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THE BUZZ

Protecting children in the context of current migration to Europe

In September 2017, IOM Italy participated in the *Protecting children in the context of the refugee and migrant crisis in Europe* Regional conference in Ljubljana, presenting the outcomes of the project activities carried out in Sicily and Calabria in the reception facilities for unaccompanied minors. The activities included: visits to 54 facilities, training of more than 100 professionals on reception centre management, stress management and burnout, family reunification, and identification of vulnerable groups in humanitarian crisis. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

PROJECT [ADITUS](#) BY THE NUMBERS (JUN-AUG 2017)

15.727 migrants assisted by IOM teams at landing points in Sicily, Apulia and Calabria, including with legal counselling and support to the identification of vulnerabilities

432 victims of trafficking identified by IOM staff at landing points

Integration of vulnerable migrant workers

IOM provides legal counselling and orientation to inhabitants of the most important migrants' settlements in Apulia and Campania. IOM is also designing integration programs for vulnerable migrant workers in cooperation with Philip Morris Italy and local stakeholders, including the NGO Ex Canapificio in Caserta and Caritas Benevento. As a result of this cooperation, as of beginning of July, 18 beneficiaries – whose skills and competences had been assessed by IOM field teams – joined the project. They will participate in a **6-month remunerated training** in the **agricultural sector**. The project will provide housing, language courses and transportation support. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

Press releases

- [UN Migration Director General Calls for Smooth Continuation, Full Participation in EU Relocation Programme](#)
- [IOM provides emergency response to migrants in Sabratha, Libya](#)
- [UN Migration Agency alarmed following migrant boat incident near Tunisia](#)
- [UN Migration Agency Marks 11th EU Anti-Trafficking Day with New Data, Analysis on Human Trafficking](#)
- [2,560 migrants saved at sea in the last four days, 34 deaths and many missing](#)

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MigraVenture: 10 business ideas presented by migrant entrepreneurs will access the micro-equity investment fund

Launched in 2015, the MigraVenture initiative is now being scaled up. The project was aimed at identifying and selecting **high-value business ideas promoted by migrants living in Italy**, to be implemented in African countries. Through MigraVenture, migrant entrepreneurs presented 105 business ideas: 41 were selected to attend business training, and 33 were admitted to individual coaching. Migrant entrepreneurs' ideas address the agriculture, service, trade and energy sectors. Following the coaching phase, 10 business ideas were considered eligible to participate in the micro-equity investment fund managed by Etimos Foundation. On September 26th, IOM and Etimos Foundation organized the **MigraVenture initiative final event**, hosted at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On this occasion, five entrepreneurs financed by the project, all members of African diasporas in Italy, had the opportunity to present their business projects in Africa to over ninety participants, including representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Embassies, and Non-Governmental and International Organizations. The project is supported by the Italian Development Cooperation – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE.](#) [WATCH THE VIDEO.](#)



Photo: IOM. MigraVenture Initiative Final Event at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Rome. Left to right: Mr Santori, President, Etimos Foundation; Mr De Chiara, Minister Plenipotentiary, Multilateral Development Policies Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr Soda, Director of IOM's Coordination Office for the Mediterranean; Mr Libralesso, Head of Programmes and International Relations, Etimos Foundation.

ARRIVALS IN ITALY



(as of 31 October)

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- **111,397** migrants reached Italy by sea, from January 1st to October 31th 2017, -30,05% less than last year in the same period;
- The boats carrying men, women and children in the attempt to reach the EU often comprise many vulnerable people, such as asylum seekers and victims of trafficking and violence, unaccompanied children, and pregnant women.
- **11,971 women and 14,597 unaccompanied minors** reached Italy from January 1st to October 31th 2017;
- While *en-route* to Italy, **2,631** migrants died at sea as of 31 October 2017. For more information visit the [Missing Migrants Project website](#).
- There are still very significant numbers of migrants arriving, mainly from sub-Saharan Africa. Some had decided to go to Libya in search of better job opportunities, but found horrific living conditions that pushed them to attempt the sea crossing to Italy.

A.MI.CO. Award: Five migrant associations awarded with a prize of up to 20.000 euros to support their co-development projects

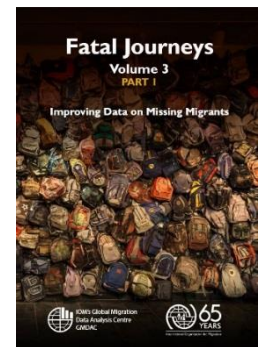
In the framework of the A.MI.CO. Award initiative, a call for proposals open to migrant associations that participated in the A.MI.CO training courses was launched. Fourteen **ideas for development projects** were submitted in the framework of this call, covering diverse regions from Africa, to Asia, to Europe and South America. IOM Italy, with the support of a multidisciplinary evaluation committee, selected **5 project ideas** and awarded them a prize to support their implementation. The projects address different issues from **training**, to **nutrition**, to **technology**, to **gender equality**, **textiles**, **agriculture** and **food security**. Through their projects, migrant associations will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by addressing poverty, gender equality, hunger, inequality, decent work and economic growth at the local level. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



Newly Released Publications



- [Migrants' contributions to Italy's welfare](#)



- [Fatal Journeys – Volume 3/Part 1](#)

Latest Publications and Reports

In August, the **Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)** data collection operations carried out **4,712 interviews** in hotspots, reception and transit centres in Sicily, Apulia, Lombardy, Friuli Venezia Giulia and Liguria. The latest report on DTM Flow Monitoring Surveys focuses on [Nigerian nationals](#) that arrived in Italy since 2016. [READ MORE.](#)

Over the last three months, IOM Italy inaugurated its **Briefing Series** with the first issue on [Bangladeshi migration trends](#) and released the Report "[Human Trafficking through the Central Mediterranean Route](#)". Early in September, the IOM/UNICEF joint publication "[Harrowing Journeys](#)" which is based on data and interviews with migrant children and youth in Italy – was launched in Brussels with UNICEF and IOM's Regional Director.



- [IOM/UNICEF Harrowing Journeys](#)

Latest Events

Rome, 13 October 2017

Constitution of the CoNNGI “Coordinamento Nazionale Nuove Generazioni Italiane”

The “Coordinamento Nazionale Nuove Generazioni Italiane – CoNNGI” celebrated its establishment at the IOM Office in Rome. CoNNGI represents many Italian associations created by young Italians with a migration background, who proudly embrace their transnational identities and values. CoNNGI started its activities in 2014, thanks to a call issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, to ensure that **new generations** could participate in decision-making processes that concern them, such as inclusion and participation policy. CoNNGI seeks to create and consolidate collaboration with institutions and other organizations, to share experiences among associations and to represent them at national and international level.



Photo: IOM. Presentation of CoNNGI at IOM in Rome.

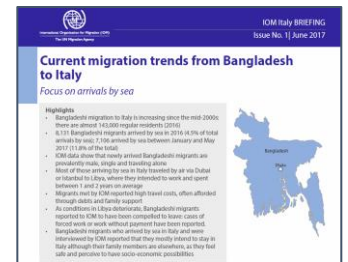
Rome, 10 October 2017

5th Regional Development and Protection Programme for North Africa (RDPP NA) Steering Committee

IOM assisted the Italian Ministry of Interior with the organization of the 5th **Regional Development and Protection Programme for North Africa (RDPP NA) Steering Committee**. The RDPP NA Consortium, which consists of 15 EU Member States, the European Commission and other implementing partners (IOM, UNHCR and Save the Children) took part in the meeting. The event presented the **main results** achieved during the first year of the RDPP NA project implementation, and the priority actions, objectives, expected results and activities of the new 2016 RDPP NA Programme.



Photo: IOM. 5th RDPP NA Steering Committee at the Italian Ministry of Interior. Rome.



- [Current migration trends from Bangladesh to Italy](#)



- [Human Trafficking through the Central Mediterranean Route](#)



- [Flow Monitoring Surveys: the Human Trafficking and Other Exploitative Practices Indication Survey](#)

Naples, 21-22 September 2017

FromSkills2Work: best practices and strategies for migrant socio-economic inclusion

In the framework of the regional project [Skills2Work](#), IOM Italy organized a **national consultation on social and labour market inclusion of refugees**. The event gathered beneficiaries, employers, central and local authorities and relevant institutions. The first day engaged participants in **thematic discussions** to share knowledge and good practices, as well as to discuss **challenges and opportunities**, and identify concrete and actionable **recommendations** to support the social and labour market inclusion of migrants and refugees. The second day, relevant institutional partners discussed the good practices and the recommendations identified by participants. The Director of IOM's Coordination Office for the Mediterranean, Federico Soda, alongside representatives of Ministry of Labour, Naples Municipality, Campania Region, UNHCR, the SPRAR system of protection, EU DG Home representative in Italy and others, recognized the importance of making social and labour market inclusion an integral part of social policies in Italy.



Photo: IOM. From Skills2Work national consultation. Naples. Left to right: Ms Ferone – Head, Operational Emergencies, Poverty Immigration Unit Municipality of Naples; Ms Gaeta – Welfare Councilor Municipality of Naples; Mr Soda, Director of IOM's Coordination Office for the Mediterranean; Ms Celmi, IOM Senior Specialist in Migration Health.