

## Mediterranean Migration Network Newsletter

#### **June 2017**

#### **Editorial**

Migration is one out of the six legislative priorities of the EU for 2017. Every year thousands of migrants put their lives in danger to cross the Mediterranean with a hope to seek better life conditions. The numbers of fatal cases of refugees and migrants all across the EU are shocking. It is obvious that all EU member states need help in addressing this huge migratory pressure. Thus, this is the time that all actors involved in policies and practices in migration should collaborate for the common good: EU countries and institutions, international organisations, civil society, local authorities and national partners outside the EU. In this context, the Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) promotes the collaboration and exchange of good practices among public and private stakeholders active in the fields of migration and integration. The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Republic of Cyprus continue their support to the Network in order to expand its membership and continue the cooperation among its members in addressing migration and integration issues in Europe and the Mediterranean Basin. Throughout the program, all involved stakeholders have been conducting internal assessments and enhancements to ensure the quality of the Network's activities.

#### News

### MMN - 3<sup>rd</sup> Mediterranean Migration Booklet 2017

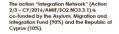


The Mediterranean Migration Network invites you to submit cases of good practices for the publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mediterranean Migration Booklet 2017, focusing on the theme of migration and integration in the EU (with particular focus on the Mediterranean Basin). The publication of the Mediterranean Migration Booklet is a great opportunity for organizations who are active in these fields to disseminate, promote and present their work and activities in relevant stakeholders and practitioners worldwide. The Booklet's articles will be peered reviewed and will be published both digitally and in hardcopy format. The Network will extensively disseminate the booklet in a global scale.

For details on the call of collection of good practices, deadlines, and the requirements, click here.









# MMN - Participate to our first webinar session in July

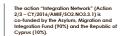


The MMN is happy to announce its first webinar session with Dr. Stefanos Spaneas, Assistant Professor of Social Work at University of Nicosia, Department of Social Sciences/Social Work Programme (Nicosia, Cyprus). Join the webinar session to discuss the "Building the management capacity of practitioners in the fields of migration and integration". The first webinar session will take place in **July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 (CET)** and organizations from all across the EU can join and actively participate.

For more information on the webinar session and enrollment click *here*.









#### MMN - Mobile App



Migration mobile app is now available for androids in Google Play and for IOS in the Apple Store.

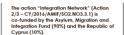
The MMN mobile app supports further the MMN members and provides them direct access to:

- Technical knowledge and strengthening institutional capacity on migration and integration, aiming at long-term sustainability.
- Find all the registered members of the MMN. Members have access to a variety of resources including online debates, forums, and future e-learning activities. Moreover, members have access to the profiles of all other members, which can potentially lead to partnerships for future projects.
- Find information for running Calls for Proposals for National, European and International Funding Schemes, and opportunities for partnering with other MMN members.
- engage in discussions with other members, debate on migration related issues, and share ideas. Several online debates will be organized and announced to community members.
- Find a well-organized **collection of useful websites** related to Migration issues.

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## MMN - Reflections on 5 years of actions and its next steps



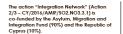
The Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) organized a meeting to revisit and develop its action plan and future steps, following the renewal of the support it receives from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Republic of Cyprus.

The MMN meeting took place at the University of Nicosia, 27 - 28 April 2017 in Nicosia, Cyprus. The meeting attended representatives of services and authorities from the Republic of Cyprus, International Organisations, and NGOs from other EUcountries in an effort to share and exchange practices and experiences in the field of migration and integration management.

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# Workshop: Migration flows and integration management (MMN)



The Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) organized four workshops on "Migration flows and integration management" on the 15th, 16th, 26th of May and 16th of June at the Municipality of Agios Athanasios Limassol, Municipality of Engomi, Municipality of Deryneia and the Municipality of Paphos respectively.

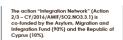
The workshops carried out focused on informing stakeholders about the operations of the Mediterranean Migration Network as well as on training them on issues relevant to the diversity and management at social level. In addition, during the workshops participants were presented the legal framework governing migrants in Cyprus along with building a successful action plan suitable for the actions and activities of their own working environment.

MMN is planning two more workshops in the following months in the Municipality of Agios Dometios, Nicosia and the Municipality of Agios Athanasios, Limassol.

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## **Urbagri4Women Kick-off meeting, Perugia, Italy**



Urbagri4Women is a European 24-months project funded by the European Commission Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) [Project Number: HOME\_2015\_AMIF\_AG\_INTE\_9098]. It aims to foster the integration of migrant women, including asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection in the host society, enabling them to develop innovative and subsistence agricultural initiatives that contributes to urban rehabilitation.

Urbagri4Women promotes social inclusion and female empowerment through the rehabilitation of urban outskirts, currently in a situation of abandonment or decay, where the practice of urban agriculture is applied through practical laboratories that aim to foster intercultural dialogue and more sustainable cities and communities.

In the kick-off meeting in Perugia, Italy, between 1st – 4th March 2017, partners planned the six main activities they will focus on between December 2016 – November 2018:

- 7 Urban Agriculture Labs
- 21 Focus Groups with regional communities with specific know-how
- Transnational Workshop of Good Practices in Strasbourg, France
- Transnational Gardening Contest
- Green Paper and Manifesto on the integration of migrant women
- Final Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

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### 1st INTEGR8 project newsletter



INTEGR8 aims to develop training materials and resources which will develop skills of migrant women so that they can be leaders of integration in their communities.

Working in partnership with local migrant support agencies, education providers, migrant women's networks and migrant women individually, project partners will develop a suite of training materials and will deliver this training locally between now and when the project comes to an end in December 2018.

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## Geia Xara Mobile app for Androids is released



The Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, in collaboration with, CARDET and INNOVADE offers FREE Greek Language courses for Third Country Nationals. The project aims to support the integration process of Third Country Nationals in the Cypriot society by providing them the opportunity to learn the Greek language and improve the social inclusion capacity.

The project aims to provide Greek language courses at two different levels (the basic and the intermediate level). The courses will be held in Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Pafos and Deryneia. It is expected that more than 200 Third Country Nationals will successfully attend the courses and at least 160 people will complete them.

Geia Xara mobile app for android devices is now accessible and it includes a wide range of interactive language activities and games for two different linguistic levels.

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The project "Greek Language for Minor Third Country Nationals" is co funded by the Asylum, Migration and integration Fund (90%) and the Republic of Cyprus (10%),CY/2016/AMIF/SO2.NO2.1.4



## Call for Papers - 10th ILE Conference



You are invited to participate in the **international** conference **10**<sup>th</sup> **Innovative Learning Environments 2017**, focusing on the theme of Adult Education Policy and Practice: Gamification, Entrepreneurship Education, and Education Policies. The conference will be held on **October 12-13**, **2017** in Nicosia, Cyprus. The conference is organized by the **Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture (European & International Affairs Office)**, the international research and development center **CARDET** (Centre for the Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology), and the **International Council for Educational Media**.

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**You are invited to register at the online platform of the** *MMN* **in order to have full access to the** MMN resources, be involved in funding opportunities, participate in its activities, get all new updates and communicate with other members.

MMN Members are invited to contribute to the MMN E-Library, by registering to the MMN online platform. Moreover, **all MMN** members are invited to send over at *info@migrationnetwork.org*, any news and developments on migration, they come across or are part of. We will be happy to share with the rest of the Network community.

The Network members now have the opportunity to be updated on a weekly basis on the news and activities of MMN. You can follow up with our news and activities *here*.

The MMN is managed by the independent, non-governmental, non-profit centre *CARDET* and the consultancy firm *INNOVADE*.

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