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THE PROJECT

STAGE means “**SupportING MigrAnt integration and combating racism at local level through digital servicEs**”.

The main objective of the project is to strengthen **migrants social inclusion** in partner countries, regardless of racial and ethnic identity, gender, age, and sexual orientation. STAGE aims to create an environment in which migrants feel welcomed and included in the host country while at the same time **combating racism**, xenophobia and discrimination they face.

TARGET GROUPS

- **People with migration background** (including TCNs, asylum seekers, refugees, and people under international protection, as well as their families)
- **Mentors and adult TCN trainers**
- **NGO volunteers, adult education staff** and organization staff
- **General public**



RESULTS

- A Web App for migrants with the purpose of supporting language learning, information access and networking relationships;
- An Interactive Map in order to share migrants' stories and routes;
- A Capacity Building program for NGO volunteers, adult trainers, organization staff in order to help them increase their skills in dealing with migrants.

EDITORIAL: WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

Report on migrants social inclusion needs

During the previous months, the consortium of STAGE worked on numerous tasks to ensure the implementation of the project successfully.

First, it was essential to truly **know the migrant's needs**. To reach this objective, it was decided to use two sets of **questionnaires**, one targeted toward migrants and another toward professionals and experts working with migrants.

The questionnaire for migrants was made up of two parts : one made to know their needs and a second made to learn more about their migration stories.

Partners also did **desk research** which was meant to find more information and literature on the situation of migrants in each partner country. This desk research compiled data and numbers related to migrations and their situation in the host country.

All the data collected through the questionnaires and the data acquired by each partner during the desk research **were then put together into a country report** written by each country.

By the end of September, All partners wrote a **Comprehensive Report of STAGE project about the Needs of the Migrants in Italy, Germany, France, Cyprus, and Greece**. The

report includes all data collected and provides some suggestions to approach the Web App.

The aim of the data collected is **to create the content of the Web App and provide materials for the training course that will be released.** The WebApp offers a platform to familiarize the host country's language, as it will have basic language learning and translation services and build networks in the local communities, by pairing migrants with mentors.

Read the full article about it here:

<https://stage-project.eu/news/>

A European partnership that believes in social inclusion

Partners from all over Europe will provide more chances of success in advocating for migrants social inclusion.

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Transnational Meeting in Catania, Sicily

29-30 September 2022



In order to discuss project management and implementation, all partners meet periodically to focus on the activities to carry out.

The **first project meeting** was held on the 28th of February and 1st of March 2022 in Nice, France, to get to know each other and to agree on basic project issues. During almost two days of intense work the next steps to follow, such as activities for social inclusion needs identification and dissemination activities, were planned.

Partners met again in Catania, Italy, the 29th and the 30th of September in order to make a balance of the project activities carried out in the past months and **to manage and plan the steps related to the future project implementation.**

Stay tuned for new developments in the project!

What are our commitments for next months.

Based on the Country reports findings, **HT Apps will develop a modern and innovative Web App** that will enhance digital and social skills of migrants. The app will support migrants, newcomers or not in the local communities, upon their arrival in the host country, but also in their everyday life. It will **include a mentoring area**, where migrants can connect with mentors, **a service information area**, where to find useful links and an **interactive Map** aiming to share stories and routes of migrants.

The Consortium has already collected many interviews from people with a migration background!

The Web app will be released in March 2023.



NEWS FROM CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



Promoting the project and communicating its goals and outputs to as many interested parties as possible is one of our top priorities.

Our first communication action was on 2-4 September 2022, at the **10th Multilingualism Festival of Thessaloniki**, organised by the Department of Programmes and Lifelong Learning of the Directorate of Education of the Municipality of Thessaloniki. Many institutions and associations across the country participated in various interculturalism and

communication activities. KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre had a dedicated stand promoting STAGE actions and other programmes focusing on multilingualism, integration, social cohesion, and intercultural pedagogy. During the festival, **a voluntary network of students and teachers was organised to integrate minorities, cultural, and marginalised groups.**

Furthermore, we promoted the STAGE project at the event "**Micro-integration of immigrants: Tools for trainers and representatives of the labor market**" held by The Academy of Entrepreneurship on 19 September 2022 in Greece.

The goal was **to inform representatives of the labor market and trainers on intercultural issues to better support the micro-integration of immigrants** in the host country's social and professional life.

During the event, we had the opportunity to share our experiences regarding immigrant integration activities and talk about the challenges immigrants face on the path to integration, as well as the benefits of multiculturalism in society and the labor market.

OPPORTUNITIES

The STAGE consortium consists of **five organisations** in France, Cyprus, Greece, Germany and Italy, that have pledged to a **shared vision of a better migrant integration** through the project, and agreed to work together towards its implementation.

Are you interested in collaborating with us?

Do you work for an association dealing with migrant integration? Are you a language teacher working with adult migrants? Or are you a supporter of migrants social inclusion?

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