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## Research about the refugee and immigrant reality in the partner countries



A Holistic Approach to Integration

For the IO1 the partnership researched the immigrant and refugee situation in each country in order to see how we may proceed with helping their integration. Here are some research results for each country.

**Greece:** According to the 2011 census there are 1 million immigrants that are legally residing in Greece at 60.000 recognised refugees and asylum seekers.

Concerning refugees the

situation rapidly changed in 2015 when Greece welcomed 856,763, which arrived via sea. Since 2017 there was a great challenge for Greece to handle all this refugee volume, still is however in 2017 the arrival numbers dropped to 29,718, while until June of 2018 12,065 refugees and immigrants have crossed the borders from third countries to Greece via sea.

The immigrants and refugees of course face Greece as a gate to reach Europe, thus many of them continue their journey. However for those remaining and in order to achieve integration many stakeholders

are involved in order to accommodate, provide healthcare, educate and generally facilitate integration. Those stakeholders are: Ministries, Municipalities, European Greek and International NGOs, UNHCR, Volunteers, Citizens' Movements, Orthodox clergy etc.

Italy:



## ARIVE's objectives

The general objective of the project is to develop quality learning opportunities in order to encourage low-qualified and low-skilled humanitarian migrants to assess and upskill their competences in order to enter the labour market at early stages. This integration shall be facilitated taking into consideration the individual needs/capacities and labour market demand.

The project will:

- facilitate the recognition

of formal, non-formal and informal knowledge, competences and skills of refugees/subsidiary protection holders/asylum seekers through the design and implementation of a toolkit for integration skills assessment to enable signposting to suitable peer support groups;

- transfer new qualifying skills to refugees/subsidiary protection holders/asylum seekers through tailored courses that meet their specific

learning needs and characteristics, in particular the language and digital skills;

- provide refugees/subsidiary protection holders/asylum seekers with hands-on experience through the creation and implementation of work-based laboratories facilitated by refugee support groups.

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*The ARIVE partnership consists of 5 partners from 4 European Countries (Sweden, Greece, United Kingdom and Italy). All the partners of the consortium has vast experience with integration of immigrants and refugees, as well as managing European projects. The methodologies and tools that are going to be developed during those three years are perfectly in accordance with the mix of the partner organisations competences*

## ARIVE 2nd meeting, 18th and 19th of June, 2019



The 2<sup>nd</sup> transnational meeting of the ARIVE project took place in Greece. During the two-day meeting, all five organizations representing four countries (Sweden, England, Greece and Italy) discussed issues related to improving access to education and employment for migrants and refugees. The meeting discussed focused on

the development of the tool INTEGRASS which will be developed in order to assess formal, non-formal and informal knowledge, competence and skills as well as the education level of the humanitarian migrants.

In order to develop the tool the partnership will work on the collection of input and content for the toolkit as well as the design of the structure of INTEGRASS and all these content in close

cooperation with local stakeholder networks in order to ensure relevance of the toolbox for contexts in all partner countries. The toolkit will be available online and in digital form and will be piloted cooperation with the target group, aiming at least at 50 refugees in each country.

The next partnership meeting will be taking place in 5th and 6th of December, in London, UK.

