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CRITICAL Project

Critical information for immigrants regarding parenting to promote social inclusion

CRITICAL is a three-year Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships project, which began in 2020. CRITICAL is coordinated by Folkuniversitetet (Sweden), which is part of it through a European transnational partnership of organizations comprising of Dimitra (Greece), PROMEA (Greece), FISPE (France) and REVALENTO (Netherlands).

The overall aim of CRITICAL is to develop and adapt existent training materials and tools for educators and social workers, regarding critical information for migrants on parenting and health, thus to promote social inclusion. The project is divided in 4 intellectual outputs which will permit the development of a methodology to facilitate the use of these training materials in the existing context and training opportunities in each of the partner countries.

IO1 - Desk Research Results

In IO1, all the partners did a national desk research on Health and Parenting services and materials for migrant people integration.

The national reports show that all partners' countries (France, Greece, Sweden and Nederland's) have similar needs and barriers, and they have already some materials and tools available.

According to the results, the lack of subsidization by the government and other applicable organizations in health and parenting services for migrants is the most significant barrier. Because without financial is very difficult to develop the existent organizations and employ a trained person (with specified competences and skills). In all partners countries social services for migrants depend on volunteer work.

Regarding the obstacles that make the work of the organizations difficult, the biggest one is the language as it affects from the first moment, the integration process in multiple levels. Especially from the response regarding social support to newcomer families and their children.

Another important issue referred is that Parenthood subject is not considered as a crucial area for migrant's



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integration as Health and social care are. In all partners countries Health support services for migrant people are directly open upon their arrival in the host country

Concerning health and parenting materials and tools, all partners' countries have already some of it created. However, desk research results pointed out that is very important to centralize them in a digital platform or in a website to easily share the information with a clear definition and an easy access. This will evidently facilitate social work towards integration.

Netherlands, Sweden and France as host countries where migrants settle in a long term they have similar kind of existent materials and devices. However, Greece as a passage country for migrants, the Greek partners need to pay a special attention in the materials adaptation.

The main conclusions of national reports are that all the partners will develop existent materials, tools and devices and will adapt it into their own realities as host countries for migrants.



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