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Public Event

European Parliament
Room A3H-1

Financial Inclusion of Migrants

The experience of the Italian National Observatory



Rationale

The event aims at presenting the research scope and results of the Italian National Observatory for the financial inclusion of migrants, implemented by CeSPI, currently at its fifth edition.

Founded in 2011 with the collaboration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and ABI (The Italian Banking Association), the Observatory provides tools for a constant and comprehensive analysis and monitoring of migrants' financial inclusion in Italy, a necessary condition for attaining economic citizenship, thus supporting and accelerating the integration process.

The Observatory is the first research experience in Europe that works, on a regular basis, on the production of financial inclusion indicators to complement social, political and economic indicators in the assessment of the overall integration of migrants in Italy. The Observatory also promotes the financial education of migrants through different means, such as training meetings and online information platforms, and operates to promote a constant interaction between the different stakeholders involved.

Financial inclusion is one of the core elements for an effective social inclusion process. Indeed, financial exclusion hinders the individual not only in the access to financial services and products but also in their proper use to sustain a normal life and it is an important cause and consequence of social exclusion in a long-term perspective. Financial inclusion is also central in promoting migrant remittances and enhancing their role in sustaining development. Over the last few years, awareness has increased of the role that financial inclusion can play in the development and poverty reduction process, not only in reducing barriers to accessing financial services and products, but also in individuals' capacity of participation in the social and economic life in both countries of origin and immigration.

By combining qualitative and quantitative analysis and developing tools for operators, policy makers and migrants, the Observatory provides an integrated system of information and action to promote financial and thus social inclusion.

In the framework of its fifth edition, the Observatory has opened two new avenues of research in Europe, in partnership with EADI (European Association of Development Institutes), QMUL (Queen's Mary University in London) and the DIW (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung). The research partners in the UK and Germany are implementing a research on the main national policies of their countries and on existing initiatives on a national or system level, a review of best practices emerging from the economic market on financial inclusion in both the UK and Germany, together with a pilot survey on one relevant migrant community in the country.

The event is addressed to the European Parliament, as well as to International and Belgian stakeholders, and is meant to spread the Observatory experience, stimulate interaction between institutions and Italian and EU operators, sharing and transferring models of interventions in terms of financial inclusion.



Agenda

h. 10.30: Session 1: the relevance of financial inclusion

Chair: Mr. Piero Fassino – *President of CeSPI*

- Mr. Stefano Manservigi - *European Commission - Director-General of the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO)*
- Min. Marco Minniti – *Italian Minister of Interior*
- Hon. Patrizia Toia – *European Parliament – Vice-Chair Committee on Industry, Research and Energy*
- Hon. Cécile Kyenge - *European Parliament – Vice Chair Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly*

Session 2: some results from the research

Welcome Address: Dr. Nadia Molenaers, *University of Antwerp and EADI Executive Committee*

Chair: Dr. Daniele Frigeri – *Director of CeSPI – Director of the National Observatory for Financial Inclusion*

- Dr. Daniele Frigeri: Financial inclusion in Italy, some evidence from the National Observatory
- Dr. Paola Abenante: Coping with financial exclusion: financial needs and informal strategies within migrant communities in Italy
- Dr. Tom De Bruyn: Potentialities and challenges of financial inclusion and the remittances market in Belgium.

Simultaneous translation English- Italian will be available

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