



# PROMISE

## Newsletter

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Promoting Refugee & Migrant Integration through Education

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**“Migration is an expression of the human aspiration for dignity, safety and a better future. It is part of the social fabric, part of our very make-up as a human family.”**

Ban Ki-moon

## Getting Started

By *Yalcin Kuzoren*, project manager

In the first issue of PROMISE newsletter you will get updated news about the PROMISE project which has been implemented under the framework of Erasmus+ Programme KA2 Strategic Partnerships for Adult Education and funded by European Commission.

PROMISE is an Erasmus+ KA204 project bringing together project partners and experts from Ireland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain and Italy.

This project aims to facilitate the optimal integration of refugees and migrants into their host communities so that both the host and the migrant can flourish in their new situation. Our online platform, learning resources and training events will connect you to expert knowledge and advice.

We are at the first quarter of the project. In this issue you will get more information about the project activities and outputs. We have organised Interagency Network Meetings in Ireland, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Spain in order to develop mechanisms for sustainable collaboration between organizations and stakeholders providing integration services to refugees and recently-arrived migrants so that they may plan their support structures and training activities in coordination with other actors. You will be updated with Regional Interagency Network Meetings in this issue.

You will also read about the kick-off meeting hosted by Roscommon LEADER Partnership, Ireland between 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

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## About the project

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In the current global context, our ability to effectively integrate refugees into new host communities remains a critical priority. Adult education has long been considered one of the most impactful and sustainable routes to integration. Yet despite the willingness of authorities, education and **community organizations to be responsive to refugees' needs, the challenges are substantial.**

The overall goal of PROMISE is to facilitate the optimal integration of refugees and migrants into their host communities so that both can flourish. To do this, we will work with a range of adult education providers from local authorities to community organizations, to improve the quality of learning opportunities that are available to them.

Specifically we will:

- Enable service providers to improve collaborative planning and coordination of education activities in Interagency Networks (IO1)
- Increase the ability of educators to deliver effective, personalised and culturally sensitive education (IO2)
- Develop an innovative learning framework that provides refugees with opportunities for knowledge and skills development in the areas most needed for a successful transition into a new life. To ensure wide access, the framework will be shared as OERs for education providers (IO3) and in a user-friendly online course (IO4) for refugees who can engage in independent learning.
- Organise the PROMISE Skills Accelerator course so that 15 educators can become competent in using the framework, implementing it in their own organizations and motivated to teach others in their region.

**“Integration arises from intimacy with our emotions and our bodies, as well as with our thoughts.”**

Sharon Salzberg



## Target groups

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The project addresses the following needs of our participants and target groups and will create lasting impact for them:

- a) REFUGEES and newly arrived MIGRANTS who need high quality, culturally-sensitive orientation/education to enable them to flourish in their new community.
- b) ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS (community organizations, local authorities, VET providers) who require more effective approaches to cater to the learning needs of refugees and asylum seekers and training opportunities for staff.
- c) EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY MAKERS AND FUNDERS who need to identify high performing education strategies for refugees and find tangible ways to support their uptake at national or international level. They need improved integration outcomes for refugees to ensure communities are strengthened and not undermined by marginalization or radicalization.



## Expected results

The PROMISE consists of the following tangible results, to be produced in the form of intellectual outputs:

- IO1 Interagency Networks and Action Plans enable organizations in host communities to better plan their support structures and training activities in coordination with other actors. The Plans will include directories of organizations and services, outline of areas of responsibility, guide impact evaluation activities and create shared learning opportunities.
- IO2 Social Inclusion Toolkit presents best practice from across the EU which educators can replicate or adapt in their own communities. Approaches will be organized thematically - education, labour market, civic participation, daily life - but transversal issues will be highlighted, e.g. gender differences, mental health, host community involvement etc.
- IO3 PROMISE OERs for service providers: a set of integrated multimedia resources organized around a our framework which provides adult education providers with the structure, example learning activities and suggested content to deliver comprehensive, effective intercultural training.
- IO4 PROMISE Online resources. A multilingual web based platform optimised for tablet and smartphone access that can be used directly by refugees and migrants



*Nature laughs at the difficulties of integration*



**“As long as you look on migration as a problem, as something to solve, you’re not going to get anywhere. You have to look at it as a human reality that’s as old as humankind. It’s mankind’s oldest poverty reduction strategy. As citizens, we have to find a way to manage it.”**

William Lacy Swing

## Interagency Networks

Since the beginning of the project, the partners have created Interagency Networks in Ireland, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Spain in order to develop mechanisms for sustainable collaboration between organizations and stakeholders providing integration services to refugees and recently-arrived migrants so that they may plan their support structures and training activities in coordination with other actors.

Within the project we have created 5 Interagency Networks, each led and updated by one of our partners:

- West of Ireland, led by [RIDC](#)
- Umbria, Italy, led by [Frontiera Lavoro](#)
- Schleswig-Holstein, Germany led by [KulturLife](#)
- Basque region, Spain led by [CEBANC](#)
- Istanbul province, Turkey led by [Tuzla Kaymakamligi](#)

## Interagency Network Meetings

Each partner has formed Interagency Network in their regions and organized meetings with the stakeholders. Partners have established actions, assigned responsibilities and made the necessary arrangements for the meetings.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2019 and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The staff of Fiscal Office of Tuzla District and Tuzla Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation participated in the meetings.

### Interagency Network Meetings by RIDC

Four network meetings were organized by Roscommon LEADER Partnership, Ireland on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2019 and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with the participants from The Dept. of Justice & Equality, The dept. of Children & Youth Affairs, Tusla - The Child & Family Agency, Galway Roscommon Education & Training Board, EROC Ballaghaderreen, Roscommon County Childcare Committee, The Irish Refugee Protection Programme, Ballaghaderreen Family Resource Centre and various other representatives of inter-related agencies/services.



### Interagency Network Meetings by Frontiera Lavoro

Frontiera Lavoro, Italy organised two network meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with Cidis Onlus; social co-operatives Babele, Perugia and I Resilienti.



### Interagency Network Meetings by KulturLife

KulturLife, Germany organised three network meetings so far. These include meetings with the ZBBS (Central Education and Counselling Centre for Migrants), the ZEIK (center for empowerment and intercultural creativity) on 30<sup>th</sup> April and the Schusterkrug (a shared accommodation for asylum seekers in Kiel) on 16<sup>th</sup> May. We also met on 22<sup>nd</sup> May with BEI (**Bündnis Eine Welt Schlesig-Holstein**).

### Interagency Network Meetings by Tuzla Kaymakamligi

The project experts from Tuzla Kaymakamligi, Istanbul, Turkey organized two interagency network

## Kick-off meeting

The PROMISE project kicked off in Roscommon, Ireland on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, Roscommon LEADER partnership held the meeting in their offices in Roscommon and representatives were there from all of the partner countries. This meeting was the perfect way for everyone to get introduced to each other and to begin what will be a productive and effective partnership!

The meeting was hosted by the project coordinator, Roscommon LEADER Partnership (Ireland). The representatives from Tuzla Kaymakligi - District Governorship (Istanbul - Turkey), Momentum Consulting (Ireland), Canice Consulting Limited (Northern Ireland), KulturLife (Germany), CEBANC (Spain) and Frontiera Lavoro (Italy) were gathered for two-day meeting in order to discuss about the quality management and impact evaluation strategy, dissemination & sustainability strategies, IPR agreement, to identify the basic principles, tasks, methods and strategies for developing the action plan in order to address the intellectual outputs, activities and the events in the following months.

The participants also visited Ballaghaderreen Emergency Reception and Orientation Centre where asylum-seekers and refugees fleeing war, mostly from Syria are accommodated.

During the project meeting the participants discussed the impact+ model - enabling partners to develop a shared understanding of the expected results and long term impact of the project, as well as methods for data collection.

With very constructive discussions, many thoughtful and also practical comments from the representatives, the meeting was a great success and was a key for the smooth project start.



## Next project meeting

The 2<sup>nd</sup> transnational project meeting will be held between 16-17 May 2019 in Kiel, Germany. The partner meeting will be hosted by the project partner, KulturLife.

## Project web site

Why not follow the [link](#) and join our brand new project website fully loaded with information on project goals, news, activities and resources for you to access:



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