



**Newsletter 4**

**July 2019**

**4th Newsletter for the MigrEmpower project  
(Itineraries and resources for migrants and  
refugees' empowerment and integration)**

## Finalisation of Project Outcomes

The MigrEmpower consortium of partners is pleased to announce the completion of all MigrEmpower project outcomes. The 5 Modules on Computer Literacy, Linguistic Literacy, Citizenship and Social Skills, Communication and Personal Brand and Self-Employment, are ready and uploaded on the online platform for stakeholders working with migrants and/or asylum seekers to access. In addition, the “Study on Policies and Good Practices for migrants and refugees’ social and labour integration”, the “Orientation and counselling handbook for migrants and refugees’ self-evaluation of competences” and “Guidelines for planning and carrying out actions aimed at promoting migrants and refugees’ employability” are also finalised and uploaded on the Resources page of the project.

## Final Conferences in partner countries

The final newsletter of the project describes the conferences that have already taken place in the partner countries, as well as announcing those that will soon take place. The final national conferences were organised in order to disseminate the project outputs and results and invite some participants of previous project activities to share their experience with the audience and the lessons learned by the project. Relevant stakeholders were invited, as well as regional and national level policy makers, public administration bodies, public and private entities working in the field of migration, representatives of associations and networks of migrants and refugees, training centres, social operators, educators, cultural mediators, teachers, voluntary associations and volunteers. The project is expected to be officially completed in the end of August 2019 and all its outputs and deliverables were presented or are about to be presented in the final national conferences.

### Successful Final Conference in Rome (Italy)

The Italian partner San Saturnino (SANSAT) organised the Final Conference in Rome, with the cooperation of “Nuovi Lavori”. The conference took place on Tuesday 18th of June 2019, with more than 50 participants (among those being educators, professionals, entrepreneurs, etc.) from public and private services. The event was coordinated by Gabriella Fabrizi. After the speech by Marilena Nocente – the president of SANSAT, partners took turns in the presentation of the project, Intellectual Outputs and results. The President of the Municipality of Rome II, Francesca Del Bello greeted the participants and recalled the Municipality’s commitment in celebrating the “week of refugee”. The participation of the illustrator Mauro Biani was significant as through his cartoons, he addressed the issues of migration and human rights. In addition, the pilot activities that took place in Italy were presented by Gabriella Fabrizi, Angela Boccardi, Maria Biani and Fabio Tamburini. During the concluding session of the conference, representatives described about their significant collaboration with the “Gustamundo” Restaurant and the Cooperative “Il cuore di Cristiano”, two stakeholders that played a pivotal role in the social and labour integration of migrants. The representatives were Mr Pasquale Compagnone and Ms Grazia De Feo (Psychologist).”



### Final Conference in Spain

The final conference in Madrid will take place on the 11th July 2019 at the Botín Foundation. The event is organised by Red2Red and Acción Contra el Hambre, the Spanish partners of the MigrEmpower project. During the event, the project and its outputs will be presented, as well as the 3 MigrEmpower itinerary phases and corresponding tools. Moreover, the results of the pilot experience carried out by Acción Contra el Hambre in Barcelona from September 2018 to March 2019 will be also presented to the audience, enriched by the testimony of one participant of the pilot experience. Lastly, a round table on new methodologies for migrants' and refugees' social and labour integration will take place with experts from third sector organisations, in order to share good practices and knowledge and learn from each other's experiences.



### Successful final conference in Austria

55 participants attended the Austria's national final conference in Vienna on the 26 of June 2019. Among those were migrants, trainers in migrants' training Programmes, an entrepreneur and the Stakeholder Fatmé Khalil-Hammound from the programme StartWien - Info-Modules for refugees of the City of Vienna MA17, Department of Integration and Diversity. During the event, Téclaire Ngo Tam presented the outputs of the project, highlighting the results of the piloting phase. The participation of the beneficiaries of the project added a special value to the conference, as they shared their experience and testimonials with the public, pointing how the activities carried out within the framework of the MigrEmpower project are helping them in their private and professional daily live. Moreover, another interesting element was the catering provided as probe and advertisement by a group of migrant women who are starting up a catering service led by one of the MigrEmpower beneficiaries. All participants without exception gave a positive feedback to the contents and organisation of the conference.



## Final national conference carried out in Leipzig (Germany)

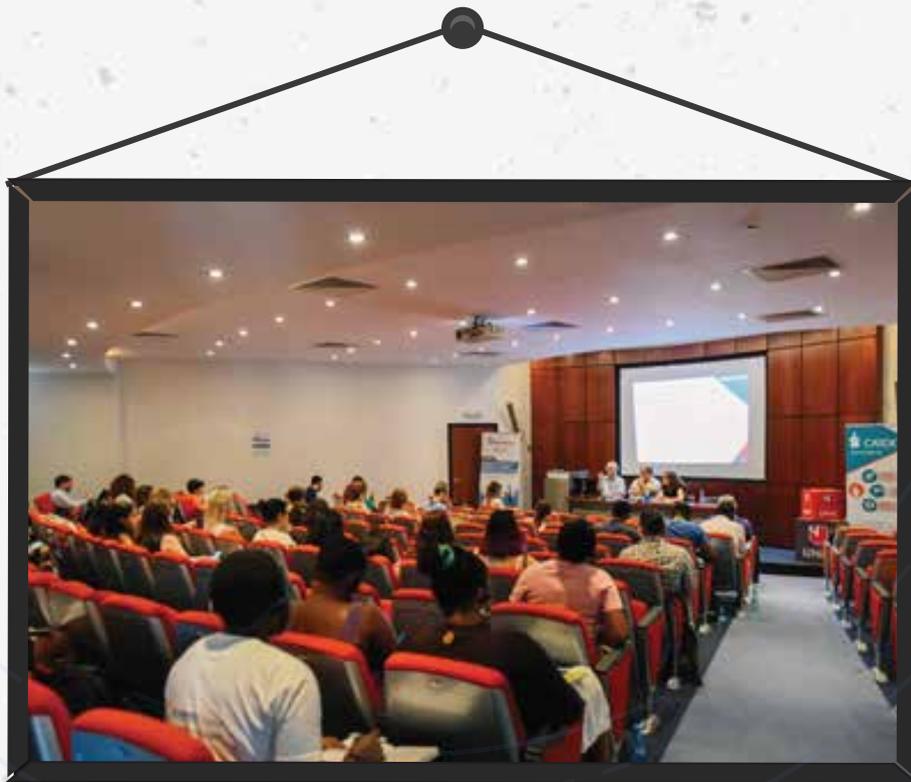
More than 30 participants took part in Germany's final conference on the 27th of June 2019. All of them were professionals and stakeholders in the field of migrant counselling, various training and education programmes, coordinators of empowerment programmes, labour market integration, and state-sponsored social and labour market services. The event had a regional impact: people from other Saxonian cities and rural areas, but also from neighbouring federal states took part.

The event was carried out to promote the MigrEmpower project. Therefore, WISAMAR'S project coordinator Daniel Renftle first presented the MigrEmpower tools and guidelines and gave an insight into how the three phases work and are best applied. Secondly, he gave an overview over the results of the piloting phase. Moreover, two participants of the project shared their personal experience and impressions on the different stages of the itinerary and what effects it had on them. This constituted a very vivid depiction of the process. Additionally, three external experts were invited to produce some added value for the audience on the topic of ways and resources for the integration of migrants and refugees. Rudaba Badakhshi from the department of Migration and Integration from the city of Leipzig presented the municipal perspective. Dr. Harald Köpping-Athanasopoulos from the Leipzig-based association Arbeit und Leben gave interesting insights on labour market issues and a quantitative overview over migrant labour market integration in Saxony. Johann Lieb founder of Avenir Berlin delved into the concept of social temporary employment and the practical implementation of this approach. Beyond the information conveyed the event provided a networking opportunity for the participants. The event was very positively received and aroused increased interest in the MigrEmpower itinerary.



### Successful final national conference carried out in Nicosia (Cyprus)

CARDET and the Mediterranean Migration Network co-organised a conference, entitled 'Labour & Social Integration of Third-Country Nationals in Cyprus: Realities, Challenges and Future Steps'. The Conference presented and delved into the work and findings of the 'Migrempower' project. It also introduced the audience to diverse 'Perspectives of Integration of Third Country Nationals in Cyprus' through the lens of Cypriots by Dr. Charis Psaltis, who presented the study of the University Centre for Field Studies together with UNHCR on the 'Attitudes and perspectives of Cypriots towards migrants and refugees', in comparison to the perspectives of migrants themselves (presented by Gerald Faal and Robavine Azangu). Following this, a panel discussion was featured, with the participation of representatives of Civil Society Organisations, services and Educational Institutes, on the initiatives, policies and challenges actions as observed towards the integration of Third-Country Nationals in Cyprus. Dr. Spaneas from the University of Nicosia, Ms. Messa from the Cyprus Refugee Council and Mr. Englezakis from KES College provided interesting presentations on recent data of migration, the HelpRefugees Work platform as a way to empower refugees to access labour market and the ways in which education can act as a means of support and integration of Third-Country Nationals. The conference attracted 58 migration stakeholders, migrants, asylum and refugees and was stated to be very beneficial, providing the helpful information to migrants and refugees.





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