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THE NEST PROJECT

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Did you know ...

... That in the average European country a **1/3 of working age non-EU citizens** are not in employment, education or training? That in 2018, 45% of non-EU citizens faced the risk of living in poverty or be socially excluded?

A smooth and successful integration is prevented by the rise of both populist movements and the sense of mistrust towards migrants that goes with it, by the traumatic experiences migrants might have lived on their way to Europe, as well as by the language gap. As a result of these many barriers, migrants often face **marginalization and even abuse**.

Learning the cultural norms and codes as well as the language of their host country seemed to us to be key factors to prevent this social exclusion. More than a humanitarian support, **comprehensive integration models** are thereby necessary to insure the inclusion of migrants in their host societies.



What is our project about?

In the **NEST project**, we are addressing this challenge by designing a **new approach on cultural learning**, which is based on 6 key principles :

Bottom up: the knowledge will be tailored to the needs and views of the learners

Iterative: the participants, learners and teachers, will have the possibility to provide feedbacks on what they found useful or not for the program to improve.

Transnational: insures the transferability of the project's results

Cultural sensitive: inclusion of all the cultural characteristics of the participants

Blended learning: combining traditional and online teaching

Multi-level: the project seeks to forge stronger networks by implementing a further cooperation among organizations.

The goal with this new approach ...

Is to give information to:

- **migrants and refugees** regarding their host country's culture for them to feel empowered and confident to fully take part in their new society,
- **education practitioners** in order for them to enhance their skills on conveying cultural knowledge

Who are we?

To a European-scale problem, a European-scale response was needed. At the NEST project, we decided to join forces by creating **a partnership of 5 organizations**. With our complementary expertise as well as a wide geographical spread, our impact is going to be even greater.

ANCE, based in Athens, Greece, has a strong expertise on the implementation of projects concerning migrants and refugees support.

DIMITRA is one of the largest vocational educational training organizations with branches in 5 Greek cities.

LESS has a 20-year experience in fighting social marginalization and is based in Naples, Italy.

KMGNE is a research and education institute based in Germany with a focus on developing new learning approaches and methodologies among others.

UPT is a Portuguese university which aims to combine knowledge, creativity and innovation to insure the dissemination of knowledge through a collective dynamic.



How will our project unfold?

The NEST project will last **3 years**, divided in 3 implementation phases.

The **research phase** aims to outline the different European educational landscapes to explore the learning practices which address migrants.

Using this knowledge, the **design phase** will produce two documents: the **'Learn and Blend'** cultural education course addressed to migrants and refugees, and the **Cultural Mentoring Program**.

Finally, the **piloting phase** will be the testing of the designed educational approach.

Join us!

We have just started this journey, and we hope that this project will **spread awareness** about the difficulties migrants and refugees face to find their place in their host society.

We all have a role to play. Help us spread a message of respect and trust, join us on:



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