

Co-creation: Forging Success in Skills and Labour Mobility Partnerships



Inspire Project Closing Event

Concept Note

The Inspire Project closing event represents a culminating moment for reflection, celebration, and knowledge sharing as the dedicated 27-month implementation of Inspire nears its end. This final convening offers an invaluable opportunity for key stakeholders to come together, converging their diverse experiences, insights, and lessons learned throughout the project.

Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Inspire has been a beacon of collaboration. The closing event brings together Inspire's stakeholders, including representatives of the project's target countries, national and international partner organisations, migration and labour mobility experts, practitioners, and European Union officials.

Inspire's primary goal has been to incubate mutually beneficial skills partnerships between select EU countries and their strategic non-EU counterparts. Focusing on green and digital skills, the project has strived to bridge the gap between sending and receiving countries and private sector actors in target industries through dialogue to co-create innovative mobility and migration schemes.

The agenda will shine a light on the two incubated skills partnership schemes. Through dynamic panels, presentations, and Q&A discussions, the programme will explore the co-creation of these partnerships, emphasising Inspire's multistakeholder approach. The goal is not only to showcase Inspire's success stories but also to provide a blueprint for stakeholders interested in embarking on similar partnerships and skills initiatives.

One of the most critical themes underlying the event is the essential role of skills-matching processes and dialogues between sending and receiving countries. In an era marked by the intersection of environmental sustainability and digital transformation, effectively navigating shared challenges and capitalising on emerging opportunities demands collective understanding and effort.

The event is designed with two objectives in mind:

- Showcase tangible achievements, lessons, and insights from Inspire, including best practices and strategies from international partners.
- Encourage innovative initiatives in skills development and international mobility.

The event is expected to yield the following outcomes:

- Deeper participant understanding of effective strategies.
- Compilation of practical recommendations to guide future initiatives.

Venue and date

The event will be held on 20 February 2024 at NH Brussels EU Berlaymont in a hybrid format to facilitate maximum participation.

Brussels has been chosen as the strategic venue for the closing event of the Inspire Project due to its significance as the capital of the European Union. The city symbolises the intersection of policy-making and international collaboration, aligning with Inspire's broader goal of promoting skills partnerships and dialogue between EU and non-EU countries.