

PARTNERSHIP

Veneto Lavoro (Lead Partner - IT)

Emilia-Romagna Region (IT)

Union of Veneto Chambers of Commerce - EIC (IT)

Department for Regional Affairs of Italian
Presidency Council (IT)

Obiettivo Lavoro s.p.a. (IT)

Hydea Consulting Ltd (HU)

Italian-Slovak Chamber of Commerce (SK)

Obiettivo Lavoro Slovakia s.r.o. (SK)

"John Paul II" Catholic University of Lublin (PL)

University of Thessaly, Department of Planning
and Regional Development (GR)

Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Poland (PL)

"Hope for the Future" Association (AL)

Regional Development Agency S.C. Plovdiv (BG)

Obiettivo Lavoro Romania s.r.l. (RO)



Project part-financed
by the European Union

**Update
and strengthen
existing migration
services**



Migravalue

Steering Economic and Social Cohesion
in the CADSES Space: Valuing Migration
as a Development Tool



Steering Economic and Social Cohesion
in the CADSES Space: Valuing Migration
as a Development Tool

Via Ca' Marcello, 67/B
I-30172 Venezia
phone +39 041 2919371-311
fax +39 041 2919312

2007

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

MIGRAVALUE, a project part-financed by the EU through the INTERREG IIB CADSES, aims at launching a model for the integrated management of migration as a key tool for the integrated economic and social development of host and origin regions.

It involves partners from EU as well as EU Neighbor countries, representing a broad network of public and private stakeholders, with relevant competences and complementary interests: local development, financial resources and guarantee funds, labor migration, home-origin country partnerships, welfare networks, including businesses and migrants. MIGRAVALUE intends to enhance the spatial cohesion of the involved regions by valuing the financial and human capital of migrants.



BACKGROUND AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Despite migration is recognized as key co-development factor, support services lack. Migrants' home investments rely on individual inventiveness or informal networks, while national social systems fail to deal with cross-border movements. In light of this, MIGRAVALUE has set up three general objectives:

1. Develop spatial development visions associated with migratory movements and with regional development strategies. Close cooperation between migration host and home countries to attain this goal shall improve cohesion within the EU and with border regions in the CADSES area, in accordance with the policy goals of cooperation and spatial integration.
2. Support investments in the migrants' origin countries by mobilizing migrants' resources to finance entrepreneurial initiatives, thus limiting negative brain-drain effects and promoting the circulation of the positive outcomes of migration, including knowledge of new organization and competition methods.
3. Promote trans-national actions for social inclusion in target regions: complement economic incentives and services with innovative welfare programs that can give adequate responses to the social protection needs of trans-national actors, and preserve social sustainability in target areas.

BENEFICIARIES

This project builds on the development opportunities brought about by migrants who voluntarily and legally leave their home country in seek of better opportunities abroad. It targets identified host and source communities, fostering a positive connection between origin and destination economies, authorities, development institutions and private actors to link migration policies with spatial integration opportunities.



ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In order to achieve the overall objectives starting from real socio-economic dynamics, MIGRAVALUE carries out the following actions:

WP1: analysis of background information and investigation on its 2 specific components:

1. exploiting the development potential of migrant remittances
2. balancing the social repercussions of trans-national population movements.

The twofold study results serve as a basis to define following.

WP 2: models for the collection and channeling of remittances into credit schemes, links between the schemes and the provisions of local development plans

WP 3: functioning of a guarantee fund for migrant entrepreneurial initiatives: models will merge into integrated operation plans

WP 4: schemes for returnee integration, models for active social support in areas with high emigration rates, trans-national welfare services and agreements.

Training sessions on both models will be delivered in traditional and distance learning ways.

WP 5: a communication plan and several public events will ensure dissemination and mainstreaming of results.

- A model for appropriate management of migrants' remittances
- Improved services for productive returns to the mutual benefit of host and source regions: integrated operational plans that link returns with local investments and bilateral trade relations and establish structural connections between entrepreneurship promotion services and the provisions of local development plans
- Creation of a trans-national guarantee fund to uphold enterprise creation patterns
- Improved capacity of authorities in new MS and EU neighbor countries to design and implement social protection measures, which will as well ease the social integration of returnees
- A trans-national welfare model to include:
 1. bilateral welfare agreements for persons who reside and work in both countries
 2. guidelines to allocate bilateral aid funds and migrant savings for social care and education schemes that contrast the adverse impact of heavy emigration flows, on the social stability of source areas.