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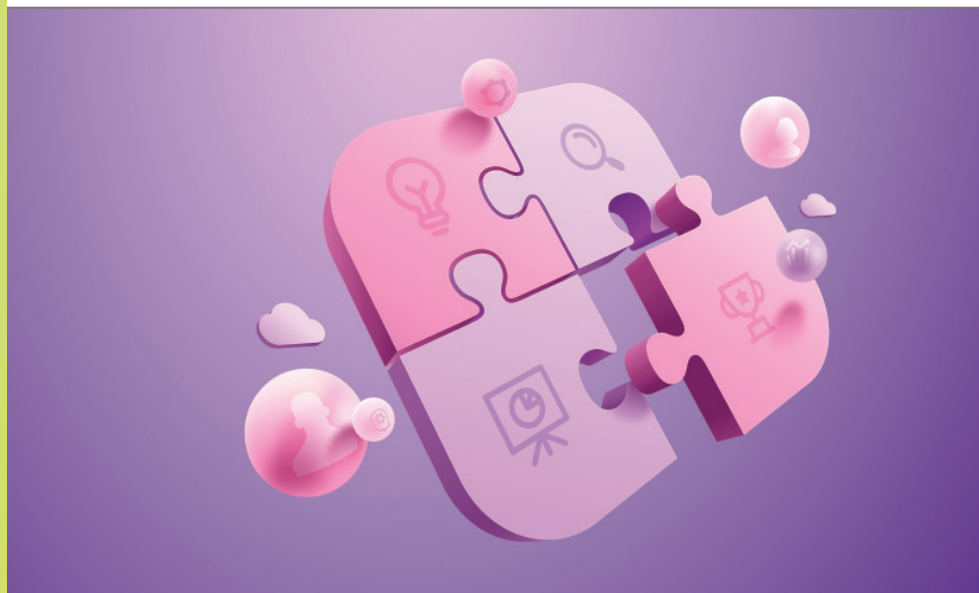
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ERASMI Partners discuss actions for the upcoming third project year in 5th Transnational Meeting

On 14 December 2021, the ERASMI project consortium met online for their 5th Transnational Meeting. Initially planned as an in-person meeting in Perugia, Italy, the meeting has been organised virtually by [Frontiera Lavoro](#) due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

The aim of the project partners from Germany, Turkey, Italy, Ireland and Denmark, which are working together since 2019 in an ERASMUS+ funded project, is to professionalise stakeholders in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion and to empower them to build strong networks. For this purpose, the partners used the Transnational Meeting to exchange ideas on a guide for developing networks in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion, which is currently being developed by the Turkish partner Tuzla Kaymakamlığı. The document is intended to be a useful step-by-step guide for stakeholders and was developed based on the previous work of the partnership.

In the last two years, the project has already produced a [Compendium of Good Practices](#) on network-based cooperation for migrant and refugee inclusion and, building on this, a practical [Toolkit](#) with methods for the development and sustainable maintenance of networks. In addition, the project partners have established four regional networks in Leitrim (Ireland), Umbria (Italy), Tuzla (Turkey) and Saxony-Anhalt (Germany) to foster the exchange of regional actors and have thus gained a lot of practical knowledge in networking. The project results so far can be accessed via an interactive [Open Online Platform](#) or via the project website www.erasmi.info.



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Beyond the work on project results, meeting host Frontiera Lavoro facilitated a discussion with an Italian family from Umbria region that has welcomed an unaccompanied minor refugee and shared their inspiring story. This success story was made possible by the network A Misura di Bambino which aims to provide unaccompanied minor refugees with a better form of reception, ideally in a family environment. This example demonstrates the concrete contribution networks can make and is therefore also recognised by the ERASMI project as an example of [Good Practice](#).

In the coming months, the partners aim to promote the transnational exchange of networks and stakeholders in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion and will set up a Knowledge Exchange Platform from January 2022 which can be accessed via the [Open Online Platform](#). All interested actors are invited to share their knowledge or simply learn from the experiences of others. The comprehensive learning materials and the promotion of transnational exchange of stakeholders is the ERASMI project's small, but hopefully significant contribution to strengthening the heterogeneous actors in the field of migrant and refugee inclusion to tackle the huge task of inclusion.

The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting interface. The main window shows a web browser with the URL erasmi.info/open-online-platform/. The website features the ERASMI logo and navigation links: Home, About, Project Partners, Resources, and News. Below the navigation bar, there are three prominent cards: 'Knowledge Exchange Platform' with an image of two women talking, 'Network Self-Assessment' with a 'WELCOME' graphic, and 'Valuable Tools' with an image of a book. The right side of the screen shows a grid of 10 participants in a video call, including Julia Grey, Yalcin Kuzoren, Direzione/Amministrazione, Birgit Apfelbaum, Sanja Ivandic, Canice Hamill, Robin Radom, and Stefan Apitz. The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom control bar with options like Unmute, Stop Video, Participants, Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, and Apps, along with a 'Leave' button. The system tray at the very bottom shows the date and time as 14:34 on 14.12.2021.



Results from Multi-Actor Collaboration Toolkit evaluation

During the last year, we completed our Multi-Actor Collaboration Toolkit. We designed it modularly and composed it of three parts: 1) the toolkit itself, 2) an interactive assessment that facilitates the use of the toolkit by suggesting specific tools according to individual needs, and 3) competence snapshots that provide the user with a theoretical introduction to the subject areas.

After internal feedback rounds, the Toolkit was tested and evaluated by 29 experts in the field of migration and refugee integration from 6 different countries. The result of the user testing was very positive and appreciative: all experts would recommend the toolkit to a colleague or other professional contact. 93 % said they were “very likely” to integrate tools from the Toolkit into their current or future work. The remaining 7% still answered “probably”, which falls in line with the positive feedback. In addition to the general first impression of the Toolkit, many other factors were evaluated, such as the quality of the information, writing style, design, usefulness, effectiveness, and relevance - all of which were rated very positively. Among other things, the experts emphasised that the toolkit is very straightforward, easy to use, and provides clear instructions. Most of them stated, it is a compilation of already known tools whose approach and purpose have been refreshed by the toolkit, complemented by new, yet unknown tools that they would like to implement in their work to become more professional. Participants feel inspired and motivated by the toolkit to try new tools and can well imagine that this will enable them to be more productive and engaged in their work and collaboration.

To increase the reach and accessibility of the toolkit, we will translate it into the partner languages German, Italian and Turkish during the coming weeks. We hope that as many networks and organisations as possible will become aware of our Toolkit and that we can thus make a small contribution to strengthening the actors in the field of migration and refugee integration.

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Integration actors discuss experiences and challenges in rural areas at the workshop “Integration beyond the urban centres”

“We’re not in Berlin or Hamburg!”, “You can’t compare Magdeburg with Wernigerode...” These and similar statements are regularly heard in discussions with integration actors, as the integration of refugees and migrants in rural areas is characterised by specific challenges such as difficult mobility and a lack of service structures. Therefore, it is even more important for integration actors acting in rural areas to network, exchange experiences and jointly generate knowledge for action. In the workshop “Integration beyond the urban centres: experiences and challenges for rural areas” (23/24 September 2021), representatives of projects, associations and initiatives from Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt (including the ERASMI project), Bavaria and Schleswig-Holstein discussed in Ettersburg Castle (Thuringia / Germany) how good examples of integration from both rural municipalities and larger cities can be adapted and further developed in (other) places in rural areas. The central challenges identified were:

- **Recruitment of volunteers**
- **Online counselling formats for the target group of migrants, who are not always technically well-equipped and experienced in using them**
- **Lack of counselling services, for example for specific target groups such as queer refugees**
- **Long distances and limited leisure opportunities**
- **Migration, especially of well-qualified migrants, to the big cities.**
- **Lack of acceptance in the village community, in some cases noticeable exclusion.**

According to the participants, there are no easy solutions, but a lot of commitment and competence already at hand to create and maintain support structures. Followed by a discussion of innovative and creative offers by and for migrants and refugees in rural areas, participants agreed that regional integration actors should regularly exchange information and encourage each other. Approaches may also be trying to adapt ideas from urban areas and making offers mobile. To highlight one good practice among many that were showcased: the intercultural beauty salon “Grand Beauty on Tour” recently organized a summer tour through small towns in Saxony, thus creating numerous opportunities for encounters and mutual understanding.



ERASMI network in Saxony-Anhalt discusses current regional developments in the field of migration and inclusion

On 12 October 2021, the ERASMI team at Harz University of Applied Sciences met with a small group of regional stakeholders in the field of integration for the 4th ERASMI network meeting in Saxony-Anhalt. Everybody was delighted that for the first time since the beginning of the Corona pandemic, the exchange did not take place online but on the university campus in Halberstadt.

The participants - which included migration counsellors, integration coordinators and state projects for counselling and support in labour market integration - discussed current regional developments in the field of migration and inclusion. These concerned, among other things:

- major changes in the project landscape due to new funding periods,
- ongoing changes due to the Corona pandemic,
- the development and publication of a state integration concept for Saxony-Anhalt as a framework for future regional integration policies,
- and a new state government since September 2021.

With regard to regional projects and services, the participants criticise the lack of consolidation of central structures for the inclusion of migrants. In addition, important services are still missing in rural areas. Regarding the ongoing Corona pandemic, the lack of technical infrastructure – especially but not only – in municipal administrations continues to be a problem. In some cases, it is still not possible to attend or organise digital events, and integration offers can sometimes not be implemented as an online format. However, migrants and refugees also seem to have fallen into a certain lethargy due to the restrictions of the pandemic and, according to the participants, are now taking up fewer inclusion offers. A positive example, however, is the Caritas in the city of Halberstadt, which has made its migration counselling available as an additional online service, which is to be maintained on a permanent basis also after the pandemic. The newly developed integration concept is perceived as not matching practical needs.

The meeting results help to prepare the next full-scale ERASMI network meeting in Saxony-Anhalt. Here, the topic of educational integration and language support, which is perceived as particularly important by the participants, will be discussed in more depth on a larger scale with more regional integration actors at the beginning of 2022.



ITI: a new project for the migrants integration in Umbria Region

In Umbria Region, the ITI project (Integrated Territorial Investment) has been launched by the social cooperatives Polis, the applicant partner, and Frontiera Lavoro, in collaboration with the Trasimeno area Municipalities .

The project aims to manage services for minors, foreigners, families in difficulty, disabled and elderly.

In particular, Polis will mainly manage the Youth Aggregation Centers and the Single Access Point Information System, while Frontiera Lavoro will manage the C.M.I. (Cultural Mediation Centers for Immigrant Communities).

The Mediation Centers offer their activities in the spaces made available by the Municipalities of Piegara and Magione and will be in strong connection with the information desks already present in the municipalities financed by the Regional Framework Program (Legislative Decree 286/98), which will act as channels information and collectors of the questions that arise locally.

The C.M.I. involve 3 actions:

- Desk activities
- Laboratory activities
- Thematic information meetings.

DESK ACTIVITIES

- Support for the compilation of paper and online practices
- Mediation with local services (Police Headquarters, Prefecture, Health care services, Municipality, School ...)
- Request and renewal of residence permits / cards
- Request for citizenship / family reunification / tourist visas
- Curriculum and job search

LABORATORY ACTIVITIES

- Language courses for active job research
- Digital skills
- Meetings with local associations
- "Discovering the area" (group excursions, short guided tours)
- Reading and conversation groups

INFORMATION THEMATIC MEETINGS

- Matching job offer / demand
- Meetings with local businesses with groups of women with the aim of containing the phenomena of social segregation and isolation

All the activities are planned in consultation with the local public services and associations, with the aim of create a network of services that communicate with each other in order to include and integrate marginalized categories.







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