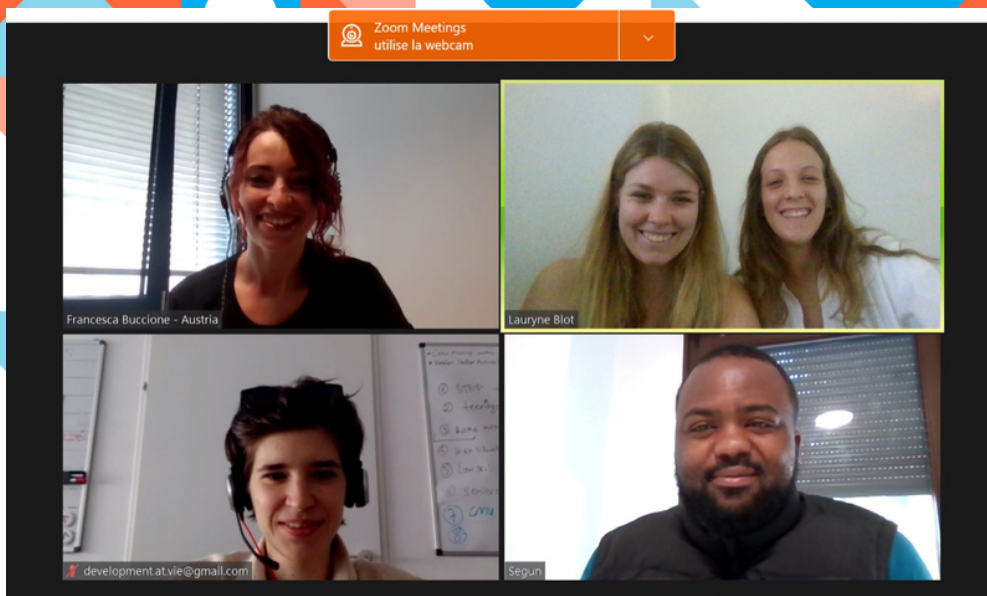


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Formation of migrants in the entrepreneurial reality

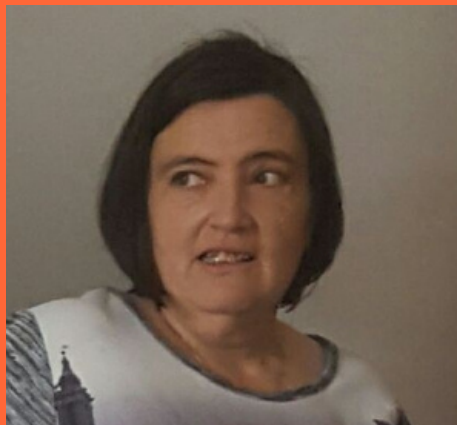


THE FIRST ACTIVITY OF THE PROJECT: Entrepreneurial Guidebook

The FORMER project - Formation of Migrants in the Entrepreneurial Reality project, supported by the ES National Agency under the Erasmus+ Program, is a project that aims to increase the self-employment of immigrants in five partner countries: Spain, Turkey, Germany, and Austria. Supporting migrants' employment is important, as it increases their socio-economic status, which is crucial for their integration and for the stability of the European Union itself. Utilizing migrant entrepreneurs' untapped potential may be a powerful engine for economic progress, which is even more necessary after the Covid crisis.

Since the first online kick-off meeting, which took place on Friday, 3rd of June 2022, we have fulfilled task one. In our first task, all five partners conducted research on the obstacles faced by immigrants when seeking self-employment and the requirements they must fulfill in the host country to start their businesses. Since the further success of newly formed companies also depends on the success of creating networks and connections with others, we devoted the third part of the research to the business cultures of each partner. In this part, we provided a list of forums on which entrepreneurs can communicate, exchange ideas, and establish relations. Each partner has also developed a report which is about 5-6 pages long, in the local language and English.

This project does not only provide space for further collaboration among the four partner countries and their partners (GRIO, IKIGAI, IGEA, LLD, and VAEV). It also provides an example of how to approach future challenges related to migration, especially integrating young and capable migrants into the labor market.



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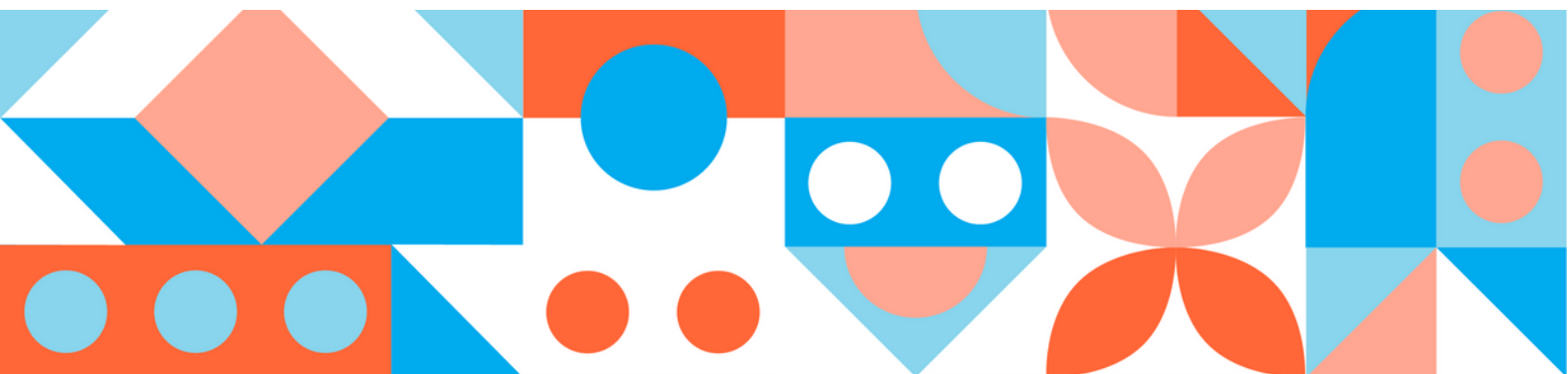
ABILITY OF IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN ANOTHER COUNTRY: SPAIN

Due to its geographical position, Spain has always been among the favorite migration destinations. According to official data, foreign workers make up close to 15% of the country's labor force. However, starting a new business might not be easy.

To start your enterprise, the entrepreneur must submit an extensive business plan, in which they must persuade the reader that the new business is a wise investment. In the business plan, the applicant must describe their aspirations and goals of the company, management of the operating plan and organizational financing, benefits and features of the new business, and marketing and sales strategy. Additionally, they must explain how their business idea benefits the Spanish economy. Despite the efforts put into the development of the business plan, very few projects are approved in this route because starting a simple company is insufficient. Also, the process is highly dependent on the applicant's country of origin.

To become self-employed or Autonomo in Spain, non-EU/EFTA nationals must first apply for a visa to enter Spain. The application must be done in the Economic & Commercial Office of the Spanish Embassy in the country of one's origin. When applying for a visa, the applicant must submit a business plan, health insurance, a copy of their passport, proof of sufficient resources, and a background check. The visa is usually processed in 10 days. If you are a migrant and you have been living in Spain long enough to gain residency, you can apply for permission to start your setup directly in the Large Businesses and Strategic Sector. Just like in an application for a visa you need to submit an extensive business plan and other aforementioned documents. Compared to the visa, the application through the residency takes 10 additional days.

Although the procedure looks complicated and exhausting, it is important to point out that knowledge of both Spanish and English is a great advantage. But in case of migrants do not speak Spanish, they can attend Spanish courses intended for adult migrants that are offered both at the national and regional levels.



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