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What is Vamos project

Valorise migrants' experience to increase their Occupational Skills

Valuing the skills of migrants present in European countries is a great way to improve the inclusion of newcomers.

The inclusion of migrants and refugees in a host country is a very important challenge for the EU. **Valorise migrants' experience to increase their Occupational Skills (VAMOS)** aims to address this challenge existing in all EU countries, valuing the experience of migrants to make them act as recognized professionals in the work and social inclusion of other migrants.

Vamos Project idea was born from the experience of a previous project called REMINT (Refugees and Migrants Inclusion Toolkit), in which non-traditional teaching methods were developed to make the learning of basic linguistic-communicative skills and the assimilation of transversal competence more

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motivating and effective for migrants, political refugees and asylum seekers. REMINT Project, in which four of the eight partners of the VAMOS Project participated, has been developed and expanded with the creation of VAMOS project. In fact, the social inclusion of migrants is linked to the acquisition of transversal skills, which involve not only the language, but also the ability to interact in new contexts, the knowledge of where relevant information is found and how to use it, the knowledge of basis of legislation and more. These skills are often acquired the hard and slow way, through experience. The project aims to channel and valorise this experience through several outcomes, including **specialized training for migrants** and a **set of guidelines for newcomers**.



Thus, the VAMOS project intends to design, develop and provide a training course (Expert in Work and Social Inclusion of Migrants) specifically aimed at the migrant persons that will allow them to increase their employability in the Third Sector.

In this way, the project will achieve a double aim: to enhance labour integration of experienced migrants and to improve the social and labour integration of newcomers.

VAMOS consortium, led by Asociacion Horuelo (Spain), is made up of 8 organizations from Greece, Italy, UK and Spain: Horuelo and INCOMA (Spain), Centro Machiavelli and CEPISS (Italy), EELI and KEKAPER (Greece), CLP and Refuweegee (UK)

Expert in Work and Social Inclusion of Migrants: the professional profile

Five areas of competence to help newcomers inclusion

Working with migrants can be very challenging and requires many different skills. The first product (Intellectual Output) created by VAMOS project is a map of these competences.

The VAMOS project has among its most important aims the creation of a course to train **Experts in Migrant Work and Social Inclusion**. The first step carried out by the partnership was therefore to create a map that identifies and define the knowledge and skills that are necessary for this professional profile. The map created is a collaborative work between all partners and it is the basis on which the training course will be developed.

The partnership has identified 5 areas of competence that are necessary for this professional profile: **Social Competences & Communication, Migration Context & Legislation, Technical Management, Emotional & Educational Interactions, Social Context of Interaction.**

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Since the course is aimed at migrants and political refugees who deal with the inclusion of newcomers, interculturality appears as an essential approach to include in the contents and in the methodology so it is present as a transversal view in each area.

VAMOS kick-off meeting

The first meeting of the project (Kick-off) took place in Seville (Spain) last March, and was organized at the premises of the Spanish partner, INCOMA. This was a great occasion for partners in order to know better each other, as well as, the profile of the different institutions of the consortium. All partners had the opportunity to present what they can offer and what they want to can achieve being part of the project. Moreover, partners also discussed about the activities to be developed and the working methodologies to be implemented in the following months.



Closing the first year of the VAMOS project

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 health emergency partners could not meet again in person. Thus, other two meetings have been celebrated online. The last one was held on December the 17th, this was a follow-up meeting in order to understand how to proceed with the activities of the project, because despite the difficulties encountered this year, we have achieved all the planned objectives in IO1. At the moment all partners are working in the development of IO2.



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