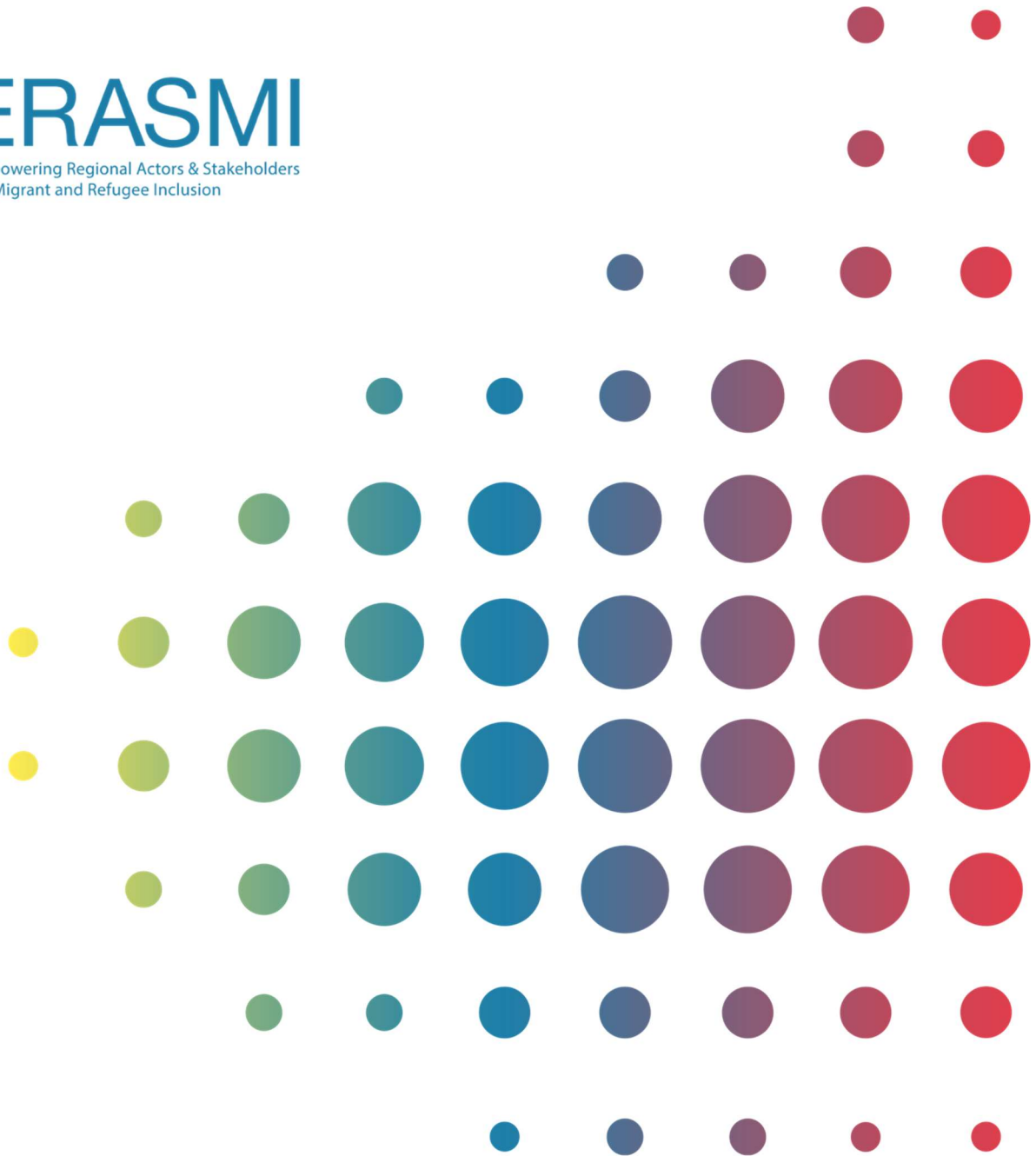




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Good Practice: EMINENT NETWORK

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the network	EMINENT Network
Founding year	2019
Location	Belfast / Northern Ireland / United Kingdom
Coordinating Organisation	East Belfast Enterprise
Degree of formalisation	Soft formal agreements and norms
Members	East Belfast Enterprise (UK), Momentum Marketing Services (Ireland), Roscommon Leader Partnership (Ireland), ROC Noorderpoort (Netherlands), tww GmbH (Germany) and European E-Learning Institute (Denmark)
Field(s) of action	Labour market; Education and Training
Target group(s)	Female migrant entrepreneurs; Public and private education providers
Type of network	Project consortium

2. NETWORK PROFILE

Brief description	The overall goal of EMINENT is to encourage and support female migrant entrepreneurs by transforming their access to and the quality of the training they receive from entrepreneurship VET institutions. To do this project members work with a range of enterprise education providers (e.g. local authorities, community organizations) to improve the quality of learning opportunities that are available to female migrant entrepreneurs. Bearing in mind that female migrant entrepreneurs are still an untapped potential for their local communities and the economic growth potential of the EU in general. EMINENT encourages any organisation working with migrants, particularly female migrants, to engage and connect to the project. This also includes governmental bodies involved in this area of policy.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project funding (Erasmus+) • Partners in the consortium have all dedicated personnel to work on the project
Internal Communication & Facilitation techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings via video telephony (Skype, Zoom) • Periodic face to face network meetings in different locations in the partner countries • Cloud-based file share platforms (Dropbox) • A dedicated online web portal (https://www.eminentproject.eu) • Social media interaction • Project communication is loosely based on SCRUM project management methodology
External Communication & Event formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active dissemination of information via online social media activity:



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	<p>https://www.linkedin.com/company/enabling-female-migrant-entrepreneurs/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sessions • Use of more traditional print media • A lot of PR activity via associate networks, including organisations that are involved in working with migrants
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3. SUCCESS FACTORS AND MAIN CHALLENGES

Success factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and regular communication • A collective commitment to the vision • Use of online virtual conferencing tools • Partners with access to a broad range of networks • A dedicated web-portal to facilitate engagement
Challenges & Lessons learnt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture: Bringing together organisations from different countries and different cultures must be carefully managed. • Engaging the target group: Female migrant entrepreneurs are a very niche target demographic. The approach that worked best was to engage this target group through organisations that are dedicated to working with migrants. • COVID-19: Restrictions on travel and meeting collectively have been a significant challenge. Much more use of virtual communication platforms has assisted in coping with this challenge.
Evaluation & Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dedicated online portal equipped with resources that will be shared open source will be the main tool to maintain the network in the future.
Impact, Innovation & Transferability	<p>The impact cannot yet be assessed, as the partnership is still in the early stages of development. Female migrant entrepreneurs are a very niche target demographic that deserves more attention.</p>

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Homepage, Social Media	<p>https://www.eminentproject.eu/ https://www.facebook.com/EMINENTprojecteu https://twitter.com/eminentproject https://www.linkedin.com/company/enabling-female-migrant-entrepreneurs/</p>
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