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Migrant Multipliers Build Bridges

MultiPLUS: Migrant Multipliers build Bridges

MultiPLUS is an Erasmus+ project to support the educational role of migrant multipliers in the integration process

In general, we may say that the integration of migrants is complex; it is a term that describes an equally multifaceted and comprehensive process. It encompasses political, legal, economic, social, cultural, and communicative aspects and efforts individuals as societies very much. One persisting question is how to reach migrants with information of societal importance, e.g., about health topics, schooling, waste management, gender equity, or others.

How all began

The Coordinator of this project used to work in different projects which all made use of the concept of “Multiplying”. The concept behind is to spread information to people that are easily reached and ask them to transfer this information to those who are missing contacts, information, and entrance due to various barriers such as lack of language skills, structural-, educational-, or other hints. Thus, in our case, well integrated migrants take over the role as leaders and as mediators between the host country’s world and the one, where people came from. Those persons are the so-called multipliers.

The concept is similarly described as a snowball-effect: One receives information and gives it to its own family, to friends or neighbours.

This is how it works.

Frame of the project:

With this Newsletter we are proud to present a new project:

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Let us start classically with the background of the project.

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Three activities are undertaken; these three are based on – three – difficulties that appear in the work with multipliers for them and with them. The project thus has developed three Intellectual Outputs. Within each of it we will meet one of the challenges. You will read about all of them in the next Newsletters.

Now we start with **Intellectual Output 1: Context and challenges**

Multipliers are migrant women, seldom men; when needed, they are contacted by organisations they are active for, like OMEGA, the coordinating organisation, and are asked if she/he would like to take over an activity as multiplier.

They very often receive an intense content-related input, which they then should circulate to their community of origin. The HOW is not taught or only little. Since didactic action is central for the designing of learning processes, it makes sense to extend multipliers' didactical and methodological skills in transferring information. This will be an important step towards quality assurance and professionalization.

The subsequent objectives and operational goal of this Intellectual Output therefore is to enhance multipliers' skills in teaching and training by developing and accomplishing an intense short training about didactical and methodological principles and techniques in adult education.

The **OVERALL GOAL** of the project is to contribute to migrants' integration and anticipation in a European society by enhancing - as a supportive step - those persons' competences that are serving for integration in a specific manner: The Multipliers.





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IO1: Professionals PLUS!

- Enhancing multipliers' knowledge about didactical and methodological principles and techniques in adult education.
- Accomplishing respective trainings for multipliers in order to widen their training skills.

IO2: Activities PLUS!

- Collecting teaching methods and approaches from the education systems multipliers are coming from.
- Adapting, combining, merging, and creating then training methods being a mixture from approaches from various countries and systems and thusto better meet migrants' socialisation.

IO3: Be part PLUS!

- Fostering multipliers' consciousness for socio-political elements of their actions and initiate a first step into political education.
- Conveying the topics to migrants' communities and start reflecting topics to acquaint with the European Union and its integral concepts and values.

The first task that is carried out within IO1: Professionals PLUS! is an exploration in form of group discussions with experienced multipliers to find out how well they feel prepared for their tasks, what they miss and what else they would need. The results are the base for the content of an intense short training "Train the trainer respective multiplier in didactical and methodological principles and techniques in adult education". The training will be evaluated in-depth and tested twice. It will be available for all organisations that work with multipliers as a pre-training before teaching multipliers certain specific contents.

The results of the exploration and the content of the trainings will be presented in our next Newsletter!

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