

# 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.

## 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.



Picture from the MESI website.



The 6 modules are now available on the platform in English!

### 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)

## MESI MODULES

The MESI modules have been finalised and the partners are currently proceeding with the translation of the modules in the partner languages. The modules will later be piloted and tested by migrants and professionals working with migrants. The badge system has been finalised and integrated in the MESI platform. By the end of autumn 2020, migrant entrepreneurs and professionals working with migrants will be able to test and use the MESI modules!!!

## WHAT'S NEXT

- ❖ The partners are working on finalizing the in-service training toolkit which will be used during the learning & training activity. After the completion of the training activity, professionals working with migrants will be able to use the toolkit as a support tool to promote migrant entrepreneurship and create outreach activities that will increase the impact of their work. After the finalization of the MESI modules, the partners will test the modules with migrants and professionals working with migrants. After the piloting phase, the project team will adjust the courses accordingly and organize an online training activity for professionals working with migrants.
- ❖ Finally, the partners will organize local and transnational multiplier events to promote the results of the project in the partner countries!

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