

LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

WAFIRA II

About the Project

The WAFIRA II initiative builds on the success and lessons of WAFIRA I to tackle ongoing challenges in the sustainable socio-economic reintegration of Moroccan seasonal migrants. While WAFIRA I piloted an intervention model that enhanced the development impact of circular migration between Morocco and Spain - benefiting 250 Moroccan women seasonal workers - WAFIRA II will scale up efforts to support 3,000 seasonal workers travelling to France and Spain for agricultural employment. The programme, which will be developed and delivered in close collaboration with the Agence Nationale de Promotion de l'Emploi et des Compétences (ANAPEC), will be expanded to include both men and women seasonal migrants and will integrate gender-sensitive and inclusive digital tools and training content to make reintegration support more accessible and effective. The project will also broaden its reach to new destination countries, including France and Portugal, and additional countries of origin, such as Mauritania and Cabo Verde, through triangular cooperation. By fostering information-sharing, peer learning, and the exchange of good practices, this collaborative approach will help ensure reintegration efforts are aligned with national priorities and the evolving needs of migrant workers.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Secretary of State for Migration (SEM) of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration of Spain in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Spanish Agri-Food Cooperatives-Andalusia (Spain) and the French Office for Immigration and Integration – OFII (France).



Countries

Morocco, Spain, France, Portugal, Mauritania and Cabo Verde



Time frame

August 2025 - November 2028 (40 months)



Budget

EUR 5,230,232.10 (95% from AMIF)

Activities



Pre-Departure

Building on lessons learned from the previous phase and informed by complementary studies to better understand seasonal migrant worker needs, this activity will involve updating and creating clear, accessible training modules and orientation materials. These will cover key topics such as legal rights, cultural adaptation, and reintegration planning. The services will be integrated into a dedicated chapter for migrant workers within ANAPEC's *Ana Moukawil* national programme targeting entrepreneurs.



Mobility

Of those preparing to migrate for employment in the EU, approximately 300 participants will receive comprehensive training in business development, financial literacy, soft skills, and entrepreneurship, including cooperative formation and sustainable agriculture techniques. Participants will be supported in developing their own income-generating activity (IGA) ideas and drafting business plans for individual or cooperative ventures.



Reintegration Support

Upon their return to Morocco, migrant workers will receive tailored reintegration support from certified trainers and national partners to help them launch and grow their businesses and explore collective entrepreneurship initiatives, particularly in rural areas where opportunities may be limited. Participants will also receive guidance on legal structures, marketing, financial planning, and Morocco's social protection systems. Additional support will include access to post-creation mentoring and connections to financial services and local business networks, ensuring participants have the tools and resources needed for long-term success.



Institutional Capacity Building and Engagement

While the WAFIRA II direct beneficiaries will be selected among Moroccan migrant workers working in France and Spain only, capacity-building workshops, study visits and regional forums will bring together government representatives and employer organisations from Morocco, Spain, France, Portugal, Mauritania, and Cabo Verde. These events aim to promote good practices, enhance understanding of Bilateral Labour Agreements (BLAs), and encourage greater employer involvement in reintegration. Study visits will showcase successful migration systems, while thematic forums will support knowledge exchange and practical solutions, with the topics to be jointly defined by the member countries.

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