

## Good Practice: TUZLA MOTHER-CHILD EDUCATION CENTRE

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of the network	Tuzla Municipality Mother-Child Education Centre (AÇEM)
Founding year	2014
Location	Tuzla / Istanbul / Turkey
Coordinating Organisation	Tuzla Municipality
Degree of formalisation	Cooperation agreement
Members	Tuzla Municipality Culture and Social Affairs Department,
	Tuzla Public Training Centre
Field(s) of action	Inclusion / Integration in general, Labour market, Education
	and training, Language, Culture and sports, ICT
Target group(s)	Refugees, Migrants, Public Administration, NGOs,
	Volunteers, Women and their children aged between 3 and
	6 years old
Type of network	Joint provision of corresponding services

2. NETWORK PROFILE	
Brief description	The Tuzla Mother Child Education Centre provides services for mothers and children aged 3-6 in its centres in Orhanlı, Aydınlı, Emlak Konut, Yayla, Mimarsinan and Şifa District. The services are provided free of charge and aim to contribute to the personal development and socialization of mothers and the physical and mental development of children. The centre offers various seminars and activities for mothers and children such as language courses, sport courses and trips to cinemas and theatres.
Resources	<ul> <li>Funded by Tuzla Municipality</li> <li>All facilities, staff, trainers, materials, buildings are provided by the municipality</li> </ul>
Internal Communication & Facilitation techniques	<ul> <li>Share information and announcements via social media (www.facebook.com/tuzlaacem/) and the call centres of Tuzla Municipality</li> <li>Organise network meetings with Tuzla National Education Directorate and Tuzla Municipality Education and Culture Department</li> </ul>
External Communication & Event formats	<ul> <li>Local media and social media to reach the target groups</li> <li>Run mobile "white table" which goes to the suburbs of Tuzla to promote courses and activities</li> <li>Regularly contact the Directorate of Migration Management which is a public organisation to reach Syrian refugees and their families to support them and help them get involved in the society</li> </ul>

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## 3. SUCCESS FACTORS AND MAIN CHALLENGES

Success factors	Solidarity
	Need analysis
	Cooperation with local actors
Challenges & Lessons learnt	Some women cannot attend the courses regularly
	due to the domestic responsibilities
	Sometimes the women cannot speak Turkish and
	feel that they cannot take advantage of the courses
Evaluation & Sustainability	• The network makes use of an annual activity report
	and brochures to inform and disseminate activities.
Impact, Innovation & Transferability	The centres with their many free activities are a promising
	approach to provide integration services for hard-to-reach
	target groups, especially female migrants and (their)
	children.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION	
Website, Social Media	1
E-Mail-Address	1



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