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Building Bridges: PRIMACENTERS Workshops Strengthen Migrant Integration in the Primary Sector

Over the past few months, PRIMACENTERS partners have brought together public authorities, NGOs, cooperatives, and migrant communities across Greece, Spain, Italy, and Cyprus. Through local and transnational workshops, stakeholders co-designed practical training and job-matching mechanisms to address labour market needs while promoting sustainable integration. Discover the key findings, challenges, and innovative solutions emerging from these collaborative discussions.

Local Workshops

In Greece (30 January 2026), 49 participants explored local challenges and opportunities in the Region of Peloponnese. Stakeholders stressed the need for a holistic integration mechanism linking specialised training with legal employment pathways, potentially

supported through transnational agreements. Key barriers identified included language gaps, lack of housing, bureaucratic complexity and limited psychosocial support at local level.

In Spain (28 November), representatives of worker cooperatives, NGOs, Public Employment Services and members of the PRIMACENTERS multistakeholder network examined ways to better match labour supply and demand in rural areas. Discussions highlighted the importance

of decent working conditions, language and technical training, and access to legal advice. Structural challenges such as territorial inequality, digital exclusion and administrative barriers were also raised, alongside proposals for mobile rural units and stronger inter-institutional coordination.

Across all four countries, a common message emerged: effective integration in the primary sector depends on coordinated, multidisciplinary and locally accessible support systems that connect training, legal employment and social support in a sustainable way.

In Italy, two workshops were organised with the local stakeholders' network, bringing together representatives of employment centres, NGOs and other labour market actors. The discussions analysed the availability of services, local needs and operational challenges, while fostering the exchange of knowledge, perspectives and good practices. Particular

emphasis was placed on improving existing services and developing enhanced information and training materials to support the effective socio-economic inclusion of migrant workers.

In Cyprus (29 January and 28 February 2026), stakeholders assessed existing services and identified persistent gaps in support for migrant workers in the primary sector. Participants underlined that sustainable integration requires strong political commitment, reforms to the current migration framework, strengthened institutional capacity, particularly within Public Employment Services, and consistent investment in long-term integration measures.

Transnational Workshop

PRIMACENTERS workshops have successfully identified both the barriers and opportunities for integrating migrant workers in the primary sector. The project is on track to provide practical, cross-country solutions that link training, employment, and sustainable integration.

Following the national workshops, a Transnational Workshop was held online on 20 February 2026 with 40 participants, including partner organisations, institutional representatives and stakeholders. The session consolidated national findings and confirmed the relevance of the proposed PRIMACENTERS model. Partners presented common challenges identified across countries, including fragmented services, administrative barriers, limited rural accessibility and the absence of coordinated employment mechanisms.

The cross-country discussion confirmed that these challenges are systemic rather than isolated to specific national contexts. Participants emphasised PRIMACENTERS' potential role as a central coordination hub, labour matching centre and service integration mechanism, highlighting its scalability for improving migrant integration across partner countries.

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