

# Looking back to 4th ERASMI Transnational Virtual Meeting

- The 4th Transnational Meeting of the ERASMI project took place on the 30th June 2021. Due to COVID-19,
- the partners from Germany, Turkey, Italy, Ireland and Denmark did not meet as planned in Halle (Saale) in
- Germany but online in a Zoom conference.
- The Harz University team provided an overview of the status of the project and the International Compen-
- dium of Good Practices on network-based cooperation for migrant and refugee inclusion. This has been
- published in English, Italian, Turkish and German on the ERASMI website (www.erasmi.info). Based on the
- Compendium, the ERASMI project will develop interactive learning tools and a knowledge exchange platform
- for the training of integration actors working or planning to work in networks.
- As a cultural part of the meeting programme, the host partners from the vision works organised a virtual tour
  of Halle (Saale).
- Afterwards, the vision works provided a presentation assessing the Interactive Multi-Actor Inclusion Toolkit.
- It will contain practical resources needed to develop, implement and maintain successful multi-stakeholder
- migrant integration concepts.
- Tuzla Kaymakamligi presented the current status of the regional ERASMI networks. Based on the experiences
- of the regional network meetings, an ERASMI guide for networks in the field of integration and migration will
- be developed from September 2021.
- As a next step, a detailed concept for an Online Knowledge Platform was presented by the European E-Learn-
- ing Institute. All ERASMI results and other content will be made available and interactively presented on this platform.
- Finally, as the start of the last project year comes closer, the topic of sustainability was a central part of the
- meeting. In a short workshop, all partners discussed how the sustainability of the ERASMI results can be ensured.



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## **Compendium of Good Practices on network-based cooperation for migrant and refugee inclusion published online**

Network-based cooperation involving actors with various institutional and personal affiliations is considered a promising strategic approach to successful integration. To showcase interesting and innovative networks and their respective approach, the ERASMI project created a Compendium of Good Practices based on a Europe-wide survey of 55 networks in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion. The Compendium demonstrates the diversity of approaches that can lead to successful network-based cooperation and aims to contribute to the professionalization and capacity building of networks. The following key success factors could be identified:

• appropriate internal and external communication,

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- professional coordination and network management,
- established measures for sustainability,
- a heterogeneous composition and participatory network design,
- and the ability to successfully cope with external challenges.

The Compendium as well as the single Good Practices can be downloaded here:

- English: www.erasmi.info/download/3593/
- German: www.erasmi.info/download/3647/
- Turkish: www.erasmi.info/download/3681/
- Italian: https://www.erasmi.info/download/3751/





## **ERASMI Interactive Multi-Actor Inclusion Toolkit**

ERASMI partner the vision works is currently working on the impact and evaluation of the Multi-Actor Inclusion Toolkit. This innovative learning framework will empower actors in the field of migration and refugee inclusion work to enhance the impact of their social work. The goal is to create a comprehensive as well as interactive learning resource that presents helpful and actionable tools for all areas of network work.

- It will provide tailormade skills and practical resources. Reference is made to additional learning material that can be downloaded from the website.
- The tools were selected based on the results of the ERASMI Good Practice Compendium and the major challenges that have been identified in the process.
- The toolkit is going to be tested by selected experts in order to guarantee a high quality of the created resources. Details and the concrete methodology of the user testing have been discussed during the 4 th Transnational Project Meeting in June.
  - Once the results of the user testing have been implemented, the toolkit will be translated into all partner languages: German, Turkish and Italian.

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"Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others."

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# **ERASMI** network in Saxony-Anhalt discusses networking success factors and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

A successful first online meeting in July 2020 was followed by two subsequent network meetings in Saxony- A halt in December 2020 and March 2021. Because of COVID-19, these had to be organised as interactive Zoom sessions. The Harz University project team presented on December 1 on the topic of "Success factors of networking in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion" first results of the ERASMI Compendium of Good Practices, showcasing interesting and innovative networks and their approaches at an international level. In order to get practical insights, the managing director of the Integration Network Erfurt was invited as external speaker, since this particular network was also selected as case study in the compendium. The guest speaker from Erfurt outlined a unique approach chosen for her municipal network, key factors that led to its ongoing success and offered possible solutions to the current COVID-19 challenges. Impact and consequences of the pandemic were also the focus of the next network meeting on 24 March 2021. The ERASMI team from Harz University reported on the effects of COVID-19 on integration actors, migrants and refugees. The Saxony-Anhalt Börde district volunteer coordinator and a staff member of the learning centre in the reception centre for all refugees in Saxony-Anhalt, a Caritas project that provides education courses for young refugees, shared their experiences in dealing with the pandemic restrictions.

Following presentations, approximately 20 participants representing various public administrations, universities, welfare and migrant organisations and other projects discussed the effects of the pandemic on their networks as well as tentative solutions found.

Currently, the Harz University team is already in the planning phase of the network meetings for the rest of the year. By doing this, the Harz University team plans to implement a regular platform for mutual learning and knowledge sharing designed for heterogeneous regional integration actors, i. e. various state actors of different levels of governance, non-state actors like volunteers and NGOs as well as migrants and refugees.

The intent is to foster exchange, strengthen the competencies of the actors involved and ultimately help to improve local and regional integration work.



# The first ERASMI Inter-Agency meeting in Ireland host by Momentum

Overall 12 representatives from 8 organisations got the opportunity to review and give feedback on the first outputs of this three-year project – International Compendium of Good Practices (IO1) and 2 the Interactive Multi-Actor Inclusion Toolkit (IO2) - which will provide tailormade skills and practical resources needed to develop, implement and maintain successful multi-stakeholder migrant integration concepts according to the specific needs of the target groups. Momentum also shared important information on how these resources could be used on the regional level in order to create a sustainable impact on the inclusion into local societies.

The participants benefitted from an open discussion about methods used to connect and network organisations in this field and overcoming challenges of COVID for networking and operating work in inclusion.

The specific objectives of the Irish Network are to:

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- recruit participants from among the most influential and representative organizations from across the public, private, non-profit and volunteer sectors in Ireland
- enable participants to share information, knowledge and skills as part of a collaborative learning process to further improvements in the quality of the inclusion process
- guide the participating organisations to agree on concrete actions for implementation in their region
- encourage other regions to adopt the same approach.

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### **Inter-Agency Network Meetings in Turkey**

Tuzla Kaymakamlığı, the project partner from Istanbul, Turkey, organised Inter-agency Network Meetings via zoom due to the coronavirus outbreak. The participants from our stakeholders including schools, NGOs, Tuzla Municipality, Tuzla Public Training Centre, Directorate of Migration Office, and Tuzla Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation have discussed about the inclusion of migrants and refugees and the roles of the organisations dealing with the integration of the target groups.

During the meetings, we focused on the Compendium of Good Practices on network-based cooperation for migrant and refugee inclusion developed by the ERASMI project. Network-based cooperation involving actors with various institutional and personal affiliations is considered a promising strategic approach to successful integration. Yalçın Kuzören and Serap Kırdar, project experts from Tuzla Kaymakamlığı, Istanbul – Turkey chair the meetings. We gave information about our intellectual outputs developed by the ERASMI consortium. We focused on the mechanisms for sustainable collaboration between organizations and stakeholders providing inclusion services to refugees and migrants in Istanbul, Turkey. The participants shared information, their experiences, knowledge and skills as part of a collaborative learning process to further improvements in the quality of inclusion process.

The inter-agency network meetings in Turkey will go on in the autumn season with more stakeholders dealing with the refugee and migrant inclusion.



## **Inter-Agency meetings in Italy**

Frontiera Lavoro, the Italian ERASMI project partner, organised two network meetings with organisations working in the field of migration and refugee inclusion in Umbria in December 2020 and February 2021.

During the meetings we discussed the best strategies for working in networks, how to create new projects together and how to make the most of projects that are already underway by sharing them with each other.

The participants created a common database with their migrants and refugees inclusion projects to build a more cohesive, inclusive, and supportive network.

In particular, the operators of Frontiera Lavoro Immigration desk and the operators of the 2 Hands Help Center have established a real collaboration by taking charge and supporting the search for a job or training courses of Frontiera Lavoro migrants who have been victims of human trafficking followed by 2 Hands Help Center operators.

The participants also shared their ideas on how to expand the network and contacts of new associations.

A new meeting is scheduled for October / November 2021.

Primo Inter-Agency Meeting ERASMI project La cooperativa sociale Frontiera Lavoro ha organizzato il primo Inter-Agency Meeting italiano del progetto ERASMI: Venerdì 27 novembre dalle ore 10 Piattaforma COM





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