

Dear reader,

We present to you the first newsletter of the European 4 All project, funded by the EU Lifelong Learning Program. In this newsletter you can find a description of our project, a description of all ongoing activities and our progress made so far. This newsletter will appear twice during the time of the project. We hope it will be useful and informative for your organisation.

The Europe 4 All project consortium

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Partnership

The Europe 4 All project is being realised by a broad group of European expert partners.

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VUC Vestegnen (DK)



MJK Instituutti (FL)



ADPI (FR)



KEK Kykladon (GR)



Mater (IT)



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Background

Many migrants in the European Union experience difficulties with the integration process in their 'new countries'. These difficulties often relate to finding a position on the labour market or learning a new language. Others refer to new ways of communication and adapting to a new culture with different customs and habits. For a lot of migrants their problems contribute largely to the fact that many of them stand on the sideline of society in their new country. It seems that making yourself understood, understanding your new country, but also working and having social contacts are key factors for migrants to participate and integrate in a new country. But what are necessary skills and competences? And what is necessary knowledge for a successful integration? These questions are the main focus of the project Europe 4 All.



Goals & objectives

As an overall objective, the project wants to improve integration in the EU countries of third country's migrants. The central aim of the project is to develop a digital self assessment tool for migrants (or assessment with help of a coach). Assessments will take place in fields as education, language, work, income, social contacts, participation, cultural identity, and integration. Assessments result in an overall picture of the individual position in the integration process and will provide input for a personal development plan. This PDP should include advise on second-language learning, validation of prior learning, lifelong learning and access to the labour market.



Duration

The project has started in **October 2007** and will end in **September 2009**.

Important dates

February 5/6, 2009

Transnational meeting of all partners in Helsinki, (FL)

June 4/5, 2009

Transnational meeting of all partners in Napels, (IT)

September 17, 2009

Final conference: presentation of the tool in Rotterdam, (NL)

Next Newsletter:

April/May 2009

Important links

Lifelong Learning agency:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>

Vocational Research Institute

(contract-partner):

www.vri-info.nl



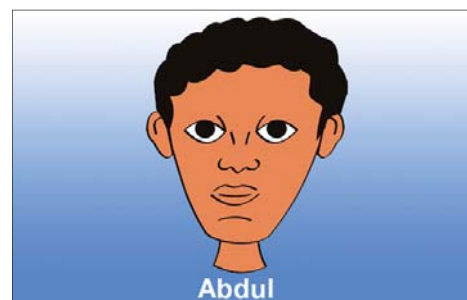
Progress

The project started in December 2007 with a kick off meeting in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Since then four more transnational meetings have taken place (in France, Greece, Belgium and Denmark). A lot of progress has been made during and in between these meetings. A research on integration in a European context has been conducted; a blueprint has been created for the content of the digital tool; the collection has started of life long learning tools that could be useful for migrants; and a start has been made with the lay-out and technical development of the digital tool.



Current & upcoming activities

Currently experts are working on the visual design, the technical applications, and audio and video of the tool. Besides all the digital work, a manual is being written for teachers, trainers and coaches on how to use this digital tool. All this should be presented at our next meeting in Finland, February 2009. After the Finland meeting, the tool should be refined and be ready for testing. The pilots, in which the tool will be tested by all partner organizations and migrants in all partner countries, will start in April 2009. By September 2009 the digital tool should be ready for use!



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