



- Project:** Strengthening the development potential of the EU Mobility Partnership in Georgia through targeted circular migration and Diaspora mobilization.
- Date:** 2013-2016.
- Location:** Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Implementer:** Centre for International Migration and Development (Joint operation of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and German Federal Employment Agency).
- Partners:** Public Service Development Agency (Ministry of Justice of Georgia), Georgian Small & Medium Enterprises Association (GSMEA).
- Donor:** European Union, contribution of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Main objective:

Strengthening Georgia's capacities to harness the development potential of its Mobility Partnership (MP) to benefit migrants, country of origin and country of destination, thereby identifying guidelines and good practices for replication for other EU MPs.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- Building the capacity of Georgian policy makers, and the State Commission on Migration Issues (SCMI) hosted by the Georgian Ministry of Justice (GMJ), to apply a development-oriented and migrant-centred approach, fostering well-managed knowledge, economic and social transfers of migrants and preventing brain drain;
- Testing a pilot scheme on skilled circular migration that matches Georgia's and Germany's needs through offering employment / continued education opportunities in Germany as well as offering reintegration arrangements to 40 Georgian professionals of the nursing and hospitality sector;
- Mobilizing Diaspora for return, employment and start-ups, through encouraging 45 returning experts trained in Germany to return to Georgia, 10 of whom set up small & medium enterprises;
- Identifying best-practices and guidelines for replication of the action.

Accomplishments

- Expert advice to the Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues;
- Support of the development of the pilot circular migration scheme and related implementation strategy;

- Support of regional exchange and exploration of cooperation opportunities on labour migration management in relation to EU Mobility Partnerships;
- Bi- and multilateral exchange with Georgian / international / regional governmental and non-governmental stakeholders;
- Competence & matching analysis in the respective tourism and nursing sectors has been made by local and international consultants, focusing on determining labor market needs in Georgia and Germany, matching of Georgians' educational level with German employers' demand and identifying corresponding preparatory training needs (language, professional skills, intercultural orientation), identifying labor market reintegration opportunities upon return: matching of returnee's enhanced qualification profiles with Georgian labor market opportunities and corresponding training needs and opportunities while abroad;
- Preparation of the selection of candidates for the circular migration scheme;
- Diaspora Mobilization;
- Returning Experts;
- Information and job placement on individual level;
- 13 returning migrants mediated into positions relevant to German development cooperation;
- Provision of salary top-up;
- Workplace equipment provided in 3 cases;
- Networking event conducted in Tbilisi;
- Returning Entrepreneurs;
- 2 start-up seminars for 20 participants in total organized in Germany (September, November 2013) & individual counselling for founders (4 persons being counselled at the moment).