LLP GRUNDTVIG Multilateral project

INTEGRA - Migrants' Integrating Kit –
Basic Language for Dealing with Financial Matters

Project Achievements and Results

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With this project we aimed:

To work together with social partners such as migrant communities and financial institutes to create a Europe wide network of relevant institutes in order to reach migrants in partner countries to improve their integration into local society by providing them with opportunities to gain language skills on basic financial matters
Partners

- SOROS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE – LT (coordinator)
- DIAN - Training and Management Activities – GR
- Dialoge Language Institute – DE
- Instituto de Formacion y Studios Sociales IFES - ES
- HASRETİ SÜLEYMAN EGİTİM VAKFI – TR
- Smashing Times Theatre Company – IE
- Pressure Line V.O.F. – NL
- EuroEd Foundation – RO
- DHE Solutions Ltd. – UK
- Akademia Humanistyczno-Ekomomiczna w Lodzi - PL
- INTERNATIONAL HOUSE Minsk – BY (third country partner)
Target groups

Direct:
- Migrants to old EU member states:
  - migrants from new EU member states - new migrant communities with new traditions
  - migrants from outside the EU - old communities of migrants with old traditions from third countries
- Migrants to new EU member states:
  - migrants from third countries
  - people from new EU member states migrating to EU countries

Indirect:
- Migrant community organisations
- Financial institutes
- Education institutes (adult educators and financial experts involved in trainings)
- Other support organisations to migrant communities
General objectives

To enhance:

- the basic language skills of migrants living in partner countries, specifically relating to financial matters
- migrants’ potential for mobility within the EU labour market
- intercultural learning and empathy in migrant communities for international communication in different countries
- self-confidence among migrants
- ability to break personal and cultural frontiers
Project implementation activities

- Research
- Establishing contacts and training programs
- Exploitation seminars on the project and its activities (1)
- Two level trainings: for representatives from migrant communities and for migrants - final beneficiaries
- Project final event - International conference in Vilnius, LT
- Exploitation seminars on the project’s final products (2)
Research

Needs analysis in partner countries produced to find out about the problems and experiences that migrants face in a new country because they do not speak the host country language and are not familiar even with the basic norms of everyday life

(results on the project website under the heading “Training materials/Summaries”)

- Good practice examples in each partner country collected following the template developed by the coordinating institution on the financial language training and country specific financial and banking operations, summarized and translated into partner and one migrant languages

(results on the project website under the heading “Training materials/Summaries”)

- Comparative analysis produced on the life situation of migrants in the old and new EU countries

(results on the project website under the heading “Training materials/Summaries”)

- Final summary of all the analysis with feedback prepared
Establishing contacts and training programs

- Contacts established and cooperation agreements with migrant communities in partner countries signed
- Contacts established and cooperation agreements with the social partners – financial, non-governmental and state institutions working with migrants, signed
- The training methodologies and programs for training representatives from migrant communities and migrants as final beneficiaries developed and translated into partner languages
- Collection of the materials and the creation of the active in the future portal www.integra-project.eu with the assistance from social partners finalized.
The aim was to bring together representatives from:

- governmental institutions
- NGOs working with migrant integration issues
- migrant communities
- financial, scientific and educational institutions

to discuss the situation of migrants in partner countries and to present the project activities and results in each partner country and other EU countries.
Exploitation seminars (1) on the project activities in LT, UK, ES, RO
Two level trainings for migrants

- March-April 2012
- Trainings for representatives-instructors from migrant communities organized, who will later cascade the acquired knowledge and gained skills to the final beneficiaries – migrants from partner countries
- Community representatives were selected according to the pre-agreed criteria (one of the most important – good local language skills and good knowledge of national culture)
- In each partner country 8-10 persons were trained
- The most active representatives (3-5 per country) were included into the European network of trainers
- Training time-10 hours
- Trainings were meant for training the instructors on how to use the developed by the project financial language teaching program and methodology, based on elements of drama and introduce the project website containing the collected teaching/learning materials and useful info
- Every potential instructor was equipped with a CD containing materials and methodology guidelines to be used for teaching final beneficiaries
Two level trainings for migrants

April-May 2012

Trainings for final beneficiaries – migrants from partner countries organized with migrant community representatives acting as „teachers – instructors“

Each partner country-10 migrants (average 3 migrants per community)

16 hours training program (2 hours for project presentation, introduction into the project website, 12 hours for trainings following the program, 2 hours for reflections and summing up)

Trainings were run by the migrant community representatives - instructors, who have already integrated in the new environment
Project Final Event - International Conference

Migrants Integration Processes in EU – First Steps In Their New Home Countries (1)

- 15th June 2012, Vilnius, Lithuania
- The aim of the conference - to present the final project product – Migrant Integration Kit, to share experiences on integration issues and innovative language teaching methods.
Honoured guests:

- The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,
- Deputy Head of the Mission of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain in Lithuania,
- The Interim at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Lithuania
Project Final Event - International Conference

Migrants Integration Processes in EU – First Steps In Their New Home Countries (3)

Participants:
- Representatives from educational institutions and NGOs
- Representatives from different social partner institutions and migrant communities in partner countries.
Project Final Event - International Conference

Migrants Integration Processes in EU – First Steps In Their New Home Countries (4)

Agenda

- Key speakers presentations on integration issues
- Presentation of the final product CD - Migrant Integration KIT
- Reflections on trainings by migrants
- Simulations performed by „Group36“ actors to demonstrate the innovative and special method based on drama elements
- Work in sections
Exploitation seminars (2) on INTEGRA final products in partner countries

The aim was to bring together representatives from governmental institutions, NGOs working with migrant integration issues, migrant communities, financial, scientific and educational institutions and to present the results of the INTEGRA project and the project website; demonstrate the materials included in the CDs: Migrant Integration Kit and Materials for Training Migrants Financial Language Skills.
Project final products and results (1)

A regularly updated web portal which integrated useful financial information; online training; contact information; networks; data in partner countries languages for migrants and wider general public, administrated with the support and direct involvement of social partners.

Later transformed in an active, constantly updated long-time after the project is over webportal integrating all the useful financial information, on-line trainings, contact information and networks data www.integra-project.eu
Project final products and results (2)

- Developed **Useful Kit** of financial terminology, financial glossary and a guide with main information on financial institutes or financial information sources
Developed “Materials for Training Migrant Financial Language Skills” for representatives of migrant communities to use during the trainings of the newcomers to their communities by developing their basic local language skills for dealing with financial matters in a new country.
**Project final products and results (4)**

- Created European network of fitted trainers from migrant communities able to continue delivering the skills to final beneficiaries

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The Final Report of the LLP INTEGRA Project has been approved by the European Commission. Based on the conclusions drawn by the commission of experts, the report received the highest possible score – 10 out of 10.

In the section evaluating *project objectives, results and products* it is said:

‘The 35 envisaged deliverables (and a few more that the partners later agreed to produce) were all achieved.’

While evaluating *coherence between workplan and activities carried out during the project lifetime* experts notice:

‘It is most impressive how such a huge “orchestra” managed to play so many and so complex pieces always in the right tempo and the correct tune.’
In the section evaluating project management it is said:

‘It takes an extraordinarily competent and alert “maestro” to lead a huge orchestra to timely and harmoniously play the diverse and intricate pieces that composed the INTEGRA Project.’

While evaluating project dissemination and exploitation experts emphasise:

‘It is easy to recognise from the original Proposal that dissemination and exploitation rated very highly in the priorities of the architects of the Project. Both aspects were early on described through well structured plans that were later not only fully achieved but significantly surpassed.’
While indicating the **strong points of the project** experts notice that:
‘There are too many to allow for an accurate selection’

In the section ‘**weak points**’ one can find such a conclusion: ‘Practically impossible to detect.’

**Overall comment** states:
‘The INTEGRA should be seen and broadcast as a benchmark Grundtvig project, particularly for those agencies working for the integration of migrant persons and communities through adult education centred on their day-to-day needs – both in linguistic skills and in the knowledge of the specific and vital social sectors of the host country.’
Other relevant SIH projects:
Project Aims:

- Help migrants to improve their knowledge about health matters in host country language;
- Make health care more accessible for migrants and improve their integration;
- Create a European wide network of associated partners;
- Contribute to intercultural communication.
Project Aims:

to develop innovative language courses for migrants based on stimulating speaking strategies combined with leisure interests.

Different partner countries organised local languages courses based on Language clubs methodology.

LT organised coffee-club, book-club and drama-club.
Prediction of e-learners’ progress and timely assessment of the achievement of learning outcomes in Lifelong Learning

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The project aims to provide innovative solutions to meet the learning needs of the target groups - a modern web based environment (a smart platform) that will allow the timely assessment of the achievement of learning outcomes, thus supporting the realization of efficient personalized learning paths in all educational levels that use e-learning.

The platform will offer:

• Prediction of e-learners’ progress;
• Timely assessment of the achievement of learning outcomes in Lifelong Learning.
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