

HANDBOOK



European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS "PROGRAMME 2014-2020"



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2.2 NETWORK OF TOWNS



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Town twinning ceremony, November 2021

GREETINGS



Ramón Tojo
Mayor of Rois

I am Ramón Tojo, mayor of Rois. Rois is a small municipality of 93 square kilometers and 4,600 inhabitants located in Galicia, in northwestern Spain, 20 kilometers from Santiago de Compostela. For more than a thousand years we have been able to see how the Camino de Santiago has helped to create bonds of union between people and between peoples. During these twelve centuries pilgrims from different countries, different cultures, customs and languages have met on the Camino de Santiago, have known other places and other ways of doing things.

And they have been able to see the solidarity of the people who live along the Camino. This eagerness for collaboration and solidarity is what has allowed us to build the First European Cultural Itinerary and, above all, a more united and stronger Europe.

A solidarity that is becoming more present in recent weeks with all the people fleeing from Ukraine victims of war and that poses new challenges to all of us who firmly believe in the benefits of the European Union.

We have been talking about these challenges at this project. About how to improve our beloved European Union, pushing away the shadows of the old dark days, where nationalisms and selfish where the roadmap of our countries.



Pazo de Faramello (Rois)

I am sure that, all together, we will know how to give the appropriate response and the support to our European Citizens and also an appropriate help to our Ukrainian neighbors . And, at the same time, we will continue to consolidate the European Union, the common project we have been working on for more than half a century.

If there were voices within the European Union that encouraged Euroscepticism, we can now see that there are leaders who want to take us back centuries. Back to that time when all peoples were confronting each other, generating pain and destruction. War is not the way. Nor is generating division and confrontation. There, we will not find a better future, but the opposite.

I am happy that through this project w have achieved to contribute to a better understanding of the European Union, its history and diversity, and greater involvement and participation of citizens in the future of the EU.

Long live the European Union and long live the brotherhood made through this project.



**Ramón Tojo with the vicepresident of Southern Region,
Mr. David Michael Schembri**

SUMMARY

European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism - EVCE is a project promoted by the Municipality of Rois (Galicia- Spain) and funded by the European Commission through Europe for Citizens Programme.

The project will be implemented from November 2021 until June 2022 aiming to promote the dialogue between citizens from 27 Member States of the European Union. The main topic addressed will be Euroscepticism, its causes and its consequences. In order to have a deeper knowledge of the topic, the project includes



SUMMARY



The programs of activities is designed to encourage citizens to debate actively about the proposed topics with local speakers and experts.

Sessions will be based on non-formal education: including round tables, workshops, and cultural opportunities to discover what joins the European citizens. The partnership includes local bodies, NGO's, educational centers as well as Youth Centres, which creates a very transversal atmosphere to address and challenge the main topic: Euroscepticism.

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

The project is funded by Europe For Citizens Programme under the measure NETWORK OF TOWNS.

This measure funds municipalities and associations to work together to make their cooperation more sustainable and exchange of good practices. It is the next step up from town twinning projects that foster more short term cooperation.

The project has taken the opportunity to sign a protocol of cooperation to ensure a long-term cooperation in terms of youth, exchange of good practices, commerce and active citizenship



Brotherhood oath example before being signed



The partnership planted a symbolic tree, that will grow strong as our cooperation

EVENTS 2021 - 2022



EVENT
II

13-16 February
Quormi (Malta)



EVENTS 2021 - 2022



EVENT III

21-24 April
Erdokurt (Hungary)



EVENT IV

23-26 May
Panorama (Greece)



EVENTS 2021 - 2022

ACTIVITIES AND LECTURES



- The meeting served as a kick-off meeting where all the partners introduced each other. The participants of this meeting were at least one policy maker per country (all EU countries were represented).
- Lectures on Euroskepticism were held, as well as, gender equality debates and explanations from a technical perspective of the EU services.
- The event helped to launch the other 3 remaining meetings and set the quality standards

EVENTS 2021 - 2022



COVID19 measures were guaranteed throughout the whole project

EVENTS 2021 - 2022

ACTIVITIES AND LECTURES



- One of the main problems facing the European Union and that is being used by the Euroskepticals is the migration reality. In this meeting we had the chance to touch the ground and get to know the difficulty of integrating so many people arriving every day.
- The activities included round tables, debates and lectures on the European Union reality by meeting the representative of the European Commission in Malta

EVENTS 2021 - 2022



Next Generation & Green Deal

EVENTS 2021 - 2022

ACTIVITIES AND LECTURES



- Moving to Hungary was fair motivated. It is one of the few countries of the European Union with a strong movement against the Union.
- The meeting was held just after the invasion of Ukraine and after the solidarity showed by Hungarians helping and hosting refugees.
- The vast majority of the debates and round tables included reflections on the importance of a strong EU that defend the democracies.

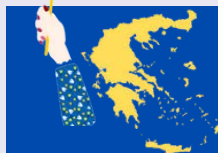
EVENTS 2021 - 2022



debating with political parties that are Euroskepticals is vital

EVENTS 2021 – 2022

ACTIVITIES AND LECTURES



EVENT-IV Panorama (Greece)

- The birthplace of democracy and the country that suffered the most the previous economic crisis put the end of the project.
- Getting to know direct testimonies of the investment in the last years via European funds was important to understand the importance of our Union.
- The event included meetings with National Deputies, young people and policy makers at different levels.

EVENTS 2021 - 2022



debating with political parties that are Euroscepticals is vital



GOOD PRACTICES

SLOVENIA

TITLE: HELP AND SUPPORT WITH INTEGRATION

PROMOTER: : Slovenska filantropija

MORE INFO

-<https://www.filantropija.org/en/>

-<https://www.facebook.com/Slovenskafilantropija/>

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

- Humanitarian organization working in the public interest since 1992. Their programmes are aimed towards raising the quality of living in the community and advocating for the vulnerable groups in society.
- Their central activity is the promotion of volunteering. Their Migration Programme Unit deals with different aspects of contemporary migration. They offer counselling, information, psychosocial and psychotherapeutic assistance and advocacy to individuals and migrant groups.
- They work with asylum seekers, refugees and migrants of different statuses individually, support the development of their potential, talent and knowledge, and encourage their use for inclusion in social life.
- At the systemic level, they cooperate in preparing legislative propositions and comments on proposed changes to the existing legislature with other NGOs working in migration.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Kasra

ORIGIN: Iran

HOW DID YOU END IN SLOVENIA?

After my bachelor's and master's degrees in Law in Iran, I wanted to pursue a career in academia. I continued my education and work in two other countries. Because of the language barriers at one of the universities where I applied for work, I had to choose a different option. After careful consideration, I decided on the University of Ljubljana, where I am finishing my PhD

WHAT HELPED YOU MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

University friends and colleagues, other friends I met in Slovenia, my professors, two NGOs (one of them Slovene Philanthropy) and the Iranian Embassy.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

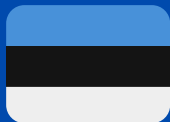


**WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIEND IN IRAN, WHAT ARE YOU
ASKED ABOUT SLOVENIA?**

Middle Easterners are usually interested in the economy, income, and culture. I tell them “you won’t become a millionaire,” but if you are looking for simple, standard living with an average income in a safe, non-racist European country, with better weather and a prettier landscape than Switzerland (and much more affordable), Slovenia is a paradise.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Igranje (playing) – because of its playfulness and ease.



GOOD PRACTICES

ESTONIA

TITLE: Competence center

PROMOTER: Estonian Refugee Council

MORE INFO

<https://www.pagulasabi.ee/>

GOOD PRACTICES

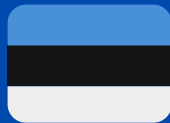
DESCRIPTION

Estonian Refugee Aid is one of the main Estonian competence centers in the field of forced migration and integration of refugees. We apply this competence in different ways: by training others, sharing and bringing good practices to Estonia, improving the Estonian reception and integration system, protecting interests and sharing fact-based information with the general public.

This organisation is working all over Estonia, helping refugees and migrants every way possible. Thanks to their professional work, they have managed to accomplish close relationships with municipalities and other NGOs and governmental institutes to house refugees, help them find jobs, schools, integrate, learn the language etc. But not only do they do that, they also coordinate information, improve integration systems, protect migrants' interests and raise knowledge.

We in Lääneranna municipality have worked with them closely especially during the Ukraine crisis in order to help as many refugees as possible.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Imar

ORIGIN: The Netherlands

HOW DID YOU END IN ESTONIA?

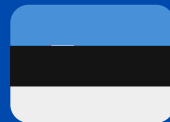
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FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Öölaulupidu (night song festival) - it represents some of my interests and also has cool letters like ö in it.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



**WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS IN THE NETHERLANDS,
WHAT ARE YOU ASKED ABOUT ESTONIA?**

Mostly about their technological advancements and religion. Also we talk a lot about Estonian political situation due to my friends' and family's interest in that.

WHAT HELPED YOU MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

Definitely my peers and my love for music. Thanks to amazing students at my university, my integration into Estonian society has been smooth. Also the music - I've always enjoyed it so when I came to Estonia, I joined a choir and some music movements.



GOOD PRACTICES

CROATIA

TITLE: EU Future Challenges -
Diversity is our advantage

PROMOTER: Town Klanjec & Primary School Antuna

MORE INFO

<https://www.klanjec.hr/europa-za-gradane-europa-for-citizens/>

http://os-amihanovica-klanjec.skole.hr/projekti/uz_granicu_bez_granica

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

Meeting and activities of the citizens from 9 European countries encouraged the signing of the petition in municipalities located at the Croatian and Slovenian border which intention is moving barbed wire which The Republic of Slovenia set along the border to prevent illegal entering migrants into their territory. Citizens from both sides expressed their solidarity with migrants.

In one of two active Erasmus + KA1 programmes, "By the border, without borders" 2019, held by our Primary School is dealing with people's opinions, procedures and prejudice towards other nations and religions. Teachers encourages tolerance and empathy and hold lectures and workshops about European cultural, religious and ethnic diversity.

In October 2021 during manifestation "Europe for citizens" in Klanjec in school and around the town it was held the Multicultural meeting of children. Children, teachers and the representatives from different countries presented their towns and countries, played handball, hike on the nearby hill, look for treasure in the game Treasurehunt and learned

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: ALICJA

ORIGIN: Poland

HOW DID YOU END IN CROATIA?

I fall in love with my husband while he was temporary migrant in Poland. I decided to follow him to Croatia after he returned home to have family and to live together.

WHAT HELPED YOU MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

My family, friends in the place we live in and the Civil society organization which is dealing with children's rights where I work as volunteer.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS IN POLAND, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED ABOUT CROATIA?

What is the price of food, kindergarten and how does the environment look like in the area where I live.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

- "DJECA" (children) – because they are the reason of my life on Croatia.

AFTER SO LONG IN KRALJEVEC NA SUTLI, CROATIA, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME?

I would enroll the Croatian language school immediately because Croatian grammar is very complicated.



GOOD PRACTICES

BULGARIA

TITLE: Integration in Nikopol

PROMOTER: Municipality of Nikopol

MORE INFO

-website of Nikopol

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

Good practice in the field of integration, established over the years in Bulgaria, is the work of social mediators with migrants and refugees. Social mediators play an extremely important role in the cultural orientation and integration of newcomers in the country. They are indispensable advisers and consultants in the first integration steps of those who have sought and received protection.

The field of activity of the mediators is the following:

- acquainting asylum seekers with their rights and obligations;
- assistance with daily household activities - getting acquainted with the internal order in the accommodation, communication in a multicultural environment (in the registration and reception center and outside it), personal hygiene, hygiene in accommodation and hygiene in public places, visit the store , use of public transport, banking services, etc .;

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Anastasya

ORIGIN: Ukraine

HOW DID YOU END IN BULGARIA?

I am Ukrainian and I am proud of that! When the war reached my city, my family decided that I, together with my 4-year-old son and my husband's sister, should seek refuge in Romania or Bulgaria. On the bus, I met another young woman from Ukraine who was with her two children and was pregnant. We became very close during the trip. She was going to Bulgaria. When we arrived in Bulgaria, we boarded a bus for the town of Svishtov, because many of our fellow citizens traveled there. But by mistake we went down to the town of Nikopol, where we were met by social services, we were accommodated in a municipal apartment, they helped us with everything and for two and a half months we are in this small town with very good and hearty people

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

"Blagodaria"! Because I want to thank everyone for accepting us so well and taking care of us every day

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS IN UKRAINE, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED ABOUT BULGARIA?

Every day, when we talk to them, they ask us if we are well, if they treat us well in a foreign country, they are interested in how we live and if we have new friends.

WHAT HELPED YOU MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

Thanks to the people from the municipality and the social services, we were able to arrange our documents for refugees. We receive full assistance when we need medical care. They helped us to place the children in a kindergarten and for us to attend a Bulgarian language course. The employment service visited us and conducted a survey to find out our attitudes to starting a job. Every day the municipality provides us with food, diapers for children and everything we need to live normally. The Bulgarian Red Cross provided us with clothes, children's beds, cosmetics, medicines and other essentials. Thanks to the help of all state institutions, and most of all the municipality, we lead a normal life and all the people in the city accept us as friends!



GOOD PRACTICES

FINLAND

TITLE: Fast integration in Kurikka

PROMOTER: City of Kurikka

MORE INFO

-website of Kurikka

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

Two months ago we received over 100 adults and children from Ukraine, many of them have relatives or friends in Kurikka.

-they have european temporary protection status but unfortunately the integration by the national government has taken time and we are still waiting those acts and orders

-The city council made the decision of budget for over 100 000 € for ukrainian families to help their integration to our city. The city has helped ukrainians to get the accomodation, medicines, the pair of glasses, health- and social care services, groceries, language education, public transport

- Free of charge servises in our city are day care and education and in those services we have repairing groups for children

- Very important has been the voluntary work which has been very huge, people has been so communal and happy to help ukrainians, we live in rural area and ukrainians are so welcome to live our villages and to come a part of our society

- I think because of the history of Finland we will support people in Ukraine with heart and soul

-Two persons are helping and supporting in these project ukrainians and one of them is speaking ukraine as mother tangué

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Diana

ORIGIN: Ukraine

HOW DID YOU END IN FINLAND?

I am Ukrainian and my parents came here for work and brought us (me and sister) too.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Finnish has become my mother tongue and I speak it on a daily basis so I can't really think about any specific word. Maybe höpsö – goofy because it's just funny and cute word.

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WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS IN UKRAINE, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED ABOUT FINLAND?

I haven't been in Ukraine for a while but I think mostly asked question is about language and to say something in finnish.

WHAT HELPED YOU MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

I had translator on my first school year. Also we came here before school year started, in June so the whole summer we spent with finnish kids and I already had friends before going to school. I think that finnish friends and being a part of society helped me the most.

AFTER SO LONG IN FINLAND, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME?

I went to 3rd grade again here in Finland. That was one thing I didn't like. I was literally bored with maths because it was soo easy. So the only thing was that I didn't know the language but I learned it within 3-4 months. After all, I don't think that I would change anything bacause I like how my life is. Sure I could have finished school earlier etc but I'm fine right now.



GOOD PRACTICES

CZECH REPUBLIC

TITLE: Food Bank Volunteering

PROMOTER: Prague Food Bank

MORE INFO

www.potravinovabankapraha.cz,

GOOD PRACTICES

As a result of the war in Ukraine, we prepare food packages as a primer help for mothers with children who came to the Czech Republic. 300-500 people come for food aid every day. In the beginning we were not able to manage the job, because we had to work for more than 12 hours per day. Suddenly we had a thought of employing Ukrainians as volunteers and the problem was solved. We provided all volunteers with the possibility of using our temporary school and kindergarten for their children and we offered them the possibility to attend Czech language courses. We are all satisfied.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Tatjana

ORIGIN: Ukraine

HOW DID YOU END IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

I came from Ukraine because of the war. Now I live and work in Prague.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

I used those words (pohanka, pomoc, ahoj, děkuji, prosím) most often

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**WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED
ABOUT THE CZECH REPUBLIC?**

The most often questions are concerning accommodation, food and work. I am also often asked about the Czech community that is surrounding me.

People like to discuss my attitude towards my new work, because not only do you want to use the help for yourself, but offer help to others.



GOOD PRACTICES

BELGIUM

TITLE: Social and economic integration

PROMOTER: ASSOCIATION DUE TO A JOB

MORE INFO

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

The best practice is an referred to helping young people with a migrant background to find a job. For this purpose, an experience retired person will be connected to the young person.

In the current context of global mobility, we live in a very diverse society. So it is necessary to ensure that our society today is inclusive enough for everyone to find their place and actively contribute and benefit collectively from the benefits of this diversity.

There is a proven inequality of access to the labor market for young people with a migrant background in Belgium.

People over 50 years of age in Belgium have one of the lowest employment rates in Europe and face a lack of appreciation for their skills.

By bringing these two groups together, DUO for a JOB aims to help eliminate inequalities in access to the labor market for young people with a migrant background, to recognize the knowledge of our 50+, and to combat discrimination by recreating social cohesion, understanding, and local solidarity.

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NAME: Nzeyimana

ORIGIN: Burundi

HOW DID YOU END IN BELGIUM?

As international scholar doing research in transitional justice KULeuven, it was revealed to me that it was delicate and insecure for me to travel back in Burundi due to my publication and the position I occupied in my home country.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Godverdomme is my favourite Flemish Word because it is a Word also used in my mother tongue but with different meaning. From my research about it, the reason is that the same word was used in my country by Flemish during colonization but local people repeating it badly, gave several other meanings. While watching Flemish playing cards, it makes me laugh

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**WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED
ABOUT BELGIUM?**

I am asked questions related to the kind of socio-economic integration in Belgium, what are the procedures and opportunities and how long it takes. Questions related to racism and discrimination are also asked.

**WHAT HELPED YOU THE MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW
SOCIETY?**

I think my familiarity with Belgian society helped me as I did part of my university curricula in Antwerp, I had Good Friends and contacts to smooth my integration



GOOD PRACTICES

LATVIA

TITLE: Language helps with integration

PROMOTER: REZEKNE DISTRICT

MORE INFO www.rezeknesnovads.lv

DESCRIPTION

It is necessary to offer the language courses for the people who come from other countries. Knowledge of the language helps people to integrate into the society faster.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Marina

ORIGIN: Belarus

HOW DID YOU END IN LATVIA?

I came to study at Daugavpils University then found the work and stayed to live in Latvia

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

I am fluent in Latvian, that's why I haven't favorite words there.

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WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED ABOUT LATVIA?

My friends from Belarus ask me about the economic situation in Latvia, about salaries and cost of goods in stores

WHAT HELPED YOU THE MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

Knowledge of the Latvian language helped me to integrate in the local community. At University, I had a chance to learn the Latvian language, there were the language courses. Latvian students helped me too.



GOOD PRACTICES

LITHUANIA

TITLE: Communicator with Ukrainian people in Ukmerge

PROMOTER: Ukmerge District Municipality

MORE INFO V.Lisovaya@kernel.ua

DESCRIPTION

I work with Ukrainian refugees in Ukmerge. I communicate with them and Lithuanians.

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NAME: Valentyna

ORIGIN: Ukraine

HOW DID YOU END IN THE LITHUANIA?

I worked with a friend, in Ukraine and he was from Ukmerge. When the war started I came here with a friend. I came by a car.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Viskas gerai! - so you can be calm, everything is fine and everything will be fine!

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**WHAT HELPED YOU THE MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW
SOCIETY?**

- Communication with locals
- No fear of starting from "0"
- Mass assistance from the Lithuanians. The work of local government is on top.

**AFTER SOME TIME IN UKMERGE,
WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME?**

From myself? I would spend more time with my family



GOOD PRACTICES

CYPRUS

TITLE: National plan for the integration of migrants

PROMOTER: Cyprus Government

MORE INFO

https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/country-governance/governance-migrant-integration-cyprus_en#ecl-inpage-4896

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

- Interventions related to the recognition and certification of migrants' knowledge and skills
- Interventions related to the training of migrants and other target groups
- Interventions aimed at raising awareness among migrants, host societies, and those involved in the integration process
- Interventions that facilitate migrant access to the welfare state
- Protection of the rights of vulnerable groups of migrants and refugee background
- Interventions to support the integration process through ongoing counseling
- Development of supportive tools for integration
- Establishment of a management mechanism

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Beatriz

ORIGIN: Spain

HOW DID YOU END IN CYPRUS?

I went to study my MSc in the UK and I met my boyfriend there, who is Cypriot, so when we graduated moved to Cyprus and found a job there.

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

My favourite word in Greek is 'peponi'(melon), because I have a friend that is called something similar in Spanish.

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WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED ABOUT CYPRUS?

They ask me to show them pictures of different beaches I have visited, which of the traditional food I like the most and how do we spend our weekends in Cyprus.

WHAT HELPED YOU THE MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW SOCIETY?

I joined yoga lessons where I found a group of people that I now consider them as friends. I was joining all of their plans such as hiking trips, beach parties and of course their night outs.



GOOD PRACTICES

POLAND

TITLE: assimilating and helping migrant pupils within education system

PROMOTER: Wieliszew Commune

MORE INFO

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ua> and <https://wieliszew.pl/>

GOOD PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

In Wieliszew, we have a systemic approach towards helping migrant children at schools – partly it results from national legal solutions, partly from our own practice. Especially there have been measures taken in relation to the war in Ukraine and a large number of Ukrainian pupils that suddenly flowed into our education system, e.g.

1) the maximum number of pupils in kindergarten and primary school grades I-III groups was increased from 25 to 28 and 29, respectively;

2) the so-called 'culture assistants' were employed at schools to help Ukrainian children function in a foreign language environment;

3) Wieliszew authorities (Communal Council, Mayor) authorized kindergarten/ school principles to exempt Ukrainian parents who are in a difficult financial position from fees;

4) Ukrainian pupils were provided with school supplies by schools and the Communal Office;

5) additional classes are organized for Ukrainian pupils, in which they learn Polish and other subjects the school finds necessary so that the pupils can catch up with the Polish curriculum.

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Tetiana

ORIGIN: Ukraine

HOW DID YOU END IN POLAND?

I came for work from Ukraine some years ago

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Nauczanie (teaching) – this is my life mission. I can learn, I learn things all the time and have the ability to teach others.

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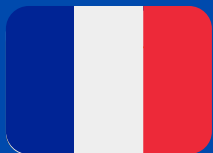


**WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED
ABOUT POLAND?**

They asked me about school, about pupils, about the society,
they dream to come and visit me.

**WHAT HELPED YOU THE MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW
SOCIETY?**

Personality traits. I am sociable, helpful, communicative, open
to learn, focused on details and finding solutions



GOOD PRACTICES

FRANCE

TITLE: United in Diversity

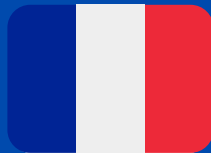
PROMOTER: MEF 33

MORE INFO City of Bordeaux

DESCRIPTION

Program that includes any person participating in our programs

MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



NAME: Elisabeth

ORIGIN: Ruanda

HOW DID YOU END IN FRANCE?

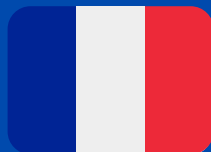
Integration, wedding, baby, employment in international organisation

FAVOURITE WORD IN YOUR NEW LANGUAGE AND WHY?

Faire confiance / Confidence

Most people have conviviality when communication is good, but at first look, if you are black or metis they are not confident. Time is needed to create confidence and the best way to create it is to take responsibilities so in fine people have in their mind what you did and not what image they could have about you at first look .

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**WHEN YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS, WHAT ARE YOU ASKED
ABOUT FRANCE?**

Born in Rwanda, make confidence at first, even to be careful,
but no judgement before acts

**WHAT HELPED YOU THE MOST TO INTEGRATE INTO THE NEW
SOCIETY?**

Confidence in people who supported me and gave me
responsibilities as well as they do for others, whatever they
are.

The kindness of some people (some became good friends)

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