



A Holistic Approach to Integration

INTEGRASS: the Refugees Integration Assessment Toolkit

The second output of ARIVE is INTEGRASS, the Refugee Integration Assessment Toolkit, an innovative tool developed to assess migrants' formal, non-formal and informal knowledge, competences and skills. Through this toolkit, it will be possible to assess the educational level of migrants, which is often difficult to define due to the differences among the school systems and also language barriers. INTEGRASS will make use of an easy and intuitive questionnaire as well as a guide on foreign school systems for assessors, who will be able to refer the qualifications obtained by migrants through formal

and non-formal education to the EQF.

The innovation introduced by INTEGRASS lies in the assessment, not only of formal but also of non-formal and informal learning, which becomes fundamental when it comes to low-qualified and low-skilled migrants as they may lack formal education but still possess relevant skills and need support in their development for their integration into the society and the labour market.

The INTEGRASS will include a guideline for users to ensure the proper exploitation of the toolkit outside the project consortium. The

toolkit will be used by migrant service providers and counsellors at employment services and will be also available online.

Partners are working in close cooperation on the development of the toolkit under the coordination of ACH, an organization with years of experience in providing refugee resettlement and integration services within the UK. They will be also responsible for planning and monitoring piloting activities in all partner countries in cooperation with the local coordinators. The toolkit will be available in digital form

and allow the visualization of the assessment results through a Quick Scan that will be developed thanks to the support of FU-Uppsala, the project coordinator. FU-Uppsala has more than 20 years' experience in the development of innovative solutions for inclusion of different disadvantaged groups (such as young adults, unemployed, low-skilled) into society/labour market and the use of ICT in adult education and lifelong learning. The toolkit will be piloted on 50 migrants per partner country, which will ensure assessment of its validity and allow further improvement before its finalization and dissemination outside the project consortium.



ARIVE's objectives

The general objective of the project is to encourage low-qualified and low-skilled migrants to assess and upskill their competences in order to enter the labour market at early stages.

The project, in line with the recommendations of the international community (UNCHR 2017, OECD 2016) will:

- facilitate the recogni-

tion of formal, non-formal and informal knowledge, competences and skills of refugees/subsidiary protection holders/asylum seekers;

- 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 third transnational project meeting, 5/6 December 2018

In December, partners in the ARIVE project gathered in London for the 3rd transnational project meeting. The meeting was hosted at the premises of one of the project partners, RINOVA. It was a two-day meeting during

Rashidi from FU presented the results of IO1 "Who is integrated in Europe? Social and Labour market integration of the low-qualified humanitarian migrants in Europe" report; his presentation was followed by a discussion on the report; then ACH presented an overview

of IO2: the Refugees Integration Assessment Toolkit: INTEGRASS, one of the innovative tools that the project will allow to produce. Partners shared their opinion on the structure and the relevant issues that the toolkit has to address. The second part of the day was devoted to IO3 and IO4; partners in charge presented the planning for output development and discussed about it with the other participants. During the second day, partners discussed about the dissemination plan, the quality assurance plan and the financial management and then developed a to-do-list. The two-day meeting was an opportunity to ensure partners could exchange ideas and also have clarifications from the project coordinator. Once more the transnational meeting was an occasion to exchange ideas and experiences and collaborate on the development of project outputs. Partners went



back to their own countries aware of the support they could count on from other partners and the contribution that this project will make to the social and labour integration of low-skilled and low-qualified migrants. The next meeting is foreseen to be held in June in Rome and will be hosted by the Italian partner ERIFO.

which partners discussed about the status of the activities. The meeting started with the welcoming notes of FU and Rinova, the host organization. Mr. Ali

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