

EXEMPLAR PROJECT NEWSLETTER 1

LOOKING FOR A BETTER LIFE - THE IDEA BEHIND THE PROJECT

In the last few decades more and more people started to migrate to foreign countries in order to find a better life. **In the recent few years we've observed the rapidly growing number of immigrants in most of Europe's countries.**

The common problem is, that even though most of them can find a decent job, or are provided financial help by host country – migrants are usually in one way or another isolated from the society. Sometimes it can be because of cultural or language barrier, sometimes is because of the fact that now that in Europe we are facing on-going economic crisis – some people has become more xenophobic and conservative. **So how can immigrant youth integrate in our continent and contribute to their local communities?**

Overall migrant situation on the labor market is not so bad. On the one hand if they are willing to find a job – and if they can speak the language - they usually don't have any trouble to find one. On the other hand usually those are lower paid yet important jobs like nursing or housekeeping.

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



Often a brilliant migrant specialists can't work in their field because of not sufficient fluency in language and not having enough contacts. All of the above is giving to the risk of social exclusion and isolation.

That's exactly the reason why the EXEMPLAR project is taking place. Our goal is to compare the best practices around the Europe and find the solution for the new course to become a useful tool for the young migrants **to become integration leaders guiding other migrants all over Europe to integrate with local community and to overcome all barriers.**



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

The project "**Exemplar - Young Migrant Integration Leaders**" is the partnership in the framework of Erasmus+ Adult Education program. The subject of the project is building the necessary bridging capital between host and migrant communities; and between migrant and migrant communities.

The primary target audience for the dissemination and exploitation of the EXEMPLAR project are distinct target groups:

- In-service training for **front-line adult and community education staff** and in particular those working in migrant support organisations
- Integration Leaders curriculum and toolbox of resources for **young members of the migrant community** living in partner countries

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 country in Europe. Through developing this awareness of European heritage and values, we will be able to achieve social cohesion among 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- UND 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 organizations have different sizes, characteristics and specializations, which help us develop a very 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 in the framework of the project "**Exemplar - Young Migrant Integration Leaders**" took place in Virginia (Ireland) on 10th-of September 2018. The meeting has been hosted by The Rural Hub, Irish partner in the project.

The meeting started with welcoming and presentation of partners. The coordinator presented the project development plan including deadlines of tasks and division of work between partners. Partners have discussed the activities, focusing on the first output, Dissemination, Evaluation and Project Management

On the second day partners continued the discussion about the shape of the future outputs. They summarized the meeting and the Irish partner issued certificates for participants.



COMING NEXT...

During the next months we are going to:

- Continue working on **IO1 – Integration Leaders Curriculum** for front-line adult and community education staff
- Continue working on **IO2 – Toolbox of Integration Resources** for young members of the migrant community living in partner countries
- Meet again in February 2019 in order to discuss the next steps of the project

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