

IMMIGRANTS DIFFERENT WAYS OF INTEGRATION

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

The aim of the INTEGRA project is to support local organisations in partner countries that work to integrate immigrants into the host community and increase the effectiveness of their activities. Our goals are:

- increasing the knowledge of partner organisations in the field of methods of integrating immigrants through learning about the methods used in other organisations;
- building the foundations of an online learning environment targeted at the host community and immigrant.

Here are presented the activities carried out in the first year of this incredible journey!

WORKSHOP 1 IN SPAIN

Partners met for the first time in Valencia (Spain) in December 2022. The migration phenomenon was at the center of the discussion, and partners shared their experiences in the field of social inclusion and teaching methodologies, especially when dealing with newly arrived immigrants and refugees. The first INTEGRA Workshop aimed at sharing different good practices and methodologies for integrating immigrants in at national, regional and local level. Jovesolidés, the hosting partner, organized a study visits at CEAR centre, the Spanish Commission for Refugees and provided insight into the national immigration system.



WORKSHOP 2 IN ITALY

Partner worked on the first project result, the "Different ways of integration" publication on the situation of immigrants, key regulations and good practices in Poland, Spain, Denmark and Italy. In March 2023, Training 2000 hosted the 2nd international workshop. This experience helped partners to know more about Italy as one of the main gate for undocumented migration to the EU.

In Fano, partners visited the Casa Belgatto community for unaccompanied foreign minors, the PariCentro library and documentation center and the Caritas Foundation helpdesk. Each organization's goal was supporting immigrants in developing an individualized integration path considering their backgrounds, needs, expectations and wishes in the new society.



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RESULT 1: THE E-BOOK PUBLICATION

This publication aims at increasing the knowledge of partner organizations, employees, volunteers and public representative working in the field of social inclusion with effective methods of carrying out activities integrating immigrants with the host community.

The document is divided into two parts: a first section detailing the situation of migrant and refugee populations in partner countries from a legal and historical perspective, and a second section providing a didactic presentation of various good practices and methodologies used by partners when working with this collective. Its impact lies in improving the understanding of challenges and solutions in migrant integration. It also contributes to strengthening social inclusion initiatives through shared learning of effective strategies. Ultimately, the document has the potential to positively influence policies and actions for more effective and compassionate integration.



WORKSHOP 3 IN DENMARK

In September 2023, Mentornetværk i Esbjerg / Varde, Denmark, hosted the 3rd international workshop. Partners finalized the e-book "Different ways of integration" and agreed upon the content of the 4 training courses on cultural diversity and learning the host country language. The workshop offered also the opportunity to learn about immigrants integration system in Denmark, visit a former ghetto, meet awesome immigrants, city planners, mentors and mentees.

NEXT STEPS

Each partner is currently developing the training material under the form of Open Educational Resources (OERs) for the online course (Result 2). The e-learning platform will be available on the project website and freely accessible by the target groups and anyone interested in cross-cultural awareness, how to work on stereotypes and how to learn the language while adapting to a new society. The final workshop will be held in Poland in April 2024, while in May partners will test the project result at national level with immigrants, host community representatives and educators/trainers working for the integration of immigrants in their communities.

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