



Lifelong Learning Programme



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About STEPIN!

The StepIn! project aims at developing, testing and disseminating innovative approaches, methods and materials (workshop modules) to promote migrants’ active citizenship. Experts in seven European countries cooperate for 24 months in order to design and test new approaches to strengthen civic, social and intercultural competences of (1.) migrants and members of ethnic minorities, (2.) members of receiving countries, esp. stakeholders of public authorities and institutions, (3.) adult learning professionals.

The *direct target group* of this project are adult education providers. All materials and methods that are developed in the course of the project will be employed and used by adult education providers. However, the *final beneficiaries* are migrants and staff from host countries core institutions.

Needs Analysis is done!

In order to meet the needs of the StepIn! target groups, the project consortium conducted a Needs Analysis in all participating countries in April and May this year.

The Needs Analysis provides important insights in the current situation of civic education in the participating countries. It also identifies the needs of public institutions and migrants’ organizations regarding civic education, the integration and the employment of migrants within these institutions.

The Needs Analysis consists of an Overall Needs Report, a Report on National and EU Integration Policies, and a Report on Previous Related Projects. All documents are downloadable at the StepIn! website.



The StepIn! consortium in Parma, Italy

Project Meeting in Parma, Italy

The second StepIn! partner meeting took place at the Provincia di Parma, Italy in June 2012.

At the meeting the consortium discussed the results of the Needs Analysis and also the structure and the content of the workshop modules, which will be developed within the next months. Some of these modules will target on adult education staff (e.g. “Intercultural training, activities and materials supporting the inclusion of excluded groups and migrants in education”). Others will target on public institutions like churches or governmental institutions (e.g. “Intercultural competencies for staff in governmental institutions”). All modules will clearly focus on the StepIn! target groups and provide innovative teaching and learning materials in order to improve civic education and the participation of migrants in host countries’ societies.

Get involved in the project!

We invite all interested stakeholders in the field of civic education with regard to the topics migration, integration, and participation and also experts of in-service teacher trainings to become an associated partner!

- You and your expertise are invited to contribute to the development by reviewing the developed material and making comments on the materials-in-progress.
- We invite your organisation to be represented on the StepIn! website as an associated partner of this EU project.

Learn more about the project!

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