

# Migranti HUB

**A platform offering advice and practical support to people involved in migration processes**

## ABOUT US

The Migration Hub is an on-line platform for information, orientation and support migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, and returnees to overcome the barriers that prevent them from fully participating in the society. This platform serves as a major starting point for legal migration and provides effective opportunities for diaspora engagement in the country's development and offers support for returning emigrants and those who see this country as a land for the development of their life. Migration and development are highly interdependent processes. International migration in the development context relates both to people who have chosen to move of their own accord and to forced migrants who can contribute to their country of resettlement and possibly to their country of origin. Development, meanwhile, is a dynamic process implying growth, advancement, empowerment and progress, with the goal of increasing human capabilities, enlarging the scope of human choices, and creating a safe and secure environment where citizens can live with dignity and equality. In the development process, it is important that people's productivity, creativity and choices are broadened, and that opportunities are created. Thus, the link between migration and development, known as the migration and development nexus, is increasingly recognized as a key area for development. This recognition results in the definition of policies and actions to increase the positive impacts of migration on development in territories of origin and destination, minimize its negative effects and make migration a more dignified experience.

## OBJECTIVES

- To promote a better framework for legal mobility, supported by more information, integration and protection for migrants, and to reduce the risks of illegal migration and the danger of trafficking in human beings, while matching labor market opportunities, fully respecting destination countries competences in this field and taking into account the different labor market situations in Albania and main destination countries.
- To inform potential Albanian migrants on ways of legal migration and legal employment, staying, studying and working conditions in main destination countries, as well as on the dangers of undocumented migration and illegal work.
- To provide information about employment opportunities, the labor market situation and migration policies and to promote pre-departure training and facilitation for temporary workers, and to explore possibilities for the circular migration of workers.
- To strengthen the national institutional capacity to manage migration, including on asylum and refugee protection in accordance with international standards, through training, exchange of experts and best practices
- To support voluntary return, sustainable reintegration of returning migrants, and tailored circular migration schemes.
- To inform Albanian citizens abroad about the labor market situation and work opportunities in their home country, as well as return possibilities
- To build up cooperation on the training of returning migrant workers and to promote the transfer of social security benefits
- To enhance cooperation with Albanian communities abroad, strengthening the links with the diaspora and reaching out for its support; to work on the financial sector to create the conditions for boosting the diaspora's investment in their home country through twinning projects, loan and transfer facilitation and targeted remittance schemes enhancing the development impact of migrant workers' money transfers.

## MAIN CATEGORIES

## **Emigrants**

Official estimates show that over a third of the population of Albania is estimated to live outside the country and a considerable number of Albanians intend to leave the country in the next future. It is very important to take the right steps to channel this flow of individuals to legal and safe ways to emigrate, according to the existing national and international legislation. Migration HUB will inform Albanian citizens on legal migration opportunities and prepare them to be ready for the labor market in the host country.

### **OUR SERVICES**

#### *Legislation*

General information about the international framework regarding voluntary migration and detailed procedures and practices for legal migration in the main destination countries for Albanian migrants

#### *Academy*

Education and professional training before the departure in order to be ready for the labor market in the destination country

#### *Employment*

How and where to find a job and employment opportunities in the destination countries

#### *Housing*

Accommodation options

#### *Expert answer*

Ask to the expert for personalized solutions

## **Immigrants**

A characteristic of the last two decades was the massive migration of Albanian citizens to western countries, while little was discussed about the foreigners in Albania. Following the consolidation of the Albanian economy and the stabilization of the overall political and legal situation, many foreigners have decided to live and work in Albania. According to official data, in 2017 about 13000 foreigners are living legally in the country, more than half of them for working purposes. Migration HUB offer all the necessary information and consulting services, for the immigrants living already in Albania and for those who are thinking to settle in the next future, on the work and business opportunities offered in the country.

### **OUR SERVICES**

#### *Legislation*

General information about the national framework regarding immigration and detailed information about legal migration procedures and practices in Albania

#### *Academy*

Education and professional training according to the real opportunities offered by the labor market in Albania

#### *Employment*

How and where to find a job and employment opportunities in Albania

#### *Business Support Center*

Detailed support on procedures and practices to open a business, business Startup and acceleration

#### *Housing*

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## **Refugees and Asylum seekers**

Although Albania has not been considered as a destination country for asylum seekers, from the beginning of the Syrian crisis, the number of individuals who are asking international protection in Albania has increased considerably, exceeding 2000 requests per year. In the framework of the European integration and in line with the international standards in this field, the Migration Hub platform will serve as a central point for the support of refugees and asylum seekers in our country by providing information, services and personalized support.

### **OUR SERVICES**

#### *Legislation*

Detailed information about the Albanian asylum system: asylum procedures; rights; receiving centers; and opportunities offered by the national legislation

#### *Academy*

Education and professional training according to the real opportunities offered by the labor market in Albania

#### *Employment*

How and where to find a job and employment opportunities in Albania

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## **Returnees**

Three decades after the mass migration of its citizens, migration flows from Albania have decreased due to increasing economic progress in the country and the crisis in destination countries. The number of returnees was increased dramatically due to the social and financial crisis in Europe since the financial crisis has particularly reduced the migrants' work opportunities in the main destination countries for Albanian migrants, leading to their return to Albania. An important concern of this phenomenon regards the reintegration of returnees in the social and economic life of the country. After the return they face specific problems such as employment, education, culture, making the reintegration very problematic. Migration Hub, through a set of multilevel services, aims both to support and facilitate the reintegration of returnees and to create the ecosystem for the exploitation of the returnee's potential for the development of the country.

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