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Vamos assessment tool

The VAMOS Assessment Tool is based on the Professional profile of the Expert in Migrants' Labour and Social Inclusion completed in IO1 (You can check IO1 here: http://projectvamos.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IO1-MAP-OF-COMPETENCES_FINAL-VERSION1.pdf). It is an online tool designed to assess the skills and competences of migrants that are already living in the host country. This tool is intended to be used by migrant participants of the VAMOS training course but also by professionals or organizations that need to assess migrants' skills and competencies. In the end, the VAMOS tool will help partner institutions suggest a specific training path to the participants of VAMOS training programme (IO3), focused on their training needs and based on specific modules or subtopics of VAMOS training course.

At this stage, the consortium partners have completed the development and testing of The VAMOS Assessment Tool; our Report of the international pilot testing of the Assessment Tool of our Erasmus+ project VAMOS is now uploaded at <http://projectvamos.eu/outputs> . But how did project partners achieve the design and development VAMOS tool? Here are the steps that we followed in order to develop and test the Assessment Tool:

Firstly, all partners carried out desk research, using data from public and private educational institutions, cultural institutions, and migrant centers, in order to:

- search for existing assessment tools for migrants' skills and competences,
- search for existing integration programmes to point out the needs for updating or developing new material.



The aim of the research was to set the focal points for VAMOS Assessment tool and learning platform. The research findings report (IO2.A1) and the report of Map of competences (IO1) provided us with the base in order to design the Assessment tool.

After weighting the focal points, elements and key skills required in place, the VAMOS assessment tool was designed and set up on the digital platform. The platform includes all contents decided in the previous steps and designed in a user-friendly way to facilitate its use and promotion.

At the end, the partners proceeded with the Tool testing. This activity was targeted to test the developed assessment tool and to collect considerations, suggestions and opinions on consistency, usefulness, and clarity of the Tool from migrant users. The feedback collected by the users in each country allowed VAMOS consortium partners to identify possible strengths or weaknesses and to proceed accordingly to Tool modifications and improvements.

After the improvements and adaptations that were done, the final tool is available for use, in four languages (English, Greek, Italian, Spanish). You can check VAMOS Assessment Tool here: <http://projectvamos.eu/vamostraining/vamostraining-self-assessment-tool>

Train the trainers held in Seville and IO3 update

During the last week of November, the VAMOS consortium participates in a Train the trainers' activity in Seville organized by INCOMA. During 4 full days, we have been discussing and validating the contents of the Training course: Expert in migrants' labor and social inclusion, one of the main results of the VAMOS project.

This course will be composed of 5 modules tackling the following aspects: Social competences and Communication, Migration contexts and Legislation, Technical Management, Emotional and Educational interactions, and social context of intervention.



The main goal of this training course is to improve the skills of migrant professionals, that are already settled in the UK, Italy, Spain, and Greece, when dealing with and working with newcomers in the social field.

All these contents and materials will be allocated in an e-learning platform on the project's website, along with the Self-assessment tool. This platform is "under construction" and will be ready very soon. Our idea is that this will be a friendly user and full of interesting contents platform.

To sum up, it can be said that this Train the trainers' activity was an incredibly fruitful week in which the partners worked so hard, and a lot of synergies were created, after a while of full online working.



Next step: the Guidelines

The training activities held in Seville in November 2021, thanks to the hard work carried out by all partners, gave important insights to be able to improve the modules of the Training Course. According to the feedback, the partner institutions are perfecting their work in anticipation of the next meeting, which will be organized by the Italian partner Centro Machiavelli. Unfortunately, the meeting, which originally should have taken place on 3 and 4 February in Florence, due to the resurgence of the covid-19 pandemic, will be held online. During the meeting, the final version of the Training Course will be discussed and the foundations will be laid for the development of the following output: the Guidelines. This output will be a small operational manual in which newcomers, who arrived in partner countries, will be able to find practical information regarding the basic and essential needs for living in their new country. The Guidelines will be drawn up by migrants who are now well included within the society of the country of residence. Thanks to their competence and direct experience, the information that will be inserted can guarantee effective information for all newcomers, favoring their profitable inclusion and participation in the economic and social life of the country of arrival.

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