



European Union
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

PandPAS project

Pre and Post – Arrival Schemes to facilitate inclusion and prevent xenophobia and radicalization



Goals

The project focuses on post-arrival support for the integration of asylum seekers and refugees

The project aims at:

- Producing tools for pre-departure activities;
- Pilot experiences for the inclusion and the active participation of migrants in the society within the hosting territories.



Partnership 1/2

- ▶ Comune di Bagnoli di Sopra (PD) – Italy
- ▶ Irecoop Veneto – Organisationn for professional training - Italy
- ▶ CPS – Center for Peace Studies– NGO - Croatia
- ▶ ZRC SAZU – NGO - Slovenia
- ▶ SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education - Cyprus
- ▶ ISCTE-IUL (Social research center of the University in Lisbon) - Portugal



Expected results are:

- ▶ A collection of 10 good practices at first level of inclusion, which have been already tested on European territories;
- ▶ Local Action Plans (LAP), designed through the active involvement of refugees and of all social and institutional actors;
- ▶ A social research on the perception, needs and the expectations of refugees and asylum seekers;
- ▶ A permanent Forum with European local communities for social inclusion
- ▶ A docu-video (video documentary) for legal and conscious migration in Europe, based on the stories directly narrated by refugees and based on their experience.

Collection of Good Practices 1/5



1st Phase

► Collection of good practices;

The collection displays a variety of inspirational initiatives, which can provide further ideas on how to address a particular topic or a target group, or what methods to use when working on refugees on integration.

Collection of Good Practices 2/5



Definition

“...approaches, experiences or initiatives that are working well and can be replicated elsewhere, with techniques and methods that produce effects and results, considered to be effective in contributing to refugees welcoming and integration, and therefore deserving to be disseminated and proposed to other organisational contexts”.

Collection of Good Practices 3/5



“the essence of identifying and sharing good practices is to learn from others and to encourage the application of knowledge and experience to new situations. A good practice need not be viewed as prescriptive, but can be adapted to meet new challenges, becoming better as improvements are discovered”.

Collection of Good Practices 4/5



Assessment criteria:

1. Technical feasibility
2. Efficacy and success
3. Respect of the human rights and equity framework
4. Replicability and adaptability
5. Inherent participation
6. Network coordination
7. Gender sensitiveness
8. Innovation

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9. Awareness
10. Education
11. Employment
12. Entrepreneurship
13. Governance
14. Housing and settlement
15. Political and public participation
16. Social Network
17. Welcoming

Good Practices 1/2

BicPop/Bike Repair Shop

Country: Croatia

Area of action: Entrepreneurship

- ▶ BicPop is a volunteers' collective based in Zagreb, Croatia, within Green Action/ Friends of the Earth Croatia.
- ▶ The main idea is to strengthen social solidarity through free exchange of knowledge and services and the promotion of sustainable transport.
- ▶ Their mission is to provide space, tools and advice on how to repair a bicycle.



Good Practices 2/2

BicPop/Bike Repair Shop



- ▶ They collect old bicycles, restore them and donate them.
- ▶ This kind of practice is a unique combination of environmental, practical and refugee oriented service. It combines practical work in repairing bikes and offers space for spending quality time with other people.

Website:

<http://biciklopopravljona.zelena-akcija.hr/>

Good Practices 1/2

Odprta kuhna/Open kitchen



Country: Slovenia

Area of action: Entrepreneurship

- ▶ Open kitchen is a unique and the most popular food market in Slovenia that has been bringing innovation of local and foreign chefs and cooks to the Slovenian culinary scene since 2013.
- ▶ It has become a regular Ljubljana event and every sunny Friday from early spring to late fall, local and foreign food providers attract visitors to try local and international cuisine.
- ▶ Main goals are bringing together food from all around the world and presenting it to the local population and visitors of the city; to create vivid meeting place in the city centre to spend time with friends and family by the quality food at affordable prices.

Good Practices 2/2

Odprta kuhna/Open kitchen



- ▶ The food market includes migrants as chefs and support staff while presenting culinary and cultural characteristics of countries of their origin.
- ▶ Higher employment opportunities and entrepreneurship are also important facts relating this market to immigrants, who feel increased feeling of belonging.
- ▶ The practice is considered highly relevant due to widely accessible context; anybody who otherwise provides food services has the possibility to join.

Website:

<http://www.odprtakuhna.si/en/>

Good Practices 1/2

Skuhna

Country: Slovenia

Area/domain of action: Employment

- ▶ Skuhna is a social enterprise that runs a restaurant providing authentic food from Africa, Asia and South America.
- ▶ The Skuhna project was launched in 2012 as a three-year project of the Institute for Global Learning with Voluntariat Institute as a partner organization.
- ▶ During the project 8 migrants were provided with training mainly in culinary work. Six of them were then employed in the project.
- ▶ After securing a space to rent, over 40 volunteers were engaged to renovate the restaurant to its current state. Then they started with caterings, cooking workshops and in 2014 opened the restaurant for five days a week. Each day of the week they had different cuisine prepared by migrants.



Good Practices 2/2

Skuhna



- ▶ By the end of the project in 2015, they also joined the Open Kitchen initiative in Ljubljana where they offer food on Fridays at the open market.
- ▶ Skuhna today operates as a social business. The primary purpose of Skuhna is to Main goals of the project are: to increase the employability of migrants through culinary work; to bridge the understanding gap between migrants and locals who live in Slovenia.
- ▶ The practice is considered highly relevant because it creates work opportunities for people who are difficult to employ due to limited knowledge of Slovene language etc. Besides that they also provide support and training at workplace which enables overall growth and improvement of migrants.

Website:

<http://www.skuhna.si/>

Working with Stakeholders



2nd Phase

► Development of Local Stakeholders Network

(local institutions, healthcare authorities, CSOs, schools, training centres, social enterprises, unions and economic associations, associations of migrants, and informal groups of citizens will be involved)

- **Meetings with the LSN** (identification of needs, preparation of the Local Action Plan)
- **Local Action Plan framework** (language courses – survival language, ICT skills, VET education, civic education, healthcare education, soft skills, entrepreneurial skills)



Local Action Plan (1/2)

- ▶ Training of trainers
- ▶ Interventions of cultural mediators working internally and externally of the welcoming centers
- ▶ Educational courses
- ▶ Identification and recognition of refugees professional skills in order to promote a temporary job placement,
- ▶ Training courses and job placements in agriculture, the launch of “social gardens” and food self-production to improve the quantity and quality of nutrition for refugees and disadvantaged groups within the local population,

LAP

Local Action Plan (2/2)



- ▶ Experiences of "solidarity based economy"
- ▶ Meet with the local population to prepare the welcoming of refugees, even in small facilities or in families,
- ▶ Training labs for refugees ("survival language" in the hosting country, civic education, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, transversal skills to search for work and job placement in Europe, hygiene and health,
- ▶ Meetings, gatherings, sport events to foster knowledge and dialogue between refugees and local population,
- ▶ Radio and local TV programs.

LAP



Thank you!!!