

# 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.



*Project Consortium*

## 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 of Kick-Off meeting

## MESI KICK-OFF MEETING

The kick-off meeting took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2018 in Kristianstad, Sweden. The meeting started with a presentation of project objectives and expected results. The partners discussed the development of the different project outputs and prepared a detailed plan with the upcoming activities and the next steps. The structure of the quality assurance plan and the dissemination strategy were also presented.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- ❖ The project team will use the results from the "protocol for the acquisition of skills and competences on entrepreneurship" to create a training curriculum and an e-course which will aim to tackle the educational and training needs of migrants by equipping adult education professionals, trainers and professionals working migrants.
- ❖ The partners will share the results from the repository of the good practices and innovations and start working on the design and implementation of follow-up tasks and activities.
- ❖ The consortium will meet again on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March in Vejle, Denmark.

## 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)
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