



Project "Start It Up" is to promote the socio-economic integration of immigrants. The Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (General Directorate of Immigration and Integration Policies) funded the project "Start It Up" thanks to the resources of the National Fund "Fondo per le Politiche Migratorie" (year 2010) for a total amount of € 800.000,00. The project is implemented by Unioncamere for a period of 18 months (from March 2011 to September 2012). The project aims at:

- promoting the socio-economic integration in the Italian labour market of 400 immigrants who wish to start a business through support in the elaboration of a business plan, in the access to microcredit or regional/local funds, etc.;
- raising awareness thanks to 9 banks through the involvement of Chambers of Commerce, trade associations and local with the aim to change the approach in assessing the creditworthiness of the credit system of immigrant businesses.
- creating an inter-institutional network which can support social and economic integration of immigrants (Chamber of Commerce, Employment Centers, Municipal Information Desk youth, immigrant associations, trade unions, trade associations).

The projects involves 10 Chambers of Commerce and concerns the following Italian Regions: Lombardia, Piemonte, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Veneto, Marche, Lazio and Puglia.

Deadline: April, 30th 2012

For further information about how applying: <http://www.integrazionemigranti.gov.it/Attualita/IIPunto/Pagine/Start-it-up.aspx>