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Final Transnational Meeting

Project partners join forces in final ERASMI Transnational Project Meeting

Two and a half years after project start, the 6th - and final - ERASMI Transnational Project Meeting was hosted by Harz University as a digital event on Wednesday, 8 June 2022. As main discussion points, project partners discussed and reflected on the status quo of the regional inclusion networks established by the ERASMI project in Saxony-Anhalt (Germany), Umbria (Italy), Tuzla (Turkey), and Leitrim (Ireland). The aim of the networks is to bring together regional integration actors for an ongoing knowledge exchange to improve inclusion work. Partners also discussed about new content for the Open Online Platform (www.erasmi.info/open-online-platform/), where all ERASMI results are available for download. As a next step, partners agreed on moderation duties for the Knowledge Exchange Platform (ERASMI Facebook group) for the final project months. To be part of the discussion, feel free to join our group on www.facebook.com/groups/erasmigroup. Tuzla provided a short report on the first ERASMI Multiplier Event which was held in Istanbul at the end of May, whereas the Harz University team previewed the German event to be conducted as an online edition on the very next day. Two more Multiplier Events will be held in July in Umbria (hosted by Frontiera Lavoro) and Leitrim (hosted by Momentum). As the project is quickly approaching its final stage, partners also shared thoughts on the Final Project Report and sustainability issues.



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German Multiplier Event

Harz University team presents ERASMI project results in Multiplier Event Germany

The German Multiplier Event was held on Thursday, June 9, as a digital event via Zoom and moderated by the Harz University ERASMI project team. Numerous representatives of organizations in the field of integration and migration - including the Burgenlandkreis, Diakonie Halberstadt and the integration network Erfurt - accepted the invitation to the final presentation of the project results and subsequently gave insights into topics and tasks that are currently relevant to them, which are characterized by the challenges of integrating Ukrainian refugees as a result of the Russian war of aggression. While the Harz University team presented the results of the International Good Practice Compendium and the Open Online Platform, project partner tww GmbH from Halle/Saale showcased the modular Multi-Actor Inclusion Toolkit including an interactive assessment as a short needs analysis for integration actors that want to establish and maintain networks.

The event marked the preliminary conclusion of several research and transfer projects led by Prof. Apfelbaum at the Department of Public Management in the period from 2017 to 2022. For this reason, the event was also used for an illustrative review of the transfer workshops conducted in the last five years, in which many participants of the Multiplier Event had regularly participated and partly also provided insights into practice as speakers. The offer to use the project results - now available for download - for their own work was met with lively interest and positive feedback from the participants.



The Integration Network Erfurt

Integration through cooperation:

A video interview with the Integration Network Erfurt

How do you coordinate a large network of 82 different actors, especially in times of pandemic? What challenges and solutions are there? We asked Rebecca Heintz, coordinator of the Integration Network of the German City of Erfurt, directly in Erfurt (German with English subtitles):



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TRSU7KGqy4>

For more Good Practices on network based cooperations and further information on the Integration Network of the German City of Erfurt, see our Compendium of Good Practices:

<https://www.erasmi.info/goodpractices/>



Carrick on Shannon hosts event: new approaches to inclusion

On Thursday, 16th of June 2022, Carrick on Shannon, was home to a day of learning and exploration, for all those interested in inclusive practices, those working in the public and volunteer sector who welcome new community members and facilitate supportive services that bond our communities together.

Hosted by Leitrim Village based education practice Momentum, the event was attended by large numbers of new community members including migrants and refugees and the agencies who work with them, those with an interest in deeper community involvement, and educators.

Special focus was placed on Momentum's work of the ERASMI project, which enables the diverse stakeholder groups in the field of migration and refugee inclusion work to professionalise their staff and their organisations in order to effectuate their impact on social inclusion and will empower them to build strong multi-actor networks developing and implementing regional action plans for social inclusion of migrants and refugees. Guest speakers included CEO of Roscommon Leader Partnership, Marina Earley, Lecturer in TUD and trainer with CISCO Naheed Shaleel, Juanita Blue from Atlantic Technological University, Sylvia Apostol, Secretary of the Leitrim Intercultural Forum and Diana Tarkovych, Ukrainian native now living in Leitrim who spoke so movingly of her family and community's work in providing refuge and substance to Ukrainians fleeing their country and arriving in the region. The Momentum team were Orla Casey, Lola Gonzales, Inclusion Specialist and Sanja Ivandic, Intercultural and EU Project Specialist.

St. George's Heritage Centre was the perfect venue and backdrop to explore keen themes of inclusion and belonging. Leitrim Volunteer Centre were very active on the day, supporting all those present. Different projects were brought to the fore and next steps. A multicultural feast and music was enjoyed by many in attendance from Leitrim County Council.



Turkish Multiplier Event

ERASMI showcase - Conference (Multiplier event) in Tuzla - Istanbul - Turkey

On 23 May 2022 Tuzla Kaymakamligi (Tuzla District Governorship) from Istanbul, Turkey, organised a multiplier event of ERASMI project for the wide range of the local representatives from community organizations, schools, public authorities and other stakeholders who are involved in social inclusion of migrants and refugees in Tuzla, Istanbul. The event took place at the conference hall of Prof. Dr. Cahit Arf İlkokulu, Tuzla – Istanbul and started at 11:15 a.m. after the registration of the participants.

The aim of the multiplier event was to showcase the work of the International best practice compendium (IO1), ERASMI Interactive Multi-Actor Inclusion Toolkit (IO2), Knowledge Exchange Platform and OERs (IO4) and especially the ERASMI Inter-Agency Networks and Action Plans (IO3) to stakeholders working on the inclusion and integration of refugee and migrant communities in Turkey. Totally 82 participants from more than 30 different stakeholders joined the event.

Serap Kirdar Kuzören, Tuzla District Governorship Project Department Unit Director, presented an overview of the project and its achievements so that attendees deepened their understanding of importance of multi-actor approaches to social inclusion of migrants and refugees in the event.

Then Stefan Aplitz from Hochschule Harz Halberstadt, Germany made a presentation about the contributions to the project and gave information about 5 inter-agency network meetings they organised throughout the project.

By the event we were able to publicly recognise the achievements of the Interagency Network stakeholders & their Action Plan, thus motivating them to keep working proactively to the wider goals of the project.

[Yalçın Kuzören](#), EU projects manager from Tuzla District Governorship, made a comprehensive presentation in order to enable attendees to engage directly with intellectual outputs (IO1, IO2, IO3 and IO4) so that they were aware of these new practical tools now available to assist the inclusion and integration of refugee and migrant communities. These outputs have encouraged attendees to explore and/or make commitments to using the outputs within their own organizations.

At the end of the event, the evaluation of the event was done via online questionnaire to gain feedback on the organisation of the multiplier event and establish contacts for future work of the ERASMI partnership. The participants completed feedback evaluation questionnaire on their opinions and suggestions for future use and potential transferability of the Best Practice Compendium, Interagency Networks, Toolkit and OERs. All of the presentations and documents presented during the event can be downloaded from the following link: shorturl.at/egpxH.





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