

# Newsletter

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## INTEGR8tion begins...

INTEGR8 aims to develop training materials and resources which will develop skills of migrant women so that they can be leaders of integration in their communities.

We want to design and deliver training materials that are practical and relevant to the needs of migrant women in our local communities, so that they can act as a bridge between migrant communities and host communities. We aim to empower these migrant women so that they can in-turn empower others; helping other migrant women to feel more accepted and integrated into their host communities, to access basic services and to learn about their rights and entitlements in their host countries.

Working in partnership with local migrant support agencies, education providers, migrant women's networks and migrant women individually, project partners will develop a suite of training materials and will deliver this training locally between now and when the project comes to an end in December 2018.

Throughout January and February, the INTEGR8 project team took part in a research study where they completed a literature review of the current supports available for migrant women in their countries and identified successful projects which involved migrant women in social, cultural and education and training programmes. Partners wanted to learn from the best practices of other organisations working with migrant women to see what worked best and if there were lessons learned which could be adapted for the INTEGR8 project.

During this time, we also completed a series of interviews with migrant women and migrant support agencies to identify their specific needs which the INTEGR8 training materials should address. In total, through this research phase, project partners interviewed 64 migrant women from 35 different countries, and 27 migrant support agencies. Learning Unlimited have produced a Summary Research Report which condenses the key findings from this research process and is available for download from the project website:

[www.integrateproject.eu](http://www.integrateproject.eu).



# INTEGR8



## 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

## What's next?

The project team have just completed the second transnational partner meeting which was held in Pitesti at the beginning of April.

At this meeting, partners split into working groups to reflect on the findings from the research phase and to begin the development work of the INTEGR8 training programmes; the Migrant Integration Expert programme for migrant women and the Train-the-Trainer programme for migrant support agencies.

Partners will work together between now and July to develop a first draft of these training programmes.

During this period, project partners will also work to establish local working groups.

These groups be composed of migrant support workers and migrant women, and their role will be to support the development of all project materials by testing training portals developed and providing honest and immediate feedback in terms of the suitability of these resources to meeting their training and developmental needs.

To learn more about the project or to join a local working group, please email your local partner at: [info@meathpartnership.ie](mailto:info@meathpartnership.ie), or call us on 046-9280790.



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