

# MESI NEWSLETTER

MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

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The study "Promoting and Supporting Migrant Entrepreneurship" (European Commission, 2016), has demonstrated that measures for addressing these challenges should be approached holistically: by providing migrants educational and training opportunities, regulatory advice, social capital, and facilitated access to business funding and working spaces. However, efforts to address these challenges in a holistic approach by local organisations are often described as too resource-intensive and thus do not have a long-term impact.



The project was presented to the members of the 'Management and Implementation of Development Projects' and 'Organization Change and Development' MSc programmes of the University of Manchester.

## MESI IN SHORT

The project will develop a training curriculum and an e-course specifically designed to tackle the educational and training needs of migrants by equipping adult education professionals, trainers and professionals working migrants with the tools needed for engaging migrants in entrepreneurial initiatives as well as increasing their participation in such activities. The curriculum will increase the capacity of professionals in designing outreach activities to support entrepreneurial activities created by migrants and therefore increase the participation of migrants in the socio-economic life and involvement of migrants in educational programmes.

## MESI OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Increase capacity of adult education professionals, trainers and professionals working migrants (target groups) with the tools needed for engaging migrants in entrepreneurship;
- ❖ Enhance knowledge of the target groups to design outreach activities to support entrepreneurial activities created by migrants;
- ❖ Participating migrant entrepreneurs have better conditions to start a business when they have a better knowledge about entrepreneurship.
- ❖ Enhance collaboration and the promotion of synergies between the target groups and other stakeholders for the promotion of migrant entrepreneurship;
- ❖ Support the efforts of local and EU organisations in applying a holistic approach in supporting migrants entrepreneurs through the development of OER tools.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- ❖ Increased capacity of adult education professionals, trainers and professionals working migrants (target groups) with the tools needed for engaging migrants in entrepreneurship;
- ❖ Strengthened knowledge of the target groups to design outreach activities to support entrepreneurial activities created by migrants;
- ❖ Strengthened collaboration among professionals working with migrants at a local and EU level.



*The project team has met in Magdeburg for the 3<sup>rd</sup> partner meeting!*

### Project Partners

- Krinova Incubator and Science Park (Sweden)
- SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education Ltd (Cyprus)
- Videnscenter for Integration (Denmark)
- University of Nicosia (Cyprus)
- Landeshauptstadt Magdeburg (Germany)
- Consorzio Scuola Comunità Impresa (Italy)

## MEETING IN MAGDEBURG

The project team has met in Magdeburg, Germany in September 2019. They have discussed the development of the MESI modules and the assessment system. They have also talked about the selected good practices and the preparation of the good practices report. Furthermore, they discussed the arrangements of the upcoming learning and training activity and the preparation of the toolkit which is going to support the training activity in Italy!

## DISSEMINATION EVENT IN CYPRUS

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education presented the project to the members of the 'Management and Implementation of Development Projects' and 'Organization Change and Development' MSc programmes of the University of Manchester.

## WHAT'S NEXT

The project team will finalise the MESI modules and upload them on the MESI platform. At the same time, they will work on the development of the assessment system and the contents of the learning activity.

After the finalization of the modules, they will translate the modules in the partner languages and create a toolkit which will be used to support the training activity that will take place in Italy in the spring of 2020.

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