

# eminent

SUPPORTING MIGRANT FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS



## WELCOME

*Welcome to the first newsletter of our Enabling Female Migrant Entrepreneurs (EMINENT) project. Inside our first issue you will gain an insight into the rationale behind the project, its objectives and key information on the partners involved.*

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# Getting Started

## **EMINENT** - Inspiring Female Entrepreneurship

The Enabling Female Migrant Entrepreneurs (EMINENT) project brings together partners and experts from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. The project aims to increase the number of female migrant entrepreneurs by transforming their access to and the quality of the training they receive from entrepreneurship VET institutions.

We are at the first quarter of the project and in this issue you will get more information about the project activities involved, the associated outputs along with information on our Kick off partner meeting.

We are hoping that as a result of EMINENT, educational resources, managers, teachers and trainers in VET institutions will overcome existing bias, update their own skills and modify service provision in their institution. This will allow them to be more inclusive and provide better support to female migrant entrepreneurs



## The need for eminent

***EMINENT addresses two key priorities in the EU: Social inclusion of migrants and increasing the number of female entrepreneurs.***

The contribution of migrant entrepreneurs is something that is becoming more widely recognized, as issues surrounding immigration become frequent and topical points for discussion. However, the important contribution of female migrant entrepreneurs is a factor that is mostly overlooked. The UK, Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands are among the countries that have introduced measures to improve the institutional framework for female enterprise

but much more needs to be done especially to overcome the specific individual barriers for female migrants. This applies especially as those countries are among the countries that show above-average numbers of migrants and refugees. The problem is that our VET institutions are ill-equipped to do so: most are unspecialized in the specific strategies that are shown to work best with female migrant entrepreneurs and their staff' are especially not trained to implement appropriate culture-sensitive teaching methods.

# Project Goals

***Overall, we want to increase the number of female migrant entrepreneurs by transforming their access to and the quality of the training they receive from entrepreneurship VET institutions***

To achieve our goal, over the course of the next two years we will:

1. Develop a **Compendium of Good Practice** presenting good practice on engaging with women from minority groups and culturally appropriate and effective pedagogical techniques
2. Create, publish and trial a **Curriculum and Classroom Course** that provides the knowledge and skills needed for female entrepreneurs to gain the confidence, knowledge and skills needed to establish and successfully run their own business
3. Create an **Interactive knowledge Platform** acting as a multi-dimensional learning hub and exchange platform for female migrant entrepreneurs, VET and stakeholders

# Impact

***EMINENT will generate an increase in the overall number of potential and existing female migrant entrepreneurs***

Also as a result it is likely that early stage female migrant entrepreneurs will grow their ideas into successful enterprises in the short term.

Another impact envisaged in the EMINENT project is that educational resources, managers, teachers and trainers in VET institutions will overcome existing bias, update their own skills and modify service provision in their institutions to be more inclusive and better support female migrant entrepreneurs.

At regional level, the project will create a more enabling environment for female migrant entrepreneurs and generate the knowledge sharing and feedback loops which will contribute to ongoing improvement and the development of further initiatives.

EMINENT will not only generate significant impact at local level but will capture the attention of stakeholder's right across Europe.





# Kick Off Meeting

*The EMINENT project kicked off in Belfast, Northern Ireland on 17th and 18th October 2019, East Belfast Enterprise who is the lead partners in the project held the meeting*

The meeting provided a perfect platform for everyone to introduce their organisations to one another and learn their individual roles within the partnership. Partners from the UK, Ireland, Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands gathered for the two-day meeting in order to discuss project outputs, quality management, impact evaluation, dissemination & sustainability strategies. Overall the meeting allowed project partners to network, plan activities and roadmap the project for the coming months. During the project meeting the participants discussed the impact+ model - enabling partners to develop a shared understanding of the expected results and long term impact of the project, as well as methods for data collection. With very constructive discussions any many thoughtful and also practical comments from the representatives, the meeting was a great success and a key for enabling a positive commencement.



## Meet the Partners

All our partners have lots of experience in dealing with our specific target groups and also in collaborative projects at regional, national and international level and come highly recommended for their ability to communicate and contribute proactively to multi-actor projects on this scale. The partnership mix has been carefully set up with the aim to make the best combination of performance and activities within the project. Our partners include the following...



**East Belfast Enterprise**

(UK/Northern Ireland)

<https://www.eastbelfast.org/>



**Roscommon LEADER Partnership**

(Ireland)

<http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/>

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**Momentum Consulting**

(Ireland)

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**European E-learning Institute**

(Denmark)

<http://euei.dk/>

**Noorderpoort**

**ROC Noorderpoort**

(Netherlands)

<https://www.noorderpoort.nl/>



**tww GmbH**

(Germany)

<http://thevisionworks.de/>

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