





ERASMI (Empowering Regional Actors & Stakeholders for Migrant and Refugee Inclusion)

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STARTING POINT

A large number of governmental and non-governmental actors and stakeholders are involved in the (process of) social integration of refugees and migrants. Due to the complexity of the field of action, an intensive and goal-oriented cooperation in heterogeneous network structures is considered a promising strategic approach to successful integration. Questions of coordination, management and (conflict) moderation, internal and external communication, but also transparency and sustainability of their work are of particular relevance for the respective actors involved at a local, regional and supra-regional level – public authorities, welfare organisations, educational institutions, migrant self-organisations, companies and even volunteers. In previous projects, Harz University of Applied Sciences has already intensively dealt with the establishment and strengthening of network structures and competencies in the field of integration and in this way contributed to the formation of an informal regional network in Saxony-Anhalt. Experience and knowledge gained so far will now be expanded in cooperation with partners from Germany, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, and Turkey. The overall goal is to bring conditions for successful cooperation more into the focus of research and the public and to contribute to the development of actors willing to cooperate.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can network-based cooperation in the field of integration of refugees and migrants be optimised?
- What are the success factors of network-based cooperation in the field of integration of refugees and migrants?
- Which innovative methods and tools are suitable to improve competencies for network-based cooperation?
- Which tools and measures are suitable for establishing regional networks?

QUOTE FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE

"We have various working groups [...] And they are coordinated by the coordination body. We meet regularly, at least twice a year. I can only speak for my working group, that is the working group focussing on work issues. [...] Where all of us who deal with the topic of work in the broadest sense meet to discuss certain things. [...] It's a good committee to simply move a little closer together, to discuss certain things for everyone at the same time."

KoBa Jobcenter Halberstadt, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany (January 2020)



PROJECT GOAL

The overall goal of ERASMI is to contribute to the strengthening of heterogeneous groups of actors in the field of integration of refugees and migrants through

- the professionalisation of organisations and their staff as well as
- the development of competencies for the formation and consolidation of network-based cooperation

Starting in spring 2020, examples of good practice in all partner countries and other European countries will be collected to open up a cross-European perspective on successful and innovative networking. By compiling a compendium of good practice and developing interactive learning tools, ERASMI aims to contribute to the professionalisation, strengthening of the capacity to act and increased visibility of existing networks. In addition, the ERASMI project partners will act as initiators of new cooperations and networks in their respective countries .

Output	Start	Short description
IO1: International best practice compendium	09/2019	Compilation of examples of good practice in networking in a compendium
IO2: Interaktive Multi-Actor-Inclusion Toolkit	04/2020	Development of an interactive and modular toolkit with practical resources needed to develop, implement and maintain successful multi-stakeholder migrant integration concepts
IO3: Inter-Agency Networks and Action Plans	08/2020	Establishment of a total of four regional multi-actor networks in the partner regions. Regional action plans are to be developed within the framework of the networks.
IO4: Knowledge Exchange Platform and Open Educational Resources	01/2021	Activities and results from the project will be collected in a virtual platform for knowledge exchange. In addition to providing materials, methods, tools, processes and teaching materials, the platform is intended to facilitate international exchange.



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