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In the context of our transnational project "Empowering Regional Actors & Stakeholders for Migrant and Refugee Inclusion" (ERASMI), our goal is to identify innovative and interesting approaches to network collaboration in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion/integration.

The project started in September 2019 and will run until August 2022.

In the first issue of the ERASMI newsletter you will get updated news about the ERASMI project which has been implemented under the framework of Erasmus+ Programme KA2 Strategic Partnerships for vocational educational and training (VET). This project brings together partners and experts from Germany, Ireland, Turkey, Denmark and Italy.

We are in the first quarter of the project and we would like you to get more information about our current work, the project activities and outputs.





## **About the Project**

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**ERASMI** aims to enable all relevant actors, stakeholders and organisations (esp. VET organisations, governmental administrations, municipalities, NGOs, HEIs) to gain the skills and tools needed to develop and implement regional cooperation formats in order to meet and come across the regional challenges in the field of migrant and refugee integration. Our main goal is to ensure that communities are strengthened by migration and not undermined by marginalization or radicalization.

#### Specifically, we will deliver the following Intellectual Outputs (IOs):

1-Provide actors with best practice (collaboration) blueprints in the field of multi-actor migrant and refugee inclusion (IO1),

2-Develop an innovative learning framework and toolkit (IO2) empowering actors to enhance the impact of their social work,

3-Enable and empower actors to improve collaborative planning and coordination of education activities in Inter-Agency Networks with regional action plans for social inclusion (IO3),

4-To ensure wide and free access, the framework and the documented processes and lessons learned from the networks will be shared on our interactive knowledge exchange platform as Open Educational Resources (OERs), (IO4).

At the end of this project we will organise Multiplier Events in Germany, Ireland, Turkey and Italy to showcase all aspects of the project with breakout sessions for different target groups.

All the project results and outcomes will be published on the EPALE platform for the exchange of information and learning.





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# Target groups

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

Actors/stakeholders in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion will gain a comprehensive understanding of the importance of collaboration and the tools and methods needed to establish regional networks and to develop and implement action plans for inclusion.

**Social development policy makers and funders** will identify high performing best practice strategies and find tangible ways to support their uptake at a national or international level.

**Refugees/migrants** will indirectly profit from the regional cooperation, the uptake of professionalism as well as the synergies and released resources of actors–leading to a faster and deeper inclusion.

**Project partners** will acquire new strategies, tools and methods for improving the effectiveness of integration and social inclusion. They will improve their own competences in knowledge sharing and strategic relationship building and have a clear understanding of how to sustain and grow the project in the long term.





## **Project Partners**

### Hochschule Harz Harz University of Applied Scie

#### Hochschule Harz (HS Harz), Germany – www.hs-harz.de

- Harz University of Applied Sciences (HU) is located in two cities within the Harz region in Germany. It follows a service and practice-oriented research strategy with regional added value and an international network that relies on the collaboration of its three departments. While the campus in Wernigerode focuses on Business Studies and Automation & Computer Studies, Halberstadt concentrates on an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research for the public sector.
- The Department of Public Management has developed an extensive national
- and transnational network of administrative practice and cooperation partners,
- which facilitates collaborative projects. It is very active in the transfer of
- knowledge via its own publications, lectures, fairs and workshops organised in
- collaboration with stakeholders from the public sector.
- HU is the applicant of the ERASMI project and leads IO1.



#### Tvw GmbH, Germany – www.thevisionworks.de

- TVW GmbH is an owner-managed SME focussing on consulting companies, start-ups, public organisations and NGOs in the fields of change management processes and organisational development on organisational and individual staff level, stakeholder management and stakeholder crisis management, business development processes, crisis management and restructuring processes and international project management.
- TVW GmbH leads IO2.



#### T.C. Tuzla Kaymakamlığı (TK), Turkey – www.tuzla.gov.tr

T.C. Tuzla Kaymakamlığı is a district governorship situated in Tuzla, Istanbul. It's the main public authority which is responsible for governmental and administrative issues in the district.

- TK coordinates all the services of public institutions and organizations in Tuzla
- in terms of economic, social and cultural inclusion. Within this framework,
- TK has undertaken a range of local and international projects and is strongly
- connected to public institutions, organisations, local municipalities, NGOs and
- the private sector.
- TK leads IO3.





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#### European E-learning Institute (EUEI), Denmark – www.euei.dk

EUEI specialises in the creation of powerful online platforms, immersive educational environments and provisions of resources and tools to create truly

- valuable learning experiences.
- Within the ERASMI project, EUEI is responsible for the development of the Online Platform (IO4).

#### Momentum, Ireland – www.momentumconsulting.ie

Momentum is an Irish training organisation focused on developing learning programmes and platforms for education with special competence on training content, digital media and social media as a powerful tool in reaching marginalised target groups. As a key social inclusion training organisation in Ireland, Momentum has first-hand experience with women from ethnic, minority and migrant backgrounds and the particular barriers to integration, inclusion and entrepreneurship they face.

Momentum is the leader of the quality management and evaluation of ERASMI project.



#### Frontiera Lavoro (FL), Italy – www.frontieralavoro.it

FL is an Italian social cooperative born to be focused on increasing employability of vulnerable groups.

FI has an extraordinary experience with practical multi-actor stakeholder projects and, in addiction, FL manages a Centre for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the municipality of Gubbio (Italy) and cooperates with other social cooperatives to encourage the employment of migrants and refugees, by promoting and monitoring internships inside local firms.

FL is the Dissemination strategy leader.



# **Kick-off meeting**

The first ERASMI project meeting was held in Halberstadt (Germany) on the 11th and 12th of December 2019. HU as lead partner hosted the event in their offices in Halberstadt and representatives from all partner countries participated. This kick-off 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 representatives from TVW GmbH (Germany), European E-Learning Institute EUEI (Denmark), Tuzla Kaymakamliği - District Governorship (Istanbul - Turkey), Momentum Consulting (Ireland), and Frontiera Lavoro (Italy) gathered for a two-day meeting in order to identify the basic principles, tasks, methods and strategies for developing the project plan and discussed the upcoming intellectual outputs, activities and events.

The participants also visited the Immigration Counselling Service ("Migrationsberatung") of the Diakonie Halberstadt and the Federal State Reception Center (ZASt) in Halberstadt to get to know local integration actors and to allow for an exchange about migrant reception instruments and policies in their respective countries.





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## Be part of our work - an invitation

We kindly invite you to participate in a survey and/or share our questionnaire on "Collaboration in networks for the integration of migrants and refugees". You can access the questionnaire for the survey designed by Harz University via the following link:

#### https://unipark.de/uc/ERASMI

Our goal is to identify innovative and interesting approaches to network collaboration in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion/ integration. The survey will provide the basis for a good-practice compendium of successful and innovative migrant and refugee inclusion networks and a learning tool on network cooperation.

Our survey targets the coordinators and/or key actors of migrant and refugee inclusion networks. It will be available until the **31st of May 2020**. The good-practice compendium will be published by December 2020.

Feel free to contact Robin Radom from Harz University should you have any questions or remarks: rradom[at]hs-harz.de

## Website

Follow the link and join our project website with additional information on project goals, news, activities and resources for you to access:

#### Social media

- Follow our Facebook page ERASMI Project
- (https://www.facebook.com/ERASMIproject)
- and our hashtag #erasmiproject
- Contact for Newsletter:
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