

EXEMPLAR PROJECT NEWSLETTER 1

THE IDEA BEHIND THE PROJECT

In the last few decades more and more people migrate to find a better life. In recent years, a rapidly growing number of migrants has been observed in most countries in Europe. The common problem is, that even if they might find a decent job or are provided financial help by their host country – migrants are usually in one way or another excluded from society. Sometimes it can be because of cultural or language barriers and sometimes it is because, due to the ongoing economic crisis in Europe, some people have become more xenophobic and conservative. **So how can migrant youth integrate in the European society and contribute to their local communities?**

Migrants and the Labour Market: If migrants are willing to find a job and can speak the language of their host country, they usually have the possibility to find a job but, in most cases, they are lower paid than the native citizens.

Often competent and qualified migrant professionals are not able to work in their field because they are not fluent in the language of their host country and don't have enough contacts.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE EXEMPLAR PROJECT!

We will be happy to tell you about:

- The idea behind the project
- The members of our consortium
- The first transnational project meeting



All the previously mentioned reasons may result in the social exclusion and marginalisation of migrants.

This is the main reason the EXEMPLAR project is being implemented. The project's goal is to share best practices, educational curricula and online tools around Europe that are useful for young migrants to become integration leaders so that they guide and help other migrants in their local communities to integrate and overcome cultural barriers.



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

The strategic partnership project "**Exemplar - Young Migrant Integration Leaders**" is implemented within the framework of the Erasmus+ Adult Education programme. The subject of the project is building the necessary bridging capital between host and migrant communities; and between native and migrant communities. The project aims to create an **in-service training for front-line adult and community education staff** and those working in migrant support organisations to build their capacity to deliver bespoke integration training programmes. It also aspires to produce an **Integration Leaders curriculum** and a **toolbox of resources** for young members of the migrant communities living in partner countries to harness their potential as peer integration leaders within their community.

What is so innovative about the EXEMPLAR project? Our aim is to support migrants to develop an appreciation of their own heritage and of the cultural heritage of their host countries in Europe. By developing this keen awareness of the cultural heritage and values of Europe, we will be able to achieve greater social cohesion between migrant and host communities. Training a cohort of young migrants to lead the integration process represents a genuine bottom-up approach to migrant integration.

THE PARTNERSHIP

The project is developed by seven partners from seven European countries:

- Jugend- & Kulturprojekt e.V. (Germany),
- The Rural Hub (Ireland),
- ALIANCE LEKTORŮ a KONZULTANTŮ (Czech Republic),
- Hub Karelia Oy (Finland),
- Auxilium (Austria),
- SEAL Cyprus (Cyprus),
- INNEO (Poland).

The organisations have different sizes, characteristics and fields of specialisation, aiming to contribute to an effective cooperation. The project meetings are scheduled in regular basis to stay constantly involved in the project and focused on our goals.



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1st TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING IN IRELAND

MEETING IN VIRGINIA, IRELAND

The kick-off meeting took place within the framework of the project "**Exemplar - Young Migrant Integration Leaders**" in Virginia (Ireland) on the 10th of September 2018. The meeting was hosted by the Irish partner, The Rural Hub.

The meeting started with the presentations of partners and the current situation of the migration issue in their countries as well as best practices for inclusion and integration. The coordinator presented the project development plan including deadlines of tasks and the work packages. The partners discussed the activities, focusing on the first output, its development and value proposition. Moreover, they discussed the dissemination and exploitation plan of the project, the risk analysis and the quality assurance plan. At the end of the meeting, a summary of the topics discussed was made and finally the Irish partner awarded the participants certificates of attendance.



COMING NEXT...

During the next months we are going to:

- work on the first output – Integration Leaders Curriculum for front-line adult and community education staff
- work on the second output – Toolbox of Integration Resources for young members of the migrant community living in partner countries
- **meet again** in February 2019 in Graz to discuss the next steps of the project

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