



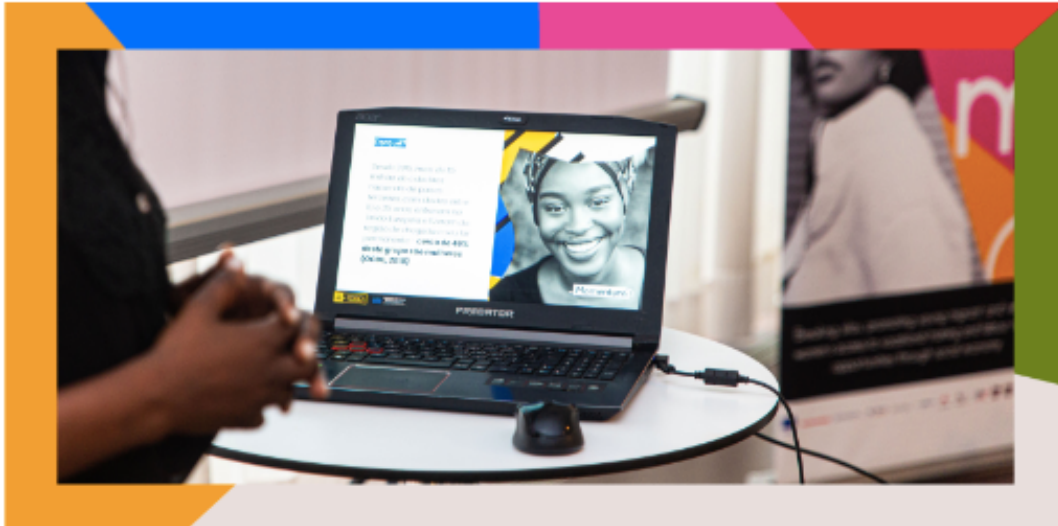
Collaboration is not just a buzzword; it holds the key to unlocking our collective potential and changing the world. When we come together, harnessing our diverse talents and perspectives, we have the power to create extraordinary impact, inspire meaningful change, and build a future that is brighter and more inclusive for all. In this newsletter, we explore how the Momentum project puts this into practice.

Momentum in Action: Making Strides Toward Change

Collaboration has emerged as the driving force behind transformative outcomes in our ever-evolving world. The Momentum project has embarked on a remarkable journey, achieving significant milestones across five participating countries. Through the invaluable contributions of diverse stakeholders in 25 workshops, our collective focus has centered on the vital integration of migrant and refugee women into the workforce. These collaborative efforts have yielded the development of the Integrated Collaboration Framework, a powerful tool specifically designed to address the unique challenges faced by women aged 18-35 in accessing vocational training and employment opportunities. To learn more about the process and outcomes, [download our second factsheet here](#).

Now, the Momentum project is taking action and putting the collaborative work into motion with the support of engaged local ecosystems. Inspiring women from different backgrounds are actively participating in tailored training programs that focus on the Social Economy sector and local language courses. With mentors providing guidance based on their own integration experiences, these women receive crucial support to enter the labor market. Employment counseling services further enhance their journey toward meaningful employment. Additionally, forging connections with employers in the Social Economy sector creates tangible job opportunities for these women. In the months ahead, the Momentum project remains steadfast in its commitment to working closely with women and stakeholders. Together, we will continue to facilitate their integration into the labor market and inform national and EU policies.

Don't miss an update



Embark on a transformative journey through Spain, Italy, Hungary, Greece, and Portugal, where collaboration is the driving force behind the positive change for Third-Country National (TCN) women. Our latest blog post unveils the comprehensive training programs, vibrant activities, and personalized support available in each region, empowering these women on their path to integration and entrepreneurship. [Don't miss an update, read our blog today!](#)

Uniting For Change: MOMENTUM Project Gathers in Padua



We are thrilled to share the highlights of the third international meeting of the MOMENTUM project, held in the enchanting city of Padua from May 15th to May 16th, 2023. This significant event, hosted by Irecoop Veneto in collaboration with Veneto Lavoro, brought together project partners to assess the progress made and exchange best practices for the upcoming Piloting phase. With a focus on providing vocational training and labor market opportunities for young migrant and refugee women, the meeting served as a platform to address challenges, tailor activities to their specific needs, and plan strategies for enhanced professional orientation and skill development. The success of this gathering sets the stage for the project's final meeting in Athens, where the MOMENTUM project's achievements will be celebrated and shared at the Final European Conference. Stay tuned for more updates on this transformative journey! [Read more.](#)

Community Activities Across Regions



SPAIN: In Spain, the Momentum project organized two community activities. The first event included roundtable discussions with migrant women who have established themselves in Cantabria and are involved in entrepreneurial projects. The second event showcased various female entrepreneurship projects, ranging from party organization to beauty decorations, soap handicrafts, sewing, and weaving. The activities also featured a musical performance and fostered cultural exchange among the attendees.

ITALY: Italy organized three community events to involve a significant number of women. The first event, held at the headquarters of 'Nuovi Orizzonti,' provided an opportunity for women to understand the proposed course. The second event took place at the city's employment center, fostering dialogue with women in contact with third-sector organizations. The third event familiarized women with the venue where the course would be held, creating a sense of connection and comfort.



HUNGARY: Hungary hosted two community events in partnership with Menedék and MIRA, local organizations for migrants. The Beauty and Community Lounge event featured professional makeup artists, henna artists, and hairdressers with migrant backgrounds, many of whom had already started their own businesses. The second event invited women from various backgrounds to share their culture through costumes, food, songs, poems, and languages, creating a vibrant exchange of experiences and traditions.

GREECE: In Greece, the Momentum project celebrated International Women's Day with inspiring speeches and creative activities to engage and inform women about the project. On March 17th, a major community activity took place, offering jewelry-making and knitting workshops. Women had the opportunity to learn from experienced Greek jewelry makers and share their knitting skills, fostering collaboration and creating handmade products. The activities were held at ActionAid's community center in Athens, promoting a sense of empowerment and cultural exchange.

PORTUGAL: In Portugal, Impact Hub Lisbon organized a community event to celebrate diversity and provide a welcoming environment for migrant and refugee women. The event featured informative sessions, including partners sharing their expertise and experiences. It also included a Bollywood workshop, a shared lunch, and a performance by an Oriental Arab singer. The event showcased the empowerment program scheduled to begin in July, generating enthusiasm among participants and reinforcing the commitment to support and empower migrant and refugee women in creating an inclusive society.

What's next for the Momentum?

Discover what's on the horizon for the Momentum project: Vocational training in Social Economy, a policy meeting in Brussels, transferability activities, and the grand finale in Athens! Join us on this transformative journey of training, support, and collaboration, as we empower migrant and refugee women for a better tomorrow. Stay tuned for thrilling updates and witness the impact of our collective efforts!



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