



EMBRACIN – Enhancing Migrants’ Bottom-up, Responsive and Citizen-led Integration in Europe

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About the project

EMBRACIN - Enhancing Migrants’ Bottom-up, Responsive and Citizen-led Integration in Europe is an AMIF project that started in January 2020 and has a duration of three years.

The EMBRACIN project can be considered as an innovative project since it elevates the “integration” process for migrants by providing them with the necessary skills and guidance to become active citizens of their society, contribute through work and respect for the law, learn the national language and participate in different trainings.

The goals of the EMBRACIN project are:

- Create a European network of cities interested in exchange, adapt and reuse (transfer) the award-winning 6+6x6 scheme implemented at local level
- Adapt the scheme for transferability in different EU countries (Italy, Cyprus, Sweden, Slovenia, Spain and Greece)
- Adopt the scheme and create a structured model for migrant inclusion and integration, by verifying its cost-effectiveness and its efficacy



- Monitor and create value in terms of benefits for the migrants themselves and for the hosting communities

Completion of Work Package 2

The second work package of the EMBRACIN, entitled “**Knowledge exchange and transferability plans**” has been successfully completed. The development of this work package produced the first publication of the project, the “**6+6X6**” **Unveiled** with an overview of the “6+6X6” experience. In fact, during the first year of the project, partners studied this model and extracted the so-called “**Pillars**”, which will be the basis for the development of a European **EMBARCIN model**. Moreover, partners of the Municipalities completed a circle of round sessions of meetings with their relevant stakeholders, to deepen the knowledge of the triggering model and co-develop a transferability plan on how to use and transfer this new approach into each city’s context. In the following 20 months, partners will use the transferability plans and proceed with the implementation to finally propose the EMBRACIN model.

Next steps

The partners are in the process of discussing, designing, and planning the Work Package 4, entitled “**Experimentation and evaluation of the Model**”. This work package covers the implementation and the evaluation of the Transferability plans developed in the 6 partner cities that intend to adapt and re-use the improved 6+6x6 scheme. This Work Package ensures that the 6 implementation pilots and their evaluation are done according to high standards established for this purpose and respond to the needs detected at the local and EU level. This will provide a base for further streamlining the adopted measures and policy changes.

The primary outcome of the experimentation is to positively influence the multi-dimensional integration situation of participants mainly through:

- education and training
- housing
- access to health and basic services
- integration in the labour market
- social inclusion and active participation

Partnership

The consortium of the project consists of 10 partners from 7 countries:

- Municipality of Padova – Italy (Leading partner)
- Alterevo - Italy

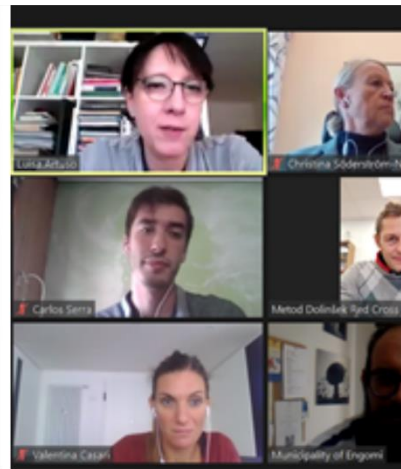
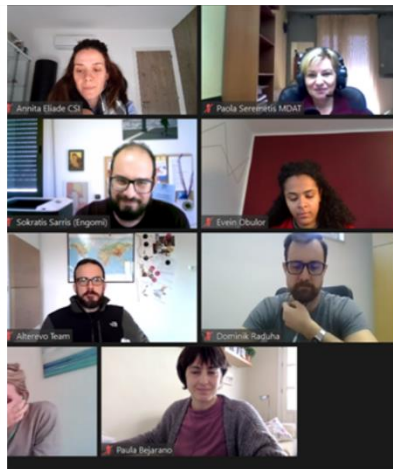


- Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI) - Spain
- Center for Social Innovation (CSI) - Cyprus
- The European Coalition of Cities Against Racism – ECCAR – Germany
- Major Development Agency Thessaloniki S.A. (MDAT) – Greece
- Municipality of Engomi - Cyprus
- Municipality of Hoče - Slivnica - Slovenia
- Municipality of Sala - Sweden
- POLIBIENESTAR – Spain

More information about the project

To find more information about the project, the implementation process, the upcoming events and final conference, visit the project's official website <http://embracin.eu/>, the official Facebook page [@embracin.eu](https://www.facebook.com/embracin.eu), or contact the project manager of the Center for Social Innovation, the partner responsible for the communication and dissemination of the project, Annita Eliade at annita.eliade@csicy.com . Local authorities interested in taking part in this ambitious project, that want to join or have more information, are invited to contact the partner responsible for the network building and awareness raising at eccar@heidelberg.de





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