



# “Valuing Skills of Beneficiaries of International Protection”



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**MADRID** The **Skills2Work** project partners met in Madrid in April for the second regional coordination meeting. The meeting allowed partners to streamline the current working method and to discuss lessons learned from experiences with the project so far. The meeting was attended by nine IOM focal points, representatives from six Co-Beneficiary and five Associate Partners, and guest speakers from the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training ([BIBB](#)) and [ManpowerGroup](#) the Netherlands who provided valuable insights based on their own experiences regarding skills recognition and sustainable recruitment of beneficiaries of international protection.

Over the course of a two-day programme, presentations, discussions and workshops allowed project partners to reflect on progress made with regards to their national stakeholder consultations and research developments, and to charter a course ahead for project activities for the coming months. Three workshops were facilitated



by experts within the team of project partners with the aim of providing tailored support to project partners for the implementation of (1) national research activities; (2) stakeholder engagement; and (3) the collection of success stories as good examples of skills recognition and labour market integration.

For upcoming milestones, see the project timeframe highlights below.

## Skills2Work Project Timeframe Highlights

**Feb 2016 – Dec 2016** National stakeholder consultations with local networks of migrant support groups, employers, public institutions and local authorities.

**Dec 2016** Introduction of best practice guidelines for early stage skills, knowledge, and competency recognition, as well as for the recruitment and retention of beneficiaries of international protection.

**March 2017** Publication of Success Stories of employers and employed beneficiaries of international protection.

**Aug 2017** Launch of the Pathfinder, an interactive online tool to guide beneficiaries of international protection, employers, local authorities, and other stakeholders to the relevant agencies for skills recognition and validation.

**Dec 2017** Publication of Final Report.

## Skills2Work

The Skills2Work project aims to promote labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection through improving early validation of both formal and informal skills and competences.

## Guidelines

To support European labour market integration mechanisms for beneficiaries of international protection, a set of practical guidelines will be produced, based on regional research efforts from project partners.

These guidelines provide a comprehensive, detailed, and varied overview of available mechanisms for skills recognition and skills, knowledge and competency validation both at the EU level and within the national contexts of participating countries.

The guidelines will be developed to support employers, local authorities and migrant support groups in their efforts to enhance labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection in the European region.



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