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Strengthening migrants' integration into the primary sector: Key Takeaways from the Primacenters Event

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On May 28th, 2025, the Primacenters project hosted an online event focused on strengthening migrants' integration into the primary sector. The event brought together 42 participants, including professionals, experts, and stakeholders from the labor market, employment services, and migration sectors.

The event highlighted the important role of local employment centers in supporting migrants' socio-economic integration, with presentations from key speakers such as Eleni Lora Daskalou, Project Manager at KMOP, who shared insights on the Primacenters project approach. Specifically, the project aims to foster collective collaboration to support the effective integration of migrant laborers into the primary sector and the local community.

Other speakers included Patricia Martínez Sáez from AEIDL, who presented the EU's Rural Pact, and Sven Sterckx from the Province of Flemish Brabant, who discussed regional policies supporting migrant employment. Participants also heard from Rupay Egas of Collectif des Femmes ASBL, who addressed key challenges migrants face, such as limited workplace capacity in certain regions, the need for state reform, the quality of available

opportunities, and difficulties in recognizing migrants' educational and professional backgrounds.

Additionally, Emanuela Pisanò of the Assembly of European Regions shared success stories and good practices for inclusion, and Joan de Larra Rosello from the Catalonia region presented local challenges. The event concluded with a lively Q&A session and a discussion on the next steps to further improve migrant integration.

KMOP coordinated the event and facilitated the dialogue among all stakeholders involved. The Primacenters project remains committed to fostering collaboration and practical solutions to support migrants' employment in rural and primary sector areas.

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