

# Supporting Professional Development of Migrant-related Educators(SUMIGRE)

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## WHAT IS SUMIGRE?

The current political conflicts in wartorn Middle Eastern countries and elsewhere in the World has resulted in an unprecedented migration flow. The UNHCR's Global Trends Report (2016) indicate that 65.6 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations by the end of 2016. Many displaced people have remained close to their country of origin while many others have moved further afield to seek protection and safety. The huge number of displaced people continues to cause significant humanitarian needs such as access to basic services and assistance in health, nutrition, shelter, energy, education, as well as domestic items and specialised services for people with specific needs.

The arrival of large numbers of refugees in such a relatively short time has overwhelmed the emergency response mechanisms in the host and transit countries with limited resources and staff to cope with the ever-growing crisis.

Project SUMIGRE was developed to address the professional needs of educators and trainers who are dealing with migrants on a day-to-day basis. Educators responsible for training migrants should be empowered by provision of relevant skills and competences training - including soft skills -to handle this vulnerable and often marginalised group with many socio-economic, educational and psychological needs one of which is the urgency to learn many things in the host countries, and often in unfavourable situations.

SUMIGRE will offer specific training for migrant-related educators to contribute to their socio-educational and professional development and make them better equipped to handle migrants with many special needs.

SUMIGRE also aims to increase collaboration between public and private sector, empower more NGOs to address the refugee and migrant crisis and raise public awareness of the plight of migrants.

The project is co-funded by Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. It is a KA2 Adult Education Strategic Partnership Partnership project. Having started in September,2017, it will end in August, 2019.

### THE INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

- Migration Report containing information about migrants in the partner countries, existing legislation and mechanisms training opportunities for educators working with immigrants
- Training Curriculum in the partner languages for use on the online training platform
- Website, online training portal and printable promotional materials

The intellectual outputs will be OERs, freely downloadable from the project website.

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## PROJECT PARTNERS

The partners are **Kocaeli Kültürel Gelişim ve Dayanışma Derneği-KOGED** (Coordinator, Turkey), **Kartepe Halk Eğitim Merkezi** (Turkey), **Bulgarian Development Agency** (BDA, Bulgaria), **Business Development Friesland** (BDF, Netherlands), **Schola Empirica** (Czech Republic), **International Organisation of Migration-IOM Budapest** (Hungary) and **Migrants Resource Center** (MRC, UK)

## THE PROJECT NEWS

The project kicked off on 18-19 January 2018 in Izmit, Turkey. This 1st meeting focused on the project overview presented by KOGED. Among the topics were the details of the project components such as dissemination and evaluation. We also decided on what to do until the 2nd partnership meeting in April, 2018.

The meeting venue, Izmit, hosts more than 20.000 Syrian refugees currently, so the media interest was quite keen. The news of the meeting and the project was published in several local & regional papers and on the Internet.

Not only did the meeting herald a good and efficient cooperation during the project, it also enabled us to get an insight into the migrants' situation in the partner countries thanks to the partner presentations.

We visited Al-Shami Kitchen, a facility run jointly by Izmit Municipality and Syrian refugee women. Though the project targets mainly educators, we expect that migrants in the partner communities will be among the final beneficiaries once our project is completed successfully and achieves its aims.

## WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING?

We have already started our research into migration and the training opportunities for migrant-related educators in the partner countries, the role of NGOs in the integration efforts and examples of good practices in collaboration between public and private sector in the integration of migrants. The finalized report –with the most relevant parts translated into the partner languages – will be released in June, 2018, and will be accessible on the project website.



We will keep in touch! You can also follow SUMIGRE on:



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