

Newsletter

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INTEGR8 at Work...

Over the summer months, the INTEGR8 project team began work on developing innovative educational materials that will change the way we approach integration initiatives with migrant communities in Europe going forward.

Central to this new approach is the training of migrant women in each partner country to become leaders of integration among other migrant women. To support project partners in delivering this training, the project team have developed two new training programmes, one for trainers and migrant support workers – the INTEGR8 Train the Trainer Programme; and one for migrant women – the Migrant Integration Expert (MIE) Curriculum.

The Train the Trainer Programme aims to introduce trainers and professionals working with migrants to the Migrant Integration Expert curriculum, and to support these professionals in delivering the MIE curriculum to migrant women in their local communities. Training will be delivered in a blended format and will comprise both face-to-face workshops and online learning.

In developing the Migrant Integration Expert Curriculum, partners aimed to design a training programme that is relevant, practical and suitable to the needs of migrant women; while also ensuring that training provided to this group is meaningful.

The MIE curriculum comprises 7 modules which aim to empower migrant women to be confident in their new roles as integration leaders; where they will act as a contact point for other women in their own communities who lack the confidence to undertake training for example, or who do not know where to go to access information on their rights and entitlements, or to access basic services.

This training will be delivered through a series of practical workshops, networking meetings and social events aimed at promoting integration between migrant and host communities.

Additionally, it will be supported by a dedicated online platform, where migrant women will have access to relevant information resources and an integration toolkit to support their role in working with other women in both communities.



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Meet the Team

The INTEGR8 project is led by Meath Partnership and is promoted by a consortium of seven organisations from across Europe with vast experience of working directly with local migrant communities:

- ❖ Ireland - Meath Partnership
- ❖ Cyprus - CARDET
- ❖ Portugal - ISQ Formação
- ❖ Romania - University of Pitesti
- ❖ UK - Learning Unlimited
- ❖ Italy - FormAzione Co&So Network
- ❖ Austria - Jugend am Werk

Local actors have their say!

To ensure that migrant women, and the professionals who support them, are consistently involved in decision-making throughout the project life-cycle, project partners have established local working groups.

These groups are composed of migrant women, adult education providers and experienced professionals working in the field of integration.

Local Working Groups have been established in all 7 partner countries. By establishing these local groups, project partners secured the involvement of all key target groups in the development of the project.

So far, these groups have met twice to take an active role in the project.

At their first meeting, the group were introduced to one another and to the project, and they used this forum to support the research activities of the INTEGR8 project.

Most recently, the local groups met for a second time to test and evaluate the draft training materials developed to date. Based on the feedback from these groups in each country, both the Train the Trainer and Migrant Integration Expert programmes are currently being reviewed to ensure they specially meet local training needs.