

Mediterranean Migration Network Newsletter

September 2018

Editorial

Dear colleagues,

According to a new report published by the UNHCR under the title "[Desperate Journeys](#)", despite the fact that the numbers of refugees and migrants reaching Europe last year have dropped, the dangers many of these people face along the way have increased in some cases. "Search and rescue is a humanitarian imperative and must remain a top priority. If human beings are in distress at sea, the question is not about their status, but rather saving lives" (Volker Turk, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, 06 July 2017).

So far 489 deaths have been reported at sea this year compared to 870 in the first three months of last year" (UNHCR, January 2017 – March 2018).

The need to increase solidarity among the Member States of Europe and countries of first asylum and transit is imminent. This will help towards enhancing the quality of reception, especially for unaccompanied and separated children and survivors of sexual and gender-biased violence.

Taking into consideration the above evidences, the Mediterranean Migration Network, coordinated by the international Research Centre **CARDET**, and the **SME INNOVADE**, continues its activities and actions towards providing support to stakeholders who are called to delegate migration and integration issues daily.

The Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) develops within the framework of "Integration Network" (CY/2018/AMIF/SO2.NO3.3.1/2), which is co-funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (90%) and the Republic of Cyprus (10%).

For more information about the MMN visit migrationnetwork.org and contact us at info@migrationnetwork.org.



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MMN study visit to Rome



The Mediterranean Migration Network after the successfully organizing a [study visit in Athens](#), Greece, planned a study visit to Rome Italy on 13th – 16th of June in order to:

- introduce the network to Italian stakeholders active in the field of migration, integration and asylum;
- to increase the visibility of the network by sharing good practices and experiences, and
- to build new ways of communication.

The study visit to Rome, Italy, was attended by 7 delegates of Cyprus public services, local authorities and NGOs. Italy is one of the main landing points for migrants who cross the Mediterranean. Over the last 10 years, while as a country has managed to absorb hundreds of thousands of migrants (especially from Africa).

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MMN annual conference in Cyprus



MMN is happy to announce its upcoming annual conference that will take place in October 26th 2018 in Nicosia, Cyprus. This year's conference will be under the #ILE2018 "Social Inclusion & New Technologies". For more information and registration please see the link below.

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MMN Good Practices competition



MMN run a competition of Good Practices through which participants were called to contribute to the publication of the 4th Mediterranean Migration Booklet (2018 – 2019). The MMN committee is now evaluating the received best practices, while 2 of these will be invited to the MMN annual conference to present them. All good practices will be published [here](#).



MMN Workshops: Building bridges towards migrants' integration



The Mediterranean Migration Network on the 22nd and 29th of June 2018 organized two workshops on “building bridges towards migrants’ integration” at the Municipality of Agios Dometios and the Municipality of Agios Athanasios Limassol. The thematic discussion of the workshops were the migration statues in Cyprus from the stakeholders’ point of view.

The workshops were carried out in Greek.

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Mediterranean Inclusive Schools (MEDIS): 2nd transnational meeting in Greece



MEDIS School Programme will strengthen and consolidate social cohesion, intercultural education and local language in a multilingual framework of newly arrived migrants at primary and secondary school in six countries (Spain, Cyprus, Italy, Portugal and Bulgaria). The MEDIS consortium met for their 2nd transnational meeting in Athens, Greece and discussed on the plans and upcoming activities of the MEDIS handbook and training programme.

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Mediterranean Inclusive Schools (MEDIS): first newsletter is now online



The MEDIS project aims to strengthen and consolidate social cohesion, intercultural education and local language in a multilingual framework of newly arrived migrants at primary and secondary schools through the Mediterranean Inclusive Schools Programme in 6 European countries (Spain, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Bulgaria). The programme will adapt teaching skills and inclusive methodologies needed by the educational community: teachers and other pupils.

Read the newsletter [here](#).



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Whole School Social Labs: Innovative and participatory approaches for citizenship education and social inclusion: Soci@ll



SOCI@LL (Whole School Social Labs) has, in its structure, open partnerships, aiming to promote long term engagement of key stakeholders, as well as to co-create a meaningful strategy to promote more inclusive systems inside and around schools. To be able to achieve this goal, the partners' staff will have a capacitation programme named "Strategies, methods and tools for creating and sustaining open partnerships", hosted by CARDET in Nicosia, Cyprus, in October 10th and 11th 2018.

More information about the project [here](#).



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E-COURSE: face to face workshops for promoting inclusion to primary schools

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Enhancing the Participation and Learning Performance of Migrant and Refugee Children in Primary School Education

E-COURSE is a two-year Erasmus+ project (October 2017 - September 2019) which aims at enhancing the access, participation and learning performance of newly arrived migrant and refugee children in primary school education in seven European countries: Germany (IMA), Greece (KMOP), Italy (CESIE), France (Pistes Solidaires), Holland (ESHA), UK (Canary Wharf Consulting) and Cyprus (CARDET) in order to promote their overall integration in the host societies.

For the purpose of achieving the above during the implementation of the project, the project partners will develop "*Learning modules for strengthening the capacities of teachers*" and implement at the beginning of the school year 2018-2019 a series of face-to-face workshops to teachers and school leaders in order to provide them with the necessary knowledge so to be able to effectively address equity, diversity and inclusion challenges in the learning environment in primary schools. For more information please contact Ms. **Ourania Miliou**, Project Manager / Researcher (CARDET).



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SMART: Volunteering for Female Migrants



The consortium of the SMART project is now happy to announce that the 1st Newsletter of the project is now ready! **The SMART project** is a multi-agency cooperation project, between civil society, business community and migrant women in five European states, designed to promote better integration and active participation of Third Country National (TCN) females in socio-economic life of European societies. **Based on the empirical evidence of the barriers to integration faced by migrant women**, the project builds on the innovative practices and tools developed in the business, promotion and civil advocacy sectors adjusting them to the grass root needs of TCN females, with an aim to create a structured corridor for up-scaling and transfer of migrant women's skills between the two sectors.

Read the 1st Newsletter of the project by clicking [here](#).



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QUALIFY: Career Coaches for Law Qualified Adults



The QUALIFY project will implement a specialised training for guidance practitioners to become Career Coaches and to provide them with useful complementary ICT tools to support their daily practice to empower and up-skill low-skilled unemployed adults. The consortium of the project is also happy to present to you the 1st Newsletter of the project.

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The 3rd Project Meeting of the MigrEmpower project has successfully taken place



The consortium of the MigrEmpower project from Spain, Austria, France, Italy, Germany and Cyprus, attended the third meeting of the project in Vienna (Austria) on the 13th and 14th September 2018. The partners had interesting discussions about the ways of reaching migrants / asylum seekers to let them know of the project's aims in order to take the interviews and conduct the focus group discussions to develop an effective "Orientation and Counselling Handbook". In addition, partners reviewed the modules and reflected on the possible future challenges during the piloting implementation sessions and ways of resolving them. Partners had interesting inputs in relation to the interviews they had conducted already and shared the target audience's opinions. The consortium is now looking for migrant employers / migrants who successfully found a job in the hosting countries to participate in networking sessions in order to provide their suggestions. These will help partners to develop useful training material and provide opportunities for the social and labour integration of migrants / asylum seekers. For more information, please visit the website of the MigrEmpower project [here](#).



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Promoting the inclusion of refugee children at school, while fostering harmonious inter-personal relations at the school and community levels



The "BACKPACK ID" project, is an innovative intervention for promoting the inclusion of refugee children at school in 4 European countries (Greece, Italy, Germany and Sweden), which are met with acute and very diverse challenges by the ongoing refugee crisis. Informed by these differences, the present approach on

social inclusion advances a common account of social inclusion challenges; it sees the social inclusion of refugee children as a function of addressing the needs and perspectives of those children and their families, and local communities and stakeholders, while affirming common European values.

Backpack team is working towards finalizing the content of the E-book along with the video production of a collection of videos that will be developed based on the students' personal stories and contribution. You may find more about the project's news and updates on its [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



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GREEN PAPER & Public Consultation on Migrant Women Integration Initiatives: The Case of Urban Agricultural Labs (UALs) within Municipalities



Urbagri4Women is a two-years-funded European project which aims to foster the integration of migrant women, including asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection in the host society, enabling them to develop innovative and self-sufficient agricultural initiatives that contributes to urban rehabilitation.

The **Urbagri4women** partnership gives top priority to consulting social partners locally and nationally in the EU and globally on migration integration initiatives aiming at involving women in the equitable and sustainable development of cities. This online consultation will give a wide range of interested parties (e.g., migration integration stakeholders, associations and bodies, trainers and social workers; adult educators; urban agriculture stakeholders; environmental stakeholders; etc.) the opportunity to submit their views and contribute to setting the agenda for economic relations between the various actors in the field of urban management and social integration directly involving migrant women in the equitable and sustainable development of cities, introducing inputs that move forward the opportunity to develop a common Union approach to asylum and immigration foreseeing migrant women integration actions into Municipalities.

To download the Green paper and contribute to the Public Consultation please click [here](#).



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Urbagri4women Project Contest for Migrant Women



Are you a migrant woman? Do you love food, cooking and storytelling? Then, you might be interested in the Urbagri4women project contest. For further information, please read the announcement [here](#).



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EWSI 8th Editorial Meeting

CARDET is proud to be one of the 28 Country Coordinators who participated the EWSI (European Web Site on Integration) 8th Editorial Meeting on the 18th and 19th of September in Brussels, Belgium. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together Country Co-ordinators from each of the 28 EU Member States to discuss content and promotional priorities of the Site. In this regard, CARDET is responsible for uploading national level content, collecting information to produce EU-wide analyses and promoting the Web Site in their respective countries. During the editorial meeting the 2017 integration developments and the 2018 priorities for integration at EU level were discussed, setting the future targets and goals in respect of the content and promotion of the Website.

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