



Mediterranean Migration Network

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How to foster the sustainability of newly set up networks: Lessons learned from the Mediterranean Migration Network

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MMN Background

- The Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) was launched within the context of the project “Establishment of multilateral networks with countries in the Mediterranean region”
- Funded by the European Integration Fund and the Republic of Cyprus
- Targeting EU and Mediterranean stakeholders in migration and integration fields
- Coordination by CARDET





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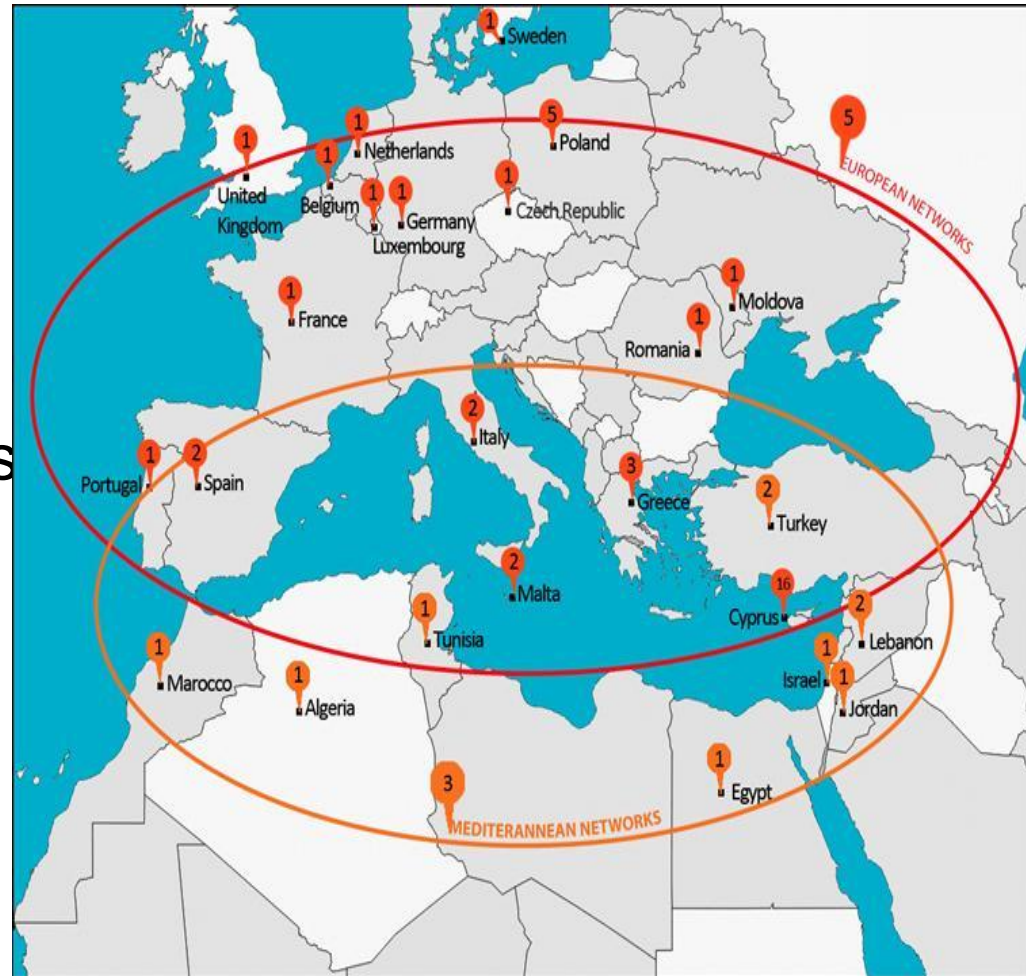
MMN Objectives

- Support the exchange of knowledge and practices among the members
- Develop a collaborative framework among Mediterranean & European public and private organizations
- Develop and manage a database of resources
- Build the professional capacity of members
- Promote the further collaboration



MMN Membership Status

- Open Membership
- Public Institutions
- NGOs, Platforms and Networks
- International Organizations
- Academia
- Consultancy Firms
- 150 members from 34 countries



MMN Activities

- Meetings and consultation with stakeholders
- Advocacy and Lobbying
- Study Visits
- Educational Activities
- Policy and Discussion Papers
- E-library
- Networking and Partnering
- Awareness raising activities



Development Phase

Actions

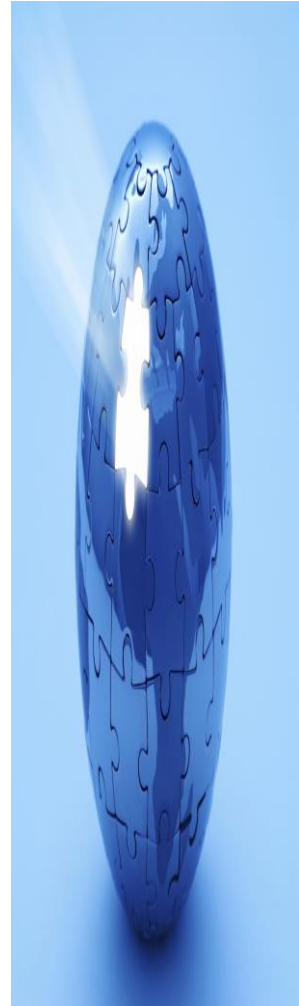
- Focus Groups
- Profiling of Members
- Consultation with potential members and other networks
- Collection of networking good practices
- Development of tools
- Feedbacks and Adjustments



Development Phase

Outcomes

- Development of the the mission and the objectives of the network – Action Plan
- Identification of needs and challenges faced by members
- Exploration of ways in which the network can address some of the challenges
- Development of a framework for participation
- Definition of management and coordination structure
- Deployment of a communication strategy – Domino Effect



Consolidation of the MMN

- Involvement of members in management
- Assign roles and responsibilities
- Development of targeted activities based on the needs of the members
- Create synergies with members and other networks on other levels
- Involvement in public decision making
- Production, collection and dissemination of resources
- Intervention in the public sphere
- Online Platform



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- User centred and user friendly
- Goal/needs oriented content
- Networked
- Interactive and participatory
- Multilingual
- Communicated
- Updated
- Motivation and incentives
- Effective moderation
- Dynamic development
- Attractive interface and design



The screenshot displays the homepage of the Mediterranean Migration Network. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'home', 'about', 'community', 'resources', 'news', and 'contact us'. The logo, featuring a colorful circular graphic, is positioned on the left. On the right, there are flags for the United Kingdom and the United States, along with font size options: 'Bigger', 'Reset', and 'Smaller'. Below the navigation is a large banner image showing stylized human figures in various colors (blue, red, purple, green, yellow) standing on a landscape with houses and trees under a sky with clouds and rainbows. Underneath the banner, a breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: Home > Home'. The main heading is 'Mediterranean Migration Network'. To the right of the heading is a user profile picture and a 'Logout' button. A welcome message reads: 'Welcome to the Mediterranean Migration Network! In this portal you will be able to communicate with organizations and individuals interested in Migration issues from all over Europe and the world, and especially the Mediterranean. You will get opportunities to discuss with other members, debate on migration related issues, and share ideas. Moreover you will have access to numerous resources related to Migration and as a member, you will be able to share resources you found in order to be included in the E-library.' Below this are four main content boxes: 'Meet the Community' (with a network icon), 'Join the Forums' (with a speech bubble icon), 'Access our E-Library' (with a book icon), and 'Share resources' (with a network icon). On the right side, there are three additional buttons: 'Join the 1st online debate', 'MMN Platform: A quick overview', and 'MMN Conference Material'. At the bottom right, there are links for 'My profile', 'Community members', and 'Forums'.

Online Activities

- Communication & Collaboration tools
- Social Networking
- Access to educational material
- Sharing Resources
- Access to the e-Library
- Online Debates
- News and Updates
- Press Releases

Resources

E-library

The e-Library contains freely available electronic documents covering a wide range of Migration issues

Useful Links

In this section you can find a well-organized collection of useful websites related to Migration issues



E-learning

In this section you can find opportunities for e-learning on Migration issues, such as course material



Main Forum

This is the main forum section. It serves as a container for categories for your topics

	General Discussions (3 NEW) Moderators: Charalambos Vrasidas, Sotiris Themistokleous
	Online Debates Moderators: Charalambos Vrasidas, George Isaias, Sotiris Themistokleous

Sotiris Themistokleous Profile Page



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Sustainability

- Establish MMN as a consultancy body for its members and external stakeholders
- Promote publications and visibility
- Generate further collaboration among its members
- Organize meetings and events
- Invest on the online platform and activities
- Enrich e-library and resources
- Develop Working Groups and assign focal points, expand its membership
- Establish advocacy and lobbying mechanisms



Network as a Community of Practice¹

- The ‘network is a **tool**’
- Develop an ‘**identity** based on the shared ‘**domain** of interest’
- Members engage in ‘**joint activities** and **build relationships**’
- **Practitioners and Community** – ‘Develop a **shared** repertoire of resources’:
 - Create a pool of Knowledge and Experience
 - Identify Needs
 - Share Resources
 - Coordinate and Collaborate



1 E. Wenger, (2006). *Communities of Practice*, www.ewenger.com



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