Mediterranean Migration Network

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...supporting integration...

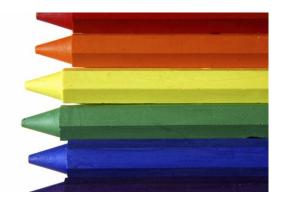# How to foster the sustainability of newly set up networks: Lessons learned from the Mediterranean Migration Network

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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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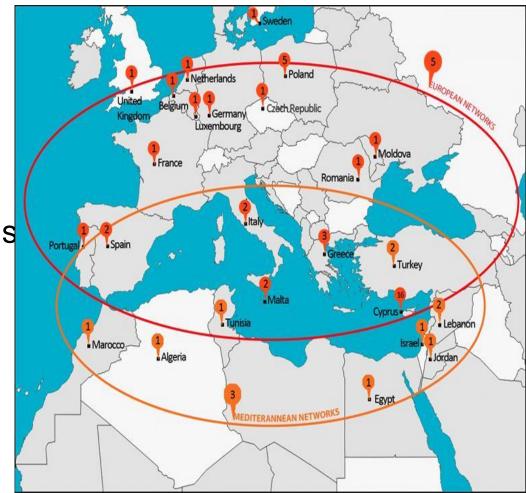
MMN Objectives

- 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
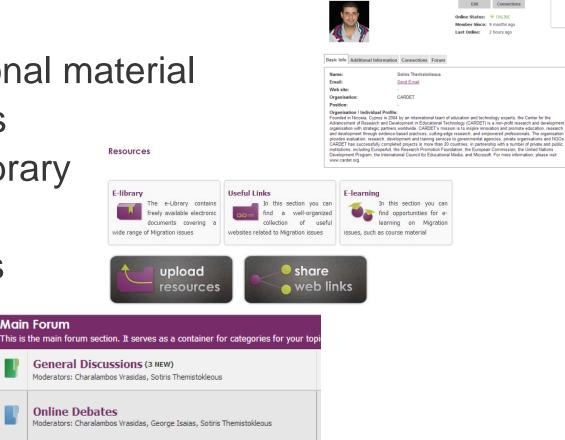- Dynamic development
- Attractive interface and design

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

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 Practice[1]

- 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

Thank you.

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