

NETWork YOU

**NET-Work You: Creation of a Skills Network to Increase Employment
Opportunities for Young Egyptians in the Green Job Sector**



Agenda

18th & 19th September 2025 - Bari, Italy





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18 September 2025

11:00 Arrival

11:30 – 12:30 Visit to CIHEAM Bari premises

12:30 - 13:00 Meeting with the CIHEAM Bari Director

13:00 Lunch at the Institute

14:30 – 18:30 Field visits:

- **15:00 Planetek – Case study**

Planetek Italia is a Benefit Corporation founded in 1994 that employs over 130 men and women, passionate about and skilled in geomatics, Earth sciences, and space mission software. It operates in the collection and processing of satellite data; satellite data monitoring services; and the design and development of space data infrastructures.

- **16:30 Etnie**

Etnie Social Cooperative Etnie APS ONLUS is a non-profit organization. Since 1998, it has promoted policies for the cultural and employment integration of foreign citizens and policies for the valorization of cultural identities. It collaborates with national organizations to establish and manage networks for the training and employment of immigrants.

- **17:30 Sfrutta Zero**

Sfrutta Zero is a cooperative, mutualistic tomato sauce self-production project promoted by Italians facing employment difficulties and foreigners who are victims of exploitation in agriculture, and is being implemented in Puglia. It is based in the Puglia region and promotes career paths.

19:00 - 20:00 Guided tour of Bari's Old Town

20:00 Dinner

Circular Migration and Employment: Opportunities for Businesses in a Changing Mediterranean

In a context of evolving labor markets and strengthened cooperation between Europe and the Mediterranean, this event aims to highlight the opportunities offered by circular migration mechanisms, with a particular focus on the **NET-Work You** initiative and the role of Italian enterprises.

The **NET-Work You project** is implemented by Confcooperative Puglia and CIHEAM Bari within the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an initiative funded by the European Union and implemented by ICMPD. With a duration of 36 months, the project seeks to develop a sustainable model of qualified circular labor mobility between Italy and Egypt.

Through training programs and internships in Puglia targeting young Egyptians – recent graduates in ICT and agricultural technicians – the initiative aims to strengthen skills in the green agriculture, digital, and sustainable economy sectors, thereby improving employability and fostering connections between enterprises and institutions in both countries.

The creation of a Mediterranean multi-stakeholder network will complement the action, promoting public-private partnerships and the exchange of good practices at national and European levels.

The seminar will explore opportunities for cooperation between the two countries and for the empowerment of young professionals, promoting in its first part an exchange among institutions, and in the second part a discussion among labor agencies and the local business system.



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19 September 2025

10:00- 11:00 Circular Migration: Policies and Perspectives

Opening Remarks:

- **Michele Emiliano** - President of the Puglia Region
- **Giorgio Mercuri** - President of Confcooperative Puglia
- **Biagio Di Terlizzi** - Director of CIHEAM Bari

Speakers:

- **Viviana Matrangola** - Councilor for Migration Policies of the Puglia Region (Italy)
- **Stefania Congia** - Director General for Migration Policies and for the Social and Labor Integration of Migrants, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (Italy)
- **Karim Awad** – First Secretary Migration, Refugees, and Combatting Human Trafficking, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Egypt)
- **Giuliana Benedetto** (TBC) - Policy Officer, DG HOME, European Commission (Belgium)
- **Ralph Genetzke** (TBC) - Director, ICMPD (Belgium)

11:00-11:10 Coffee break

11:10-12:10 The Role of Businesses in Circular Migration

- **Daniela Palermo** (CIHEAM Bari) and **Antonio Spera** (Confcooperative Puglia) - NET-Work You Project management Unit
- **Gianna Elisa Berlingiero** – Director of the Department for Economic Development, Puglia Region
- **Gianluca Budano** - President, tArapal Puglia
- **Alaa Ezz** - Secretary General, Union of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce and CEEBA Chairman
- **Claudio Tinelli** - CEO, Regional ICT Cluster Puglia Region

12:10- 12:30 Open Floor for Public Interventions

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