to accelerate the recognition process for social enterprises.



### Support to Social Enterprises

Seven social business initiatives received support in how to start up a social enterprise and develop a business and communication plan. Joint research capacity between Moldova and Italy was also strengthened through a transnational working group led by Veneto Lavoro, which held coordination meetings and a virtual study visit, resulting in a shared research framework.


In addition, Moldovan experts conducted a study on the link between migration and social entrepreneurship. The study combined a desk review of the legal framework, interviews with public and private sector stakeholders, and a survey of 65 returnees from Italy. The findings identified both opportunities and obstacles in engaging the diaspora in Moldova's social economy, and outlined concrete recommendations for improving legislation, access to finance, market opportunities, and public awareness.










## Awareness Raising on Social Entrepreneurship

Three meetings were organised for Moldovan diaspora associations in the Italian regions with the highest concentration of Moldovan citizens — Lazio, Lombardia, and Veneto — held both virtually and in person. Additionally, two empowerment meetings were convened with the Moldovan diaspora in Italy to inform participants about public policies and support measures related to the social economy, to promote institutional, associative, and entrepreneurial initiatives within the diaspora, and to encourage participation and investment.

## For more information about the project

 [lavoro.gov.it/immigrazione/attivita-internazionale/progetto-domde2-development-moldovan-entrepreneurship](https://lavoro.gov.it/immigrazione/attivita-internazionale/progetto-domde2-development-moldovan-entrepreneurship)

### Links to project videos, press releases or other useful material:

-  [Study on "Migration and social entrepreneurship development in Moldova"](#)
-  [Video on social entrepreneurship WibeAcademy](#)
-  [Video on SRL EduJoc enterprise with social insertion entrepreneur status](#)
-  [Video on SRL 3DBINE enterprise with social insertion entrepreneur status](#)
-  [Articles for national media on social entrepreneurship](#)
-  [News published on the Migration Web Portal of the Ministry of Labour on the survey addressed to the Moldovan Diaspora](#)
-  [Contract signing event with the 7 selected grant beneficiaries](#)

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