



Mediterranean Migration Network Newsletter

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Editorial

Migration is constantly highly prioritized in the majority of EU decision making processes and policy development in all fields. Initiatives, practices and tools, implemented at European and local level aim to enhance the management of documented migration, meet the challenges of undocumented migration flows, and boost the positive effects of migration on development. Migration is becoming one of the priorities on the global agenda and it is recognised as a powerful vehicle for advancing development in both countries of origin and destination. The integration of third-country nationals and the protection of their rights in accordance with international and European laws and standards, are not only 'politically correct' measures but they also add credibility to the European Union as "an area of freedom, security and justice" where democracy and the rule of law applies.

The aforementioned issues and challenges are the focus of the **Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN)**. The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Republic of Cyprus continue their support to the Network in order to expand its membership and continue the cooperation among its members in addressing migration and integration issues in Europe and the Mediterranean Basin. One of the primary objectives of the network is to enhance cooperation among public and private stakeholders, encourage the exchange of information and good practices on migration and integration and identify new areas of collaboration among its members (i.e. new European project proposals).

You are invited to register at the online platform of the MMN in order to have full access to the MMN resources, be involved in funding opportunities, participate in its activities, get all new updates and communicate with other members.

MMN Members are invited to contribute to the MMN E-Library, by registering to the MMN online platform. Moreover, **all MMN members are invited to send over at info@migrationnetwork.org, any news and developments on migration**, they come across or are part of. We will be happy to share with the rest of the Network community.

The Network members now have the opportunity to be updated on a weekly basis on the news and activities of MMN. You can follow up with our news and activities [here](#).

The MMN is managed by the independent, non-governmental, non-profit centre *CARDET* and the consultancy firm *INNOVADE*.

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Local kick off Meeting for the ongoing operations of the MMN



The MMN has currently more than 200 members and it has been active in the past years in advocacy and lobbying in the areas of policy development for migration and integration at national and European level. The network is supported by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Republic of Cyprus.

In the framework of the Network's activities, CARDET organised a kick off meeting on Tuesday, 21th February 2017, with the participation of a number of government officials and NGO representatives in order to establish the development framework of the Network, elaborate on the needs and good practices, discuss the current trends on migration and decide on role defining of specific target groups.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Asylum Migration and Integration Fund, University of Nicosia, the Municipality of Agios Dometios, Synthesis, Citizens in Powers, the Municipality of Engomi, the Municipality of Agios Athanasios, UNHCR, Hope for Children, the Asylum Service, the Civil Registry and Migration Department, CARDET and INNOVADE.

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European Website on Integration

CARDET continues its appointment as the **Cyprus Coordinator of the European Website on Integration (EWSI)**, the official portal of the European Commission on issues related to Migration Policies and Integration.

This is a **great opportunity for all Cypriot and European stakeholders** working in the areas of migration and integration to disseminate and communicate their work through the EWSI.

The European Web Site on Integration (EWSI) is designed to act as an EU-wide platform for networking on integration, through exchange about policies and practices. In particular, the EWSI is:

- A documentation facility
- An online data collection tool for good practices
- A platform for the direct exchange of information between stakeholders

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Four adult educators represented CARDET to a blended mobility training for “Managing multicultural and multi-ethnic groups for tolerance and good coexistence” (ANJAF)



A unique opportunity was provided to four adult educators from Cyprus to attend a blended mobility training under the title “Managing multicultural and multiethnic groups for tolerance and good coexistence”. In the framework of the Us&Them project ANJAF, a Portuguese non-profit association, hosted in Lisbon 33 participants from 8 countries across Europe to be trained in the field of adult education and learning. In this regard, CARDET, as a project partner, selected four adult educators to represent the organisation.

The main themes covered during the training were the following:

- Intercultural Education
- Communication and Multiculturalism
- Immigration, Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Integration and Respect for Cultural Diversity
- The Role of Mass Media / Decoding Information

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Digital Tools for Inclusion of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants - Digital Inclusion



Europe is experiencing one of the most significant influxes of migrants and refugees in its history. It is interesting to note that more than a million migrants and refugees crossed Europe in 2015. This migration is mostly forced due to civil wars or armed conflicts and it derives from the wish for a better and safer life. In this regard, the role of the host countries becomes crucial especially when it comes to finding lasting solutions for migrants and refugees in terms of their resettlement and integration to the host society. As education is considered indispensable to integration there is an increasing need to prepare all adult education providers (AEPs) in the most affected EU countries to initiate relevant programmes with the newly arrived migrants and refugees. For this purpose the project “DIGITAL INCLUSION” aims to produce and adopt a consolidated European OER for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in 6 languages, thus providing digital training for their skills’ improvement. Adult education trainers will also improve their competences by offering new ways of learning, as a result of the cooperation and exchange of experiences at international level. The specific objectives of the project are the following:

- Strengthen the cooperation and networking between AEPs, research centres and public bodies from countries most affected by the refugees’ crisis.
- Test and implement innovative practices in the field of education and training of specific target groups.
- Better prepare and deploy the education and training of professionals for equity, diversity and inclusion challenges in the learning environment.
- Promote the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and newly arrived migrants and raise awareness about the refugee crisis in Europe.
- Encourage the utilization of Open Educational Resources (OER) to give access to education and digital training tools to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Project Coordinator is the General Directorate of Social Services and Social Integration - Community of Madrid (Spain), developing the action in partnership with: Community of San Egidio (Spain), University of Nicosia (Cyprus), CARDET (Cyprus), Centre for European Constitutional Law (Greece), Association of Saint Andrew (Italy), Union of South-East Region Local Authorities (Bulgaria) and Hildburghäuser Bildungszentrum e.V. (Germany).

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