



How migrants contribute to economies in countries of destination

From Mexico to the United States, and finally to Romania, Cristian's journey is one shaped by movement, resilience and purpose.

At Connect Café in Braşov, Romania, Cristian has turned his migration experience into a thriving business and welcoming space where ideas are shared, friendships take root and community comes together.

Beyond coffee, he supports local children at risk of dropping out of school through mentoring and education initiatives.

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