

# Momentum

## That's a wrap!

Dear Momentum Community,

As we stand at the crossroads of reflection and accomplishment, it is with great excitement and pride that we share the culmination of our collective efforts in the project that has shaped the past two years of our journey together.

Before we dive into the numbers and intricacies, we invite you to watch the below video which captures the essence of our journey. Brace yourselves for a celebration of collaboration, innovation, and empowerment!



### Final Momentum event in Athens

On December 11th, Momentum concluded its final international event in Athens. The one-day EU Conference brought together public authorities, employment service providers, CSOs dedicated to refugee and migrant integration, and enterprises. Participants heard firsthand experiences from migrant and refugee women and actively contributed to the project's final policy recommendations. The last partner meeting focused on project outcomes for joint long-term sustainability actions.

### Our collective impact in numbers

Here's a snapshot of our achievements over the past two years:

- **5 Territories:** Our influence transcends borders, reaching far and wide.
- **11 Partners:** A testament to the strength of collaboration and unity.
- **133 Women in training:** Empowering and uplifting, one woman at a time.
- **35 Multi-stakeholder participatory labs:** Fostering dialogue and innovation on multiple fronts.
- **106 Stakeholders joined:** A community united in purpose and dedication.
- **65 Public authorities involved:** 15 in Italy, 8 in Greece, 5 in Spain, 2 in Portugal, and 8 in Hungary, contributing to the success of our activities.

## Budapest



### Momentum Project Networking Day

Our stories, struggles, and wins have woven a beautiful tapestry of inspiration.

From diverse backgrounds, each with unique experiences and challenges, today we stand united by our shared determination to make the world a better place. The Momentum Project has given us the purpose to thrive. Personally, it has opened my eyes to the richness that diversity brings and the strength that unity provides.

Momentum Project is an EU funded Project, with a gender-sensitive approach, collaborates across Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Hungary. Over 24 transformative months, from January 2022 to December 2023, the program delivers vocational training, language courses, employment counseling, and mentoring – shaping destinies holistically.

Cheers to breaking barriers, creating change, and empowering dreams!

***It has instilled in me the belief that every challenge is an opportunity, every barrier is a chance to build a bridge, and every setback is a step forward." Tayyeb beautifully captures our collective experience.***

## Lisbon



### Momentum Connecting the TNC women with potential employers

Through the MOMENTUM Project, we've discovered the transformative power of uniting individuals seeking support with those eager to contribute to the evolution of society into a more inclusive and diverse environment. We've found that by convening people from diverse backgrounds and disciplines, remarkable synergies can emerge, leading to impacts of a truly transformative magnitude.

During different moments of the project we created connections with the social economy, organizations, potential employers and finally employment platforms who create space for initiatives that work hard to have a positive impact.

Furthermore, we have organized a dedicated moment where our beneficiaries could connect with potential employers and it is to be noted that besides the great time of sharing, the outcomes include applications for jobs and connections for future opportunities.

As we conclude the program, we take immense pride in witnessing the participants reclaim their confidence and emerge as empowered individuals, particularly empowered women. Among them, some have embarked on the journey of entrepreneurship, while others are pioneering innovative digital solutions for migrant integration. Importantly, over a third of the participants have successfully secured employment, reflecting the program's tangible impact on lives and communities.



### Momentum Graduation Ceremony

Celebrating Momentum's participants, their talents, and their accomplishments.

A moment of joy and bond that reflects the family created during the last 2 years of the project. We have no doubt that the MOMENTUM Project changed lives and that the connections and friendships will last. Moreover will continue as well as well our purpose to continue the work of connecting the local ecosystem to breaking barriers and empowering women.



**Words by Anabell Mora Acevedo**

Venezuelan living in Lisbon, 32 yrs.

**"MOMENTUM has been a very enriching experience from different perspectives: as a human being, as a woman and as a migrant.**

Firstly, it allowed me to connect, get to know, hear, and to a certain point even get a feeling of how it was to live in the skin of other people who have had such diverse experiences. Our group was so diverse, immersed with people from countries so different from mine, with such varied cultures, languages, beliefs and experiences, yet despite our differences, we all shared the same needs. Our humanity connected us, no matter where we come from or where we are today.

Secondly, as a woman, it made me reconnect with my feminist nature, it empowered me, and brought to life my sense of sorority. When women unite and align our full potential, we create a sisterhood that makes us experience a genuine desire for each other to achieve our goals and dreams.

Finally, as a migrant, it has been an experience to remember that we are much more than people who crossed a border. We are people with dreams, ambitions, talents, professions, ideas and that, regardless of the new land we are in, we can connect with it, contribute and deploy our whole being.

## Spain



### **MOMENTUM graduation ceremony and workshop**

As the MOMENTUM project draws to a close, it's time to applaud the unwavering dedication of its participants.

Gathered at a multi-day event in Santander, the diverse stakeholders of the project converged—women, the driving force behind it, alongside social economy enterprises, the public sector, VET providers, and policymakers.

We delved into the personal experiences of women through an emotionally charged roundtable discussion, explored the future expectations of the social economy with sector entrepreneurs, and pondered the trajectory of projects like MOMENTUM and the associated policy needs.

The success of projects like MOMENTUM is indebted to those who have treaded the same path over the past two years—a period marked by profound learning, dismantling barriers, eradicating prejudices, forging networks, and cultivating secure environments.

Heartfelt congratulations to each one of you for contributing to the creation of a better world!

## Italy



**Our MOMENTUM: Authorities, stakeholders, and professional gathered in the Policy and Transferable Workshop in Venice, Italy**

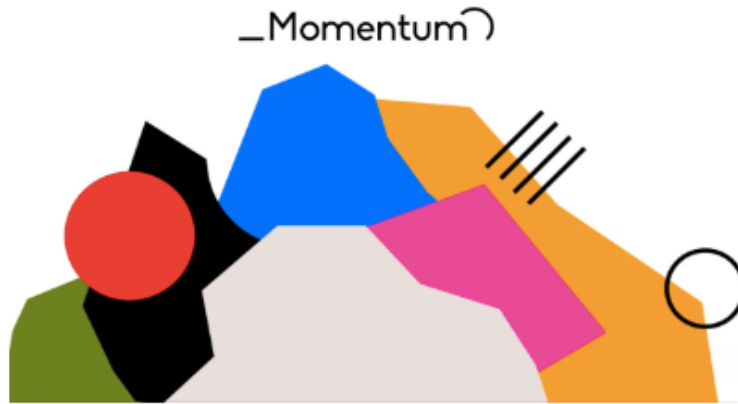
Veneto Lavoro hosted the Policy and Transferability Workshop, a pivotal event in the AMIF MOMENTUM project bridging two years of collaboration with the Veneto region's socio-economic eco-system. This gathering united authorities, stakeholders, and professionals dedicated to immigrant integration, focusing on the socio-occupational challenges faced by migrant women.

**Key discussions highlighted:**

- Strengthening local multi-stakeholder cooperation for flexible training pathways.
- Enhancing awareness of women workers' rights.
- Involving businesses in creating discrimination-free workplaces.
- Empowering intercultural trainers for local workforce needs and the target group.

Findings and the Integrated Collaboration Framework are accessible on [Veneto Lavoro's institutional website](#). The upcoming weeks will unveil recommendations from Policy Workshops held across regions. [Read the full article for more insights](#)

Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible experience. Your dedication, passion, and collaboration have been the driving forces behind our success.



As we wrap up this chapter, let's not forget that our journey doesn't end here. The impact we've made and the connections we've forged lay the groundwork for even greater accomplishments. Stay tuned for what lies ahead as we continue to build momentum towards a future where empowerment knows no bounds.

Warm Regards,  
The Momentum team



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