

## EMKIT2 3rd Newsletter

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#### What is EMKIT2?

•An Empowerment Toolkit for Trainers for the Development of the Social and Cultural Competence and Media Literacy for Low Skilled Migrant Women

•A way to show to these women that they are not forgotten and we want them to be integrated to our societies

•Promote and develop the Key Competences of Europe's new citizens in order to promote active citizenship.

# EMKIT2 Status update

EMKIT 2 is aiming in empowering Third Country National (TCN) women and help them integrate in their new European host country. This will take place by providing them with competences that are considered as "key" for all European citizens. There are 7 of these Key Competences for Life Long Learning.

Within the EMIKT2 aims to develop three Qualification Frameworks which relate to 3 of these Key Competences: Social & Civic, Cultural Awareness & Expression and Media literacy, all tailored to the needs of low skilled migrant women.

In the period from September 2019 till January 2020 these three frameworks have been designed and validated. This has been through a series of focus group meetings offered in all partner countries. Participants from different stakeholder organisations have been involved: coaches and trainers from integration courses working with lowskilled migrants, case managers, coordinators of local integration policy and the like. Through this procedure the learning outcomes of all 3 QF have been established and enriched with context bound subjects.

From February 2019 onward till February 2020 the project partners have been developing a total of 42 different workshops through which the different learning objectives can be trained.

Each workshop has a duration of approximately 4 hours. This means that for more than 160 hours of educational content has been developed by the partnership. Next stage of the project will consist of

### the piloting of these materials.

Due to COVID-19 this might ask for some creative thinking since group sessions with adults are still not allowed in .

Since the target group pf the project are trainers and or mentor working with migrant women piloting will be integrated in their regular work routine as much as possible. Whether this will be in the form of online TEAM- or Zoom sessions or in series of separate small face- to-face sessions will depend on each country's possibilities set by the rules and regulations due to the pandemic.

The piloting period will last till end of May 2021.

## **Innovative workshops**

The recipients of the workshops are low skilled migrant women who wish to progress and integrate in the host country.

Workshops there for need to address development needs related to their current level of integration. This has been done in 2 ways. One way has been to access this level of integration through the Active Citizenship scale (ACS). Also each of the learning objectives of the 3 qualification frameworks used also has been linked to a specific level of ACS. The second way is that all workshops and workshop materials have been textualized on the basis of the ACS.

To make the workshop attractive and effective a large amount of attention has been given on diversification of methods to be used.

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#### The Emkit project background

The EU migrant crisis has a direct reflection on migrant employment rates. The gap in labor market participation at EU level between EU citizens and migrants has increased in 2014 (Eurostat–Migrant Integration Statistics-Employment). During the last eight years, the activity rate (% of active persons in comparison to the total population) of the EU-28 population of non-EU countries has recorded systematically lower activity rates than EU citizens. Since 2009, this gap has increased noticeably (3 % points). Also the unemployment rate per sex and educational background is higher for migrant women with low educational background (Eurostat). Cultural, social barriers, low skills and media illiteracy discourage these women from actively seeking for jobs. As a result

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## The project partnership

### **Coordinating Organisation**





Folkuniversitetet

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### Project Partners



www.dimitra.gr/



www.rinova.co.uk/





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www.revalento.nl



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