



1st Newsletter

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**1st Newsletter of the MigrEmpower project
(Itineraries and resources for migrants and
refugees' empowerment and integration)**

Introduction

MigrEmpower is a two year Erasmus+ project, which aims at supporting migrants and refugees in their integration efforts and at promoting a better coexistence within their new host communities, municipalities and states. To this end, education and training are paramount to support social cohesion and integration processes.

The 8 EU partners from 6 EU countries (Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Germany, Austria and France) will be focused on achieving the following results:

- a) Acquisition and development of relevant social and civic competences by the involved project beneficiaries (migrants and/or refugees), promoting and strengthening their social cohesion, the right of active citizenship and respect of human rights;
- b) Acquisition/strengthening of methodological and intervention tools by professionals working with migrants and/or refugees for undertaking with them an itinerary focused on orientation, assessment of competences, self-evaluation and empowerment;
- c) Exchange of good practices among partner organizations in order to increase their knowledge and competences, and acquire new methodologies.

Kick-off meeting in Madrid (Spain)

The kick-off meeting of the MigrEmpower project was successfully held in Spain on the 11th-12th December 2017. Partners from 8 EU organisations, coming from Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Germany, Austria and France, were gathered to establish a common vision and understanding on the project's development, as well as to discuss about the upcoming project outputs.. In addition, the consortium of partners agreed on certain key roles and responsibilities, and decided on the focus of the MigrEmpower project and the next deadlines to be met. The leader partner, Red2Red, clarified all the aspects of the project management and contributed in answering all queries in relation to the project's implementation. All partners are now preparing their national report on the "Study on policies and good practices addressed to migrants and refugees' social and labour integration". The next meeting is foreseen to take place in Germany (Leipzig) on the 20th and 21st March 2018.



Project Leaflet

The Migrempower project leaflet is now ready!

During the last month, the project consortium created the MigrEmpower leaflet in order to start project dissemination activities in all partners' local contexts. Within a nice design which reminds social integration, the leaflet presents the main aspects of the MigrEmpower project: an overview, objectives, outcomes & activities and partnership's details. As well, target audience and project outputs have been presented in a visual and reader friendly way to help the reader be focused on the main expected results of the project. So, have a look at it!

To see and download the online version of the MigrEmpower leaflet, please, click [here](http://migrempower.eu)



The leaflet is divided into several sections:

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- Overview:**

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The following target audience will be reached:

 - 150 migrants
 - 60 professionals working with migrants/refugees
 - 30 local entrepreneurs
 - 6,000 stakeholders related to the project field
- Objectives:**

The MIGREMPPOWER project considers the need of sharing experiences in education and social inclusion an essential and key element for migrants and refugees' social and labour integration. Therefore, partners will work on the following specific objectives:

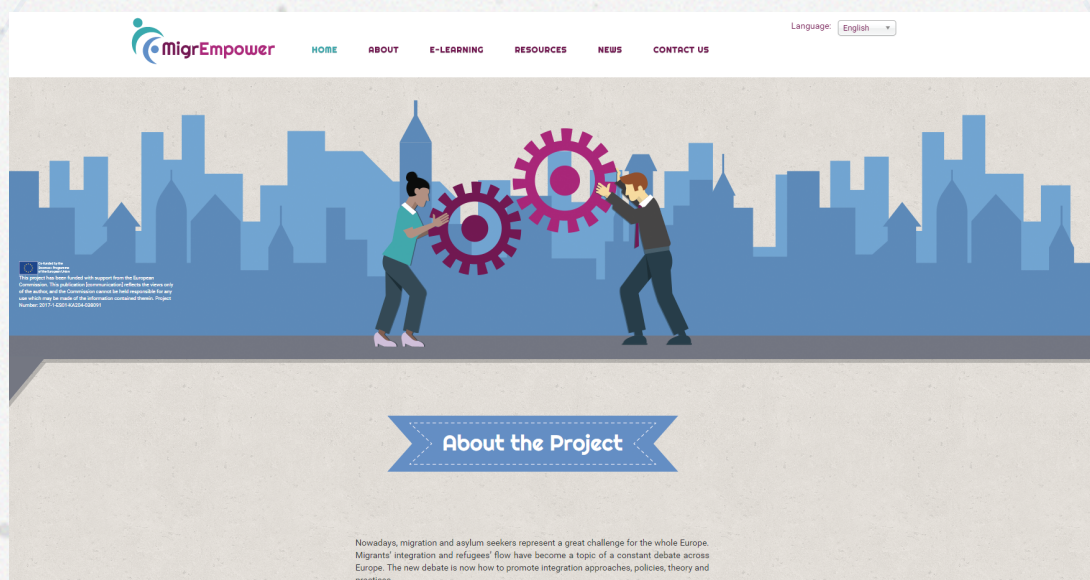
 - To valorise good practices aimed at migrants and/or refugees' social inclusion and integration;
 - To boost social inclusion and cohesion processes involving local communities and society;
 - To promote entrepreneurship among the project target group as a way of improving its social and labour situation;
 - To provide professionals working with migrants and/or refugees with efficient working tools aimed at supporting target groups' social and labour integration;
 - To facilitate migrants and/or refugees' access to training, employment and entrepreneurship by empowering them.
- Outcomes & Activities:**

The partnership will produce the following 4 Intellectual Outputs, all of them aimed at improving migrants and refugees' social and labour integration:

 - Study on policies and good practices addressed to migrants and refugees' social and labour integration, in order to analyse partners' local contexts and what has been already implemented and how to learn from past experiences;
 - Orientation and counselling handbook for migrants and refugees' self-evaluation of competences;
 - Training package for reinforcing migrants and refugees' competences and promoting their social and labour integration;
 - Guidelines for planning and carrying out actions aimed at promoting migrants and refugees' employability.

The Migrempower website is live!

After several weeks of development, the consortium is pleased to present the website of the MigrEmpower project: www.migrempower.eu. This website has been designed for all the beneficiaries of the project, as well as all the partners, in order to facilitate the social and labour integration of migrants and refugees in Europe. At the moment, anyone can access the website to find information on the MigrEmpower's activities, guidelines, resources, good practices, infographies, contacts, videos, but also to see the profile of partners and get up to date regarding the news of the project. Please feel free to send us anything you want us to know through the Contact form of the website and also, note the project's upcoming training, participate and comment on published articles, submit your own articles, and many more! We really hope you enjoy this new way of communicating with us and learn about the MigrEmpower project! So, visit the project website at www.migrempower.eu



Study on policies and good practices addressed to migrants and refugees' social and labour integration

Within the framework of the MigrEmpower project, which has officially started in September 2017, the Italian partner Associazione Nuovi Lavori (ANL) is leading the work that will bring about the first project output: "Study on policies and good practices addressed to migrants and refugees' social and labour integration". This study will be a crucial tool aiming at providing policy-makers, stakeholders, field professionals as well as beneficiaries with a clear overview of the state of play of migrants and refugees' social and labour integration. It will serve as a starting point for the itinerary outlined in the project, collecting and describing policies, legislations, and good practices currently implemented in all partner countries (Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Germany, Austria and France). This output will build upon the expertise of partners with different backgrounds and views, proposing evidence-based analysis and recommendations. The paper will be finalised in March and published on the project website!





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