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Webinar: Enhanced Informed Decision-Making in EU Migration Policy
Focus: Italy/Bangladesh Migration Corridor

Migration More Important Than Ever

Webinar to reflect on the situation in Bangladesh, Its relationship with Italy, and insights for EU Migration Policy

Key Takeaways from November 12th Webinar

The session provided a candid look at the current state of the #EU-Bangladesh Talent Partnership, examining issues such as migrant indebtedness and recruitment abuses while exploring reforms to enhance employer-migrant connections and the need for pre-migration skills development for today's complex migration landscape. View the full recording at YouTube and https://gs4s.eu/events/ to hear experts from both origin and destination countries discuss the challenges and opportunities in the Bangladesh-Italy migration corridor

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"Migration More Important Than Ever," brought together experts to examine the evolving dynamics of the Bangladesh-Italy migration corridor and its broader implications for EU migration policy. Key takeaways include:

✦ The Bangladesh-Italy migration corridor has become a critical link in EU migration for both legal and irregular migration, reflecting growing mobility to fill the demand for skilled and unskilled labor in destination countries

✦ Bangladeshi migrants face significant challenges, including heavy indebtedness from recruitment fees and frequent violations of the migration process by third

parties with fraudulent job offers from non-existent companies, which ultimately render applicants ineligible for proper visa authorizations that lead to legal migration pathways

✦ Webinar discussants emphasized the urgent need to reform procedures to eliminate fraud and prevent the misuse of recruitment systems, safeguarding the rights and financial security of migrants

✦ While legal migration pathways like the EU Talent Partnerships are promising, concerns about scalability and their limited ability to address current migration flows remain unresolved

✦ Evidence-based research is pivotal for shaping EU policy that effectively tackles the challenges of migration corridors and supports equitable, sustainable migration frameworks

The webinar underlined the importance of actionable reforms, highlighting the need for transparent systems and policies informed by on-the-ground realities. Collaborative efforts between countries of origin and destination are key to creating a future where migration is safer, fairer, and more productive for all. We wish to thank our panelists: Moderator Dr. Jasmijn Slootjes (MPI Europe), Discussants Dr. Ferruccio Pastore (FIERI Italy), Shakirul Islam (OKUP Bangladesh), Dr. Jessica Hagen-Zanker, (ODI Global UK), and GS4S PI Prof. Tesseltje de Lange (Radboud University The Netherlands), with the participation of special guests from the EU Directorate General offices, Michalis Moschovakos and Barbara Benuskova.

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