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Introduction

The main objective of this report is the collection and analysis of the existing best practices and policies dealing with "return migration governance". In order to organise this collection, the methodological approach had been structured as follow:

Section 1: Return Programmes and Policies (at national level)
Section 2: Return Projects (at EU, national, regional, local level)

Current Practices Overview: projects and programmes

Section 1: Return Programme and Policies at national level

The first section is dedicated to a general overview of the programmes and policies adopted and implemented in the EU territories (with third country partnership) from 1999 to 2010, with a short overview of the most recent ongoing actions.

The aim of this section is to analyse the state of play of the cooperation among stakeholders and institutions in the field of circular migration, in order to evaluate what has been done and to learn from past experiences. Return is a multifaceted issue, encompassing several categories and gathering several legal conditions.

From each practice collected, some interesting findings can be transferred and taken into consideration for further development or projects. In particular, the attention should be paid to "methodology of involvement of public authorities" and to "alternative / innovative fund raising components".

List of programmes:
**Objective**
The general objective of the Project is to promote the participation of migrants to the social and economic development of their country of origin, starting from the local communities, through the establishment (direct or indirect) of productive activities. The specific objective is to create new business in the CO managed by Spanish migrants, or by returning physically or by a distance management through remittances targeted to local actors. The project will be targeted to: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay and foresees 5 components: 1) development of the network and dissemination; 2) entrepreneurship creation programme; 3) channelling of remittances towards productive activities; 4) organization of entrepreneurial networks; 5) implementation of a monitoring and evaluation programme.

**Partnership**

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**Legal Framework**
Spanish Government Funds

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**Strengths**
The great availability of money allocated (7 mlns euro). The strong political commitment and the signature of bilateral agreements.
### ITALY: MIDA Ghana - Senegal

| **Objective** | The objective of the MIDA project is to contribute to the socioeconomic development of Ghana and Senegal, through the identification and transfer of skills, financial, social and professional resources of the expatriates living in Italy and the promotion of partnerships between hosting and origin communities. More specifically, MIDA Ghana/Senegal supports Ghanaian and Senegalese expatriates living in Italy who are interested in promoting the economic and social development of their home country through the promotion of:

1. Co-development projects within the perspective of decentralized cooperation;
2. Business Development Services (BDS) to support the start up of small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) in the country of origin;
3. Innovative mechanisms for remittance transfer and microfinance. |
| **Partnership** | MIDA-Ghana/Senegal is a project promoted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and supported by the Italian Cooperation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). |
| **Legal Framework** | Italian Department for International Cooperation |
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E-mail: Midaitalia@iom.int |
| **Strengths** | It is a project specifically targeted on 2 countries and it counts on a solid financial availability. It foresees “business development courses” and “money and remittances transfer mechanisms”. Some concrete projects had been selected: 12 projects – 5 in Ghana and 7 in Senegal - which were each awarded funding from a minimum of € 9.063 to a maximum of € 30.000 (period: 2006 / 2007). |
## NURSE Return Migration

| **Objective** | Founded in 2005 as a joint endeavor between CGFNS International and the International Council of Nurses, the International Centre on Nurse Migration (ICNM) serves as a global resource for the development, promotion and dissemination of research, policy and information on global nurse migration. Vision: the International Centre on Nurse Migration occupies a key role in establishing dynamic, effective global and national migration policy and practice that facilitate safe patient care and positive practice environments for nurse migrants. Mission: to serve as a global resource for the development, promotion and dissemination of research, policy and information on nurse migration. Goals/Policy: the ethical recruitment and equitable treatment of migrating nurses is a fundamental principle of the International Centre on Nurse Migration. The goals are: to promote, collect, create and disseminate data and information on nurse migration; to act as a resource centre on nurse migration; to track trends and patterns of global healthcare workforce migration; to analyze current policy, generate policy options and advocate for sound policy concerning nurse migration; to promote, undertake and disseminate research on nurse migration, particularly concerning the migrant nurse workforce; to provide consultation and expert advice on nurse migration; to offer continuing education about migration. |
| **Legal Framework** | International Council of Nurses ([http://www.icn.ch/](http://www.icn.ch/)) |
| **Contacts** | Mailing Address - 3600 Market Street, Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 USA |
| | Phone: +1 215 243 5841 - Fax: +1 215 387 7497 – Email info_icnm@intlnursemigration.org |
| **Strengths** | It is targeted to a specific sector of high-skilled jobs. “circular and return migration”: nurses and medical staff can be critical to development and improving social-economic situations on the countries of origin. |
| **Objective** | The SENAMI (Secretaria Nacional del Migrante) is the responsible for the management of the Voluntary, Sustainable Return Plan (Plan de Retorno Voluntario, Digno y Sostenible) in Ecuador. This return plan does not necessarily imply the physical return of the migrants: it is also based on political, cultural and economic – including remittances and savings - participation of the Ecuadorian citizens living abroad, through bilateral activities. Going deep on economic return, the Plan also foresees the creation of a Migrant Bank, of a Network of Units for the support to the business plan creation and implementation and many other tools. Concerning the “physical return”, the plan foresees a “virtual platform”, a “support service from SENAMI offices” and a strong cooperation with the Ecuadorian Embassy. |
| **Partnership** | SENAMI (Secretaria Nacional del Migrante), Banco del Migrante |
| **Legal Framework** | Ecuador Government Funds |
| **Contacts** | [www.migranteecuatoriano.gov.ec](http://www.migranteecuatoriano.gov.ec) |
| **Strengths** | Italian SENAMI Office: Senami en Milán, Piazza Bottini No. 1 – zona Lambrate – Milán |

**Creation of the “Fondo Concursable EL CUCAYO”:** targeted to the Ecuadorian migrant willing to return in Ecuador for setting up a business, it foresees also counselling and support (financial and technical). The 25% is funded by SENAMI (not more than 15.000 euro for individual undertakings, not more than 50.000 euro for partnerships), while the other 75% by the migrant. |

[http://www.migranteecuatoriano.gov.ec/content/view/1370/211/](http://www.migranteecuatoriano.gov.ec/content/view/1370/211/)
### CZECH REPUBLIC: voluntary return plan

| **Objective** | With the Voluntary Return, the Czech Interior Ministry’s Programme offers assistance to foreigners willing to come back in their country of origin, by paying 500 € for the travel. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Prague is in charge of this programme. Over the past eleven months the ministry was ready to assist some 4,000 foreigners but much fewer people than expected applied. IOM in the Czech Republic operates the Assisted Voluntary Return Programme to facilitate the voluntary and orderly return of irregular migrants and asylum seekers who decide to withdraw their asylum claim to their country of origin, and to contribute towards the sustainability of their return. The project includes return counselling and information dissemination, pre-departure assistance, transit assistance, assistance upon arrival and reintegration assistance. IOM provides potential beneficiaries with information about the advantages of assisted voluntary return through information materials and outreach efforts, and assistance in arranging the voluntary return (obtaining travel documentation, purchasing travel tickets, departure, transit and arrival assistance). |
| **Partnership** | Czech Interior Ministry, International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Prague |
| **Legal Framework** | National Law |
| **Contacts** | IOM, Czech Republic Office, Dukelských hrdinů 692/35 - 170 00 Praha 7, Czech Republic. Tel: (+420) 233 37 01 60, (+420) 233 37 67 90. Fax: (+420) 233 38 22 59. email: prague@iom.int |
| **Strengths** | The first phase of the scheme, which lasted until July 2009, was fairly successful as nearly 2,000 people applied to return to their country of origin. |
### Objective

The **World Diaspora Fund** (WDF) has been launched at the headquarters of the International Organization for Migration, as an international cooperative of migrants involved in the development of their countries of origin.

The World Diaspora Fund is therefore intended to offer migrants a secure investment vehicle that will contribute to the development of their countries of origin. The WDF will **invest through loans, guarantees, or even taking stakes in microfinance institutions in the South**. The Fund will also participate in financing infrastructure identified by the migrants. The WDF will invest through guarantees, loans and equity in Microfinance institutions that are regulated and sustainable. It will also participate to the co-financing of infrastructures proposed by the migrants. The WDF is willing to offer to migrants a profitable and secure investment like most of the microfinance funds.

### Partnership

The creation of this Fund is an initiative of the Working Group of the International Migrants Remittances Observatory for Least Developed Countries (IMRO), in partnership with several public and private organizations. It’s also a part of the follow up of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference of LDCs on enhancing the impact of remittances on development, hosted in Cotonou (Benin) in February 2006 by the Government of the Republic of Benin, with support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Office of the United Nations High Representative for Least Developed Countries (UN-OHRLLS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Norway, Ireland and the World Bank.

### Legal Framework

The World Diaspora Fund is today a Swiss cooperative in which every migrant can be represented through the purchase of one CHF 100 share or more (5 shares per entity) or the equivalent in USD or EUR. The WDF will become an investment vehicle open to individuals, public and private investors for which the migrant cooperatives will be one of the main governance bodies.

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Tél. +229 21308297 info@oitfm.org  
Website: [http://www.oitfm.org/wdf](http://www.oitfm.org/wdf)

### Strengths

Although it is too early to assess the impact of the fund, its approach that remittances (especially collective remittances) are at the core of the initiative.
### AFFORD (African Foundation for Development)

| **Objective** | AFFORD concentrates on supporting the African diaspora in the UK to contribute to wealth and job creation in Africa. AFFORD was founded as a UK registered charity in 1994 by a group of Africans in the UK, in response to concerns, that despite the vast number of Africans in the UK who organize themselves and contribute to Africa's development, Africans were effectively marginalized from mainstream development activity directed towards Africa. AFFORD’s a mission to enhance and expand the capacity of Africans in the diaspora to contribute to Africa's development. By 2008 AFFORD has mobilized African diaspora communities/groups in the diaspora to invest their time, as well as their financial, intellectual, cultural, political and social capital to create/support small, micro & medium sized enterprises (SMMEs) that focus on providing employment opportunities for young people in DRC, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda. |
| **Partnership** | No official partnership, but several links with diaspora’s organizations and association and other stakeholders |
| **Legal Framework** | Private, diaspora-led initiative |
| **Contacts** | AFFORD - African Foundation for Development  
Castle Works, 21 St Georges Road - London SE1 6ES  
Tel : 020 7582 3578 - Fax : +44 (0)20 7587 3919 Email : afford@afford-uk.org  
Website : www.afford-uk.org |
| **Strengths** | The creation of a specific Funding Programme: **Supporting Entrepreneurs and Enterprise Development in Africa or SEEDA** is AFFORD’s flagship programme. SEEDA harness the resources of the African diaspora - skills, know-how and finance - to support small and medium-sized businesses in Africa. Since the first SEEDA mission to Sierra Leone in March 2006, four further missions have been undertaken, supported by Voluntary Services Overseas Diaspora Volunteering Initiative. So far 70 diaspora Resource Persons (RPs) have invested over £120,000 worth of their time and money, enagging with 800 plus businesses, assisting them with book-keeping, business planning, marketing, and even with opening bank accounts and securing capital. |
Section 2: Return Projects at EU, national, regional and local level

This section is dedicated to a general overview of the **concrete projects** adopted and implemented in the EU territories (with third country partnership) from 1999 to the present day.

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**Country of Return Information Project (CRI)**

**Objective**

Independent or voluntary return can be a valid option on condition that it is indeed the returnee’s own personal choice and that his safety and dignity are guaranteed. In order to make that decision, potential returnees must be well informed about their perspectives upon return. The Country of Return Information Project aims to do just this: helping people to decide whether they should stay or go. And if they choose to go, helping them with the preparations. And this by providing all the necessary information returnees need, focused on their personal situation. This programme only targets refugees and asylum seekers.

**Partnership**

- Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen (VwV) [www.vluchtelingenwerk.be](http://www.vluchtelingenwerk.be)
- Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati (CIR) [www.cir-ontlus.org](http://www.cir-ontlus.org)
- Caritas International Belgium (CIB)
- Coördination et Initiatives pour Réfugiés et Étrangers (CIRÉ) [www.cire.be](http://www.cire.be)
- Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) [http://www.roteskreuz.at](http://www.roteskreuz.at)
- Hungarian Helsinki Committee (HHC) [www.helsinki.hu](http://www.helsinki.hu)

**Legal Framework**

The Country of Return Information Project runs until the end of 2007 and is funded by the European Community. European Refugees Fund Community Action 2003.

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E Mail: return@vluchtelingenwerk.be  Website: [http://www.ecoi.net/](http://www.ecoi.net/)

**Strengths**

- Good level of analysis on how to collect information on return. Presence of a “training set for operators” (with a training platform online: [http://www.coi-training.net/content/](http://www.coi-training.net/content/)). Production of updated “country sheets”.

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IRRICO II is a project carried out by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) that aims to provide information for migrants considering returning back to their countries of origin. IRRiCO II provides information about return and reintegration possibilities in the countries that are highlighted in the world map above. Information is provided in the form of country sheets about health care, housing, education, employment, business opportunities, custom issues, and transportation. In addition, in each country of origin, a contact list is provided with the addresses of relevant organizations and service providers: hospitals, schools, universities, ministries, NGOs, etc. The IRRiCO II project provides information about 20 countries of origin (countries in orange). By clicking on the countries in light blue on the map, you can also find information about some other countries that IRRiCO II does not cover. This information comes from the CRI project (Country of Return Information), a similar project coordinated by the Flemish Refugee Council with the same target of migrants (refugees and asylum seekers).

Partnership
IOM Brussels Office

Legal Framework
European Refugees Fund

Contacts
Website: [http://irrico.belgium.iom.int/](http://irrico.belgium.iom.int/)

Strengths
## ZIRF: Information Centre for Voluntary Return

| **Objective** | Planning, co-ordination and networking for the promotion of voluntary return; Enhancement of the assistance counselling through the bundling of relevant information; Efficient use of available resources for the promotion of voluntary return.  
1. Initiation and assessment of project applications for the assistance in a voluntary return - also in co-operation with other institutions.  
2. Provision, accumulation, compilation and transfer of information for: information centres, public authorities responsible for foreigners, social welfare offices and other public authorities; other participating institutions (eg. IOM, AGEF, GTZ); carriers of non-government, non church affiliated welfare organisations; persons interested in voluntary return. |
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| **Partnership** | German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees Frankenstraße 210 90461 Nürnberg  
Information Centre for Voluntary Return – ZIRF Gerlinde Wachter Frankenstraße 210 90461 Nürnberg |
| **Legal Framework** | German National Funds |
| **Contacts** | Hotline: 0911/943-4333  
Fax: 0911/943-4899  
Email: zirf@bamf.de  
Website: www.zirf.eu |
| **Strength** | With the project ZIRF-Counselling, ZIRF offers individual counselling within the assisted voluntary return. Through ZIRF-Counselling, the following will be provided for:  
a) Country-specific information sheets for currently 29 countries of origin Information on: general situation, labour market, housing situation, health care, etc;  
b) Responses to inquiries of the prospective returnees that will be answered directly in their home country.  
Great database online with an huge amount of information and data concerning countries of origin. |
## Afghanistan

**Capacity building for return, reintegration and temporary migration of Afghan workers and their protection**

*May 2006 to June 2008*

The ILO has been working with the UNHCR since 2004 in its efforts to seek a durable and comprehensive solution to the problem of Afghan displacement. This technical cooperation project was a follow up to the research phase on the Afghan displaced population in Iran and Pakistan and returnees in Afghanistan. (provide links to the two reports) The immediate objectives of the project are: a) improve the capacity of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MoLSAMD), to develop temporary labour migration programmes for Afghan workers consistent with their protection; to formulate policies and programmes for sustainable reintegration of returnees in the Afghan labour market; and improve the policy, legislative and regulatory framework relating to labour migration. The project has assisted with the establishment of a unit to address labour migration issues in the MoLSAMD, reviewed the existing legislation relating to migration, conducted training seminars for tripartite partners, and organized a study tour to the Philippines for government officials.

**Contacts**

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**Strengths**

It foresees concrete support for returnees in country of origin.
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**ILO return projects: Africa**

**Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania**

**Description**

Technical assistance to better regulate migratory flows from Senegal, Mauritania and Mali to Spain

*November 2006 - June 2007*

The ILO has recently started the implementation of a project covering Senegal, Mauritania and Mali also designed to support efforts to maximise social and economic benefits of migration for the region of the Sahel, for Spain, and for migrant workers, in line with the principles of equality and non discrimination. This project is kindly supported by the Government of Spain and will be carried out in close cooperation with vocational training and labour administration institutions in the countries of origin and with Spanish authorities, with a view to support orderly migration toward Spain and maximise the development benefits of migration for both countries of origin and destination. The Rabat Plan of action suggest that measures are put in place to "guarantee that sufficient skills are available for the development of African countries" and to strengthen the cooperation in terms of professional training. In line with this suggestion, this project focus on facilitating matching of labour market supply and demand for migrant workers and on enhancing the employability of selected migrant workers through support to vocational training institutions and improvement of training and employment services in countries of origin. This project will therefore contribute to match the Spanish enterprises demand for migrant workers through temporary migration schemes in full respect with migrant workers rights and at the same time promote means to effectively reintegrate migrant into the national labour market upon return.

**Contacts**

Ms. Gloria Moreno Fontes, Migration Specialist, ILO MIGRANT, Tel: +41.22.799.78.54, E-mail: mfontes@ilo.org or M. Federico Barroeta, Project Coordinator, ILO Sub-Regional Office for the Sahel, Dakar, Tel: +221.338.24.98.11, E-mail: barroeta@ilo.org.

**Strengths**

It deals not only with refugees and asylum seekers, but also with regular migrants by promoting the brain gain and to favour productive return.
### Objective
The ‘Return for Qualified Afghans’ programme (EU-RQA), co-funded by the European Commission, offered comprehensive assistance packages to qualified and highly qualified Afghans residing in the EU who wished to return to their home country to work in the public and private sectors. The EU-RQA programme focused on the development of critical sectors in Afghanistan including: private businesses that provide goods and services in the domestic market, civil and social services, public infrastructure, and rural development. The EU-RQA programme ended in June 2005. It facilitated the return of 150 qualified and skilled Afghans (14 female and 136 male) to Afghanistan to take up assignments according to their professional backgrounds. The programme is regretfully no longer able to place further candidates.

### Partnership
- IOM (International Organization for Migration)
- Afghan Interim Administration, Afghan Assistance Coordination Authority

### Legal Framework
- European Union Fund for Refugees 2003

### Contacts
For further information, please contact the coordination office in Brussels at the following phone number: +32-2-282 45 74, or write to MRFBrusselsRQA@iom.int

### Strengths
Skilled returnees may have a greater potential from a developmental perspective
**Objective**

Support the Ministry of Manpower and Emigration, in particular the Emigration and Egyptians Abroad Sector (EEAS), in managing regular migration flows from Egypt. Create a database accessible via website that would allow job matches to be made between Egyptian jobseekers and prospective employers abroad. Strengthen the ties between the Egyptians abroad and their homeland. This project consists of two phases:

**IMIS and IMS Plus.** IMIS started in June 2001 and ended in December 2005, while IMIS Plus started in February 2008 and will end in January 2010. IMIS covered the setting up of the website ([www.emigration.gov.eg](http://www.emigration.gov.eg)) and data centre, as well as strengthening the skills of the MME in language, information technology, management and research. The website was launched in October 2009, with IOM Rome carrying out seminars to inform Italian entrepreneurs on the availability of a system for identifying workers. IMIS Plus fine-tunes the integrated information system set up in Phase I in addition to strengthening socio-economic ties with Egyptians abroad and promoting the more effective management of Egyptian labour migration. It focuses on the practical application of the system by facilitating the insertion of Egyptian migrant workers in the Italian labour market and by providing appropriate information on investments for promoting the transfer in remittances. The Italian case study will be used as an example to be applied to other Egyptian migration receiving countries.

**Partnership**

Ministry of Manpower and Emigration, in particular the Emigration and Egyptians Abroad Sector (EEAS), IOM (International Organization for Migration), Italian Government

**Legal Framework**

Italian Cooperation Office Fund 1.605.659.22 € [donor]

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**Strengths**

"The project was an overall success. Both the Ministry of Manpower and Emigration and the donor agreed on the success of the project and commit to extend the activities to Phase II (IMIS Plus). From the database, several lists of workers in different sectors were extracted to fulfill the needs of other pilot projects. Phase II will fill the gaps of the original project and will make the system even more comprehensive."
## Objective

Mig-resources, short for "Migration and Return, Resources for Development" is an IOM programme that focuses on Moroccan migrants as potential agents of development. It aims to create favourable conditions in Italy and Morocco for expatriates to invest at home, either through temporary or permanent return programmes, targeted investments of remittances or through the creation of a trans-national network of firms, migrants' associations and public administrations in both countries. Knowing that the average Moroccan migrant leaves his country with good qualifications which are rarely employed in Italy at a level proportionate to his skills, the project aims to reverse this by favouring better social and professional integration in Italy. It also encourages effective socio-economic development of Morocco through the targeted investment of migrants' remittances, the improvement of social and technological transfers, and the return of migrants.

## Partnership

Carried out by IOM's Rome office, in cooperation with the Italian research and training institute Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione Febbraio '74 (CERFE), the Rabat-based Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Démographiques (CERED) and the Hassan II Foundation for Moroccans Residing Abroad,

## Legal Framework

The project is financed by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs – Italian Cooperation.

## Contacts

International Organization for Migration, MRF Rome Via Nomentana 62, 00161 Rome Italy. E Mail: MRFRome@iom.it

## Strengths

Training and appropriate job placements in Italy for potential Moroccans who plan to go abroad. Assessment of and guidance on projects (whether investments, small businesses, or not-for-profit cooperation) for Moroccan migrants who plan to return, and assistance in carrying them out. Networking with representatives from the political, institutional, social and economic sectors of Morocco and Italy. Access to a database on integration opportunities in Italy and professional opportunities for migrants who return.
Objective

General: to contribute to the development and strengthening of entrepreneurship in the programme countries by assisting (starting) migrant entrepreneurs, currently living in the Netherlands, who wish to set up a business in their country of origin, through training, counselling, facilitation of a market research and mediation to obtain bank financing.

Specific: to select clients on the basis of entrepreneurial attitude and characteristics, as well as potential for success of their business idea; to provide training, counselling and advice so that they can carry out a thorough market research and draw up a reliable business plan; to act as an intermediary towards banks and other financial institutions, so that those entrepreneurs, who need and can afford a bank loan, are able to get it; to provide complementary financial services in particular guarantees when the entrepreneur has insufficient collateral or other bank securities; to provide follow-up business advisory services during the first the start up phases; to draw lessons learned to serve as a basis for further policy development in the area of enterprising across borders.

Partnership

DOEN Foundation, HIVOS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dutch Govt., Afghanistan, Ghana, Morocco, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, Turkey

Legal Framework

Dutch Government Funding and Donors

Contacts

Website: http://www.intent.eu

Strengths

Starting a business in another country is not easy. Years of experience have shown IntEnt that financing your business can be difficult. That's why IntEnt has its Friends & Family Fund (FFF). With the FFF entrepreneurs can get their seed capital easier. They do this together with Friends, Family and the IntEnt Guarantee Fund.

By the end of 2003 more than 3600 persons approached IntEnt for information. Around 900 afterwards registered as clients of whom almost 800 were admitted. Most of these were from Surinam, followed by Ghana, Morocco, Dutch Antilles and Turkey.

The project gives way to the creation of a “business activity” still active (2010, see the website).
## Objective

The main objective of the MIREM project resolves around a more in-depth consideration of the challenges linked to return migration as well as its impact on development. Analyses and user-friendly tools are provided to understand further the impact of return migration on the Maghreb countries. These are aimed at identifying the factors inherent in the returnees’ migratory experience, as well as those that are external to it, which shape their patterns of reintegration, as well as their opportunities to participate in the development of the Maghreb countries (Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia). The dissemination of the MIREM outcomes among migration and development stakeholders in the EU and the Maghreb is also a key objective designed to facilitate a constructive dialogue, through the concrete exploitation of the produced data.

## Partnership

MIREM project’s coordination unit works at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute. Its main purpose is the organisation of the research activities of the project. The Coordination Unit is also the basis for the research done by all the institutional partners who participate in the project framework, in:

**Algeria:** Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement (CREAD, Algiers). Responsible for MIREM project: Mr. Mohamed Saib MUSSETTE

**Morocco:** Association Marocaine d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Migrations (AMERM, Rabat). Responsible for MIREM project: Mr. Mohamed KHACHANI. Institut National de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (INSEA, Rabat). Responsible for MIREM project: Mr. Mehdi LAHLOU

**Tunisia:** Office des Tunisiens à l'Etranger (OTE, Tunis). Responsible for MIREM project: Mrs. Raja CHAIEB, Mr. Abderrazak BEL HAJ ZEKRI

## Legal Framework

EU funding (European Commission and European University Institute)

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## Strength

This is probably the most significant “resource center” in the field of return migration
REMADE Project

**Objective**
The REMADE project is "a European Union co-funded project that will last for three years to December 2011 - is taking place in the UK, Netherlands and Ghana. It is a project that works with people who are serious about business. The REMADE project is an initiative that works with those people who are serious and ready to start their business in Ghana; who have a good portion of their capital - at least 50% - and are looking for one to one assistance to bring their vision into reality. The project also focuses on the importance of having a strong business plan. People are often very excited about bringing the business to life and do not take the time to plan - which can help identify and safeguard against potential pitfalls or help recognise alternative beneficial ways of doing things. Starting anything new is made easier with knowledge and support and that is why the REMADE project is invaluable to those who live outside Ghana or the African Diaspora who seriously want to start a business in Ghana.

**Partnership**
AFFORD (UK), IntEnt (Netherlands), EMPRETEC, Ghana leading entrepreneur support agency, Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC)

**Legal Framework**
European Union Co-funded Project

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**Strength**
Creation of "business advisors", with an office in Ghana. Creation of a Business Club which, for a nominal annual amount, will: provide worthwhile networking opportunities, 15% discount on annual subscription to African Business Magazine plus a 1 year free subscription to African Banker Magazine, talks from leading business people, discussion forums, online networking group.
## ALBAMAR Project

### Objective

ALBAMAR (integrated support towards returning migrants in Albania and Morocco) project targets Moroccan and Albanian migrants, forcibly of voluntarily repatriated to their countries of origin. ALBAMAR aims at the definition and implementation of a sustainable programme of integrated support to return and reintegration, taking into account the complexity of the issues at stake (from psycho-social counselling, to support in economical development). Support will be furnished by way of a pre-departure and post-arrival phase through a process of social and work reintegration. In Albania and Morocco assistance centers will be created to facilitate their reintegration. The project will be implemented in the towns of Turin and Milan in Italy, and the regions of origin of the Moroccan and Albanian communities there, namely the provinces of Khouribga and Beni Mellal, respectively in the region of Chaouia-Ouardigha and Tadla-Asilal, in Morocco and the provinces of Tirana and Shkodra in Albania. The project addresses the following target groups: Returning migrants repatriated from Italy to Morocco and Albania, contacted in the prisons of Turin and Milan (Italy); Albanian and Moroccan migrants in Italy highly exposed to social exclusion, contacted in shelters and care centers in Turin and Milan (Italy); Albanians and Moroccans returned migrants, contacted in their country of origin; Young people at risk of illegal migration in Albania and Morocco, involved in social and cultural activities in their own countries.

### Partnership


### Legal Framework

EU Funds

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| **Strengths** | Four centres will be opened to provide a variety of services to the returnees. Each centre will provide the following services: psychological counselling, job seeking support, business start-up support, legal counselling, professional training. In Albania the capacity of the NGO already providing similar services (Hope for the Future) will be reinforced in Tirana and a new centre will be opened in Shkodra. In Morocco the centres will be managed in collaboration with the association AFVIC. One centre will be created in Khouibga (Chaouia-Ouardigha region) and the other in Beni-Mellal (Tadla-Azilal region). Returnees' assisted by the centres through placement in the job market (6 months stages), support in business creation (providing access to microcredit services), psychological support, legal counselling and the involvement in social activities. |
### Strengthening of the Social Capital in Senegal

| **Objective** | The project, implemented by COOPI, CeSPI and CISAO and partially co-financed by the EU, intends to strengthen the Social Capital in Senegal by favouring the creation of a net (migrants in destination and origin countries) with the aim of reinforcing their knowledge and skills and of supporting activities and projects (both social and economic) focused on the development of villages and cities in CO. The project will enable the activation of contacts between Italian and Senegalese entrepreneurs and will improve the opportunities to set up a business. From the other side, it is planned to strengthen the role of migrants as “development agent“ for the COs. The project will offer: a) free of charges counselling for economic and social planning; b) co funding, through EU resources, of entrepreneurial projects in Senegal thanks to the activation of a guarantee fund; c) contribution to entrepreneurs who are willing to attend the fairs in Dakar and Monza; d) mobilization of resources of the subjects residing in COs; e) dissemination, information and knowledge sharing activities. |
| **Partnership** | COOPI, CeSPI and CISAO |
| **Legal Framework** | EU cofinancing |
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| **Strengths** | A call for proposal had been launched. A guarantee fund (with European Commission resources) had been created. |
### Strengthening Moldova’s Capacity to Manage Labor and Return Migration

#### Objective
- Promote legal mobility between Moldova and EU;
- Provide correct information about migration procedures and opportunities;
- Inform about the risks of illegal migration;
- Provide both pre-departure trainings and programs for returnees in order to match their expertise and experience with international and national labor market demand.

#### Partnership

**Governmental Institutions:** Ministry of Economy and Trade, National Employment Agency of Moldova, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Reintegration

**National Stakeholders:** Trade Unions, The National Confederation for Trade Union in Moldova, The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry (FNPAIA), National Confederation of Trade Unions of Moldova

**International Stakeholders:** Bulgaria (Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and Ministry of Interior), Cyprus (Department of Labour of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance), Czech Republic (Ministry of Interior), Greece (Ministry of Interior), Germany (Federal Office for Migration and Refugees and German Federal Ministry of Interior and Centre for international Migration and Development (CIM) - German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), Hungary (The Office of Immigration and Nationality, National Employment and Social Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement), Italy (Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Policies), Lithuania (Lithuanian Labour Exchange), Poland (Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Interior and Administration), Romania (Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities, National Agency for Employment), Slovakia (Ministry of Interior), Sweden (Ministry of Justice)

**International organizations:** European Training Foundation (ETF), Hivab International, International Labor Migration, International Organization for Migration, United Nations Development Fund for Women

#### Legal Framework
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## DEVINPRO Project

### Objective

**Brief description of the initiative:**

The project aims to directly support migrants to meet their migration-related objectives, specifically related to the accumulation of savings and investment capital. This will include facilitation of networking between communities in countries of origin, migrant communities in host countries, and financial intermediaries. It also aims at maximizing the development aspect of migration, and improve migrant capacities in financial, social, and human capital. This will be achieved through improving investment returns, encouraging entrepreneurship, and creating employment in Moldova.

**Main objectives:**

The overall goal of DEVINPRO is to support and leverage the positive impacts of migration vis-à-vis sustainable development.

**Main activities:**

Activities include market research on the group of migrants as ‘clients’.

The project will develop and test a variety of options for transfer of remittances, including but not limited to micro-credit, small loans for housing, health insurance, mutual investment funds, pension and child education savings schemes.

**Main beneficiaries:**

the key beneficiary groups (or target groups) of DEVINPRO include: Potential migrants; Circular migrants; Long-term and returning migrants, including Diaspora; Dependents and Entrepreneurs in place of origin.

### Partnership

Centre of Sociological, Politological, and Psychological Analysis and Investigations (CIVIS), International Agency for Source Country Information (IASCI)

### Legal Framework

Donors: JMDI, European Union (for 2009). IFAD (for 2008)

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