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I. THE 2005 INTI PREPARATORY ACTIONS

To achieve these objectives, the following four strands were identified for the year 2005:

Strand A - Networks, exchange of information and best practices

- Transnational co-operation: trans-national networks or partnerships between stakeholders (public authorities, private companies and representatives of civil society) at all levels;
- Trans-national actions: transfer of information, lessons learned and good practice.

Strand B - Information and dialogue

- Awareness raising on fundamental European values (the promotion of communication and dialogue between immigrants and their local communities);
- Awareness raising on projecting accurate information about immigrants (culture, traditions, religion and positive economic and social contributions to European Society).

Strand C - Improved knowledge of integration issues

Studies on:

- “Civic responsibility” (including impact of political rights for immigrants).
- New and innovative ways of integrating immigrants (aim: transferable models and best practice guide);
- Impact of integration strategies in MS, especially of compulsory elements.
- European indicators for successful integration.

Strand D - Support for innovative projects

- Transferable inter-cultural orientation and training for public officials;
- Global innovative pilot integration / settlement programmes or models for integration (with language tuitions, communication training and information on the country concerned).

The 2005 Call for proposals:

The total number of received projects was of 139, out of which 15 project were selected. As for the selected projects:

- The total amount of the allocated grant was of € 4.276.345,44
- The global commitment was € 4.350.000.
- The minimum allocated EU grant was € 229.940
- The maximum allocated EU grant was € 357.507,91
- The average was € 285.089,696

To achieve the objectives of the INTI programme, the projects focus on the following strands in year 2005 (the priority in the 2005 call for proposals was Strand A):

Strand	Number of selected projects
Strand A "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"	14
Strand B "Information and dialogue"	0
Strand C "Improvement of knowledge of integration issues"	1
Strand D "Support for innovative projects"	0
TOTAL	15

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II. LIST OF LEADERS AND PARTNERS IN 2005

Leaders:

- Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana (ARCI), Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- British Council, United Kingdom, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Christian Association of Youth Villages, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/135
- Cooperativa Sociale Grado 16, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/83
- Deputació de Barcelona (DIBA), Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- EBG, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Hamburger Volkshochschule, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/99
- IDOS, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/113
- Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, Cyprus with IMCS Intercollege Ltd, Cyprus, JLS/2005/INTI/129
- Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- Società Ricerca e Formazione (SRF), Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/78
- Solidar, Belgium, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Stichting Kontakt der Kontinenten, the Netherlands, JLS/2005/INTI/61
- Verein Multikulturell, Austria, JLS/2005/INTI/84
- Zeit Bild Verlag, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/93

Partners:

- A.I.P.C. Pandora, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/83
- Albant and Inedit S.L., Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/78
- Antidiskriminierungsnetz Berlin, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- ANTIGONE - Κέντρο Πληροφόρησης and Τεκμηρίωσης για το Ρατσισμό, Greece, JLS/2005/INTI/129
- Aproers, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Asociacion Sociocultural IBN Batuta (ASCIB), Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Association des Travailleurs Maghrébins de France (ATMF), France, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Association for the development of citizens and European Initiat, France, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Associazione "Agenzia di cittadinanza", Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Associazione Nazionale Oltre Le Frontiere (ANOLF), Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Barcelona Provincial Council, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- Beauftragte des Senats von Berlin für Integration und Migration, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- Center for Support and Development of Human Potential (ANNWIN), Slovakia, JLS/2005/INTI/84
- Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI), France, JLS/2005/INTI/113
- Centro Nord-Sud. Provincia di Pisa, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- CGIL Bildungswerk e.V., Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/78
- Cidob Foundation, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- City of Uppsala, Adult education, Sweden, JLS/2005/INTI/99
- Comitato Network Housing, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/81

- Confederation of British Sports (CCPR), United Kingdom, JLS/2005/INTI/93
- Cooperative Proficua, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- CREA - University of Barcelona, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/129
- Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), Denmark, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Deputació de Barcelona – Service "Diversity and Citizenship Pol.", Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- ERGOMATHISI S.A. (Lernjob), Greece, JLS/2005/INTI/99
- EUNET, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/61
- European Multicultural Foundation (EMF), United Kingdom, JLS/2005/INTI/84
- Europolis, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/113
- Falkenberg Bostads, Sweden, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- Foundation Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), Poland, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES - EU Office), Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Fundación Comunidad Valenciana – Región Europea, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- GEFAS Steiermark, Austria, JLS/2005/INTI/99
- German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB), Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Gruppo Abele ONLUS, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/78
- Humanitas, the Netherlands, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Iniciatives para la formacion (IPF), Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques (INED), France, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- International Education Information Exchange (IEIE), Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/84
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) – Mission in Portugal, Portugal, JLS/2005/INTI/113
- IPUEL, Portugal, JLS/2005/INTI/61
- ISIS - Institute Fur Soziale Infrastruktur, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/129
- Istituto Psicoanalitico per le Ricerche Sociali (IPRS), Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/135
- Istituto Sindicale per la cooperazione allo sviluppo (ISCOS), Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- IUC-Europe, Svendborg, Denmark, JLS/2005/INTI/61
- Jugendamt Tempelhof-Schöneberg, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Junta de Andalucía (ES), JLS/2005/INTI/77
- King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium, JLS/2005/INTI/93
- Klaipeda College of Social Sciences, Lithuania, JLS/2005/INTI/78
- La Ligue de l'Enseignement, France, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Lai-Momo Cooperative, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/129
- Middlesex University, United Kingdom, JLS/2005/INTI/113
- Migration Policy Group (MPG), Belgium, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL), Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- MOZAIK Children's organisation, Slovenia, JLS/2005/INTI/84
- Municipality of Mannheim, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- Municipality of Starogard Gdanski, Poland, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- National Bureau against Racial Discrimination (LBR), the Netherlands, JLS/2005/INTI/93

- National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism, Ireland, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Neue Arbeit Zollern – Achaim e.v., Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/83
- Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- Nomarchiaki Aftodiikisi Ileias, Greece, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- Norrlandsförbundet, Sweden, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Nuorisotutkimusverkosto (Finnish Youth Research Network), Finland, JLS/2005/INTI/135
- Obiettivo Lavoro, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Partenaire pour la Ville, France, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Pilipino Association, Cyprus, JLS/2005/INTI/129
- Province of Milan, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Punto sud, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/83
- Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok, Slovakia, JLS/2005/INTI/103
- Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs (RISLA), Czech Republic, JLS/2005/INTI/135
- ROC Aventus, the Netherlands, JLS/2005/INTI/99
- Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants (ARCA), Romania, JLS/2005/INTI/84
- Salud y Familia, Spain, JLS/2005/INTI/113
- Slovenian Business and Research Association, Belgium, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- Sonnenberg Kreis, St. Andreasberg, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/61
- SOS Malta, Valletta, Malta, JLS/2005/INTI/61
- St. Poelten Alevi Kueltuer Birligi, Austria, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Stichting Alleenstaande Minderjarige Asielzoekers Humanitas (SAMAH), the Netherlands, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Tallaght Partnership Ltd., Ireland, JLS/2005/INTI/83
- Tempo Training and Consulting, Czech Republic, JLS/2005/INTI/78
- Türkischer Bund Berlin Brandenburg (TBB), Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Türkischer Eltern Verein in Berlin Brandenburg, Germany, JLS 2005/INTI/134
- Università del Terzo Settore, Italy, JLS/2005/INTI/134
- Universität Bielefeld, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/81
- Université Libre de Bruxelles, Institut de Sociologie (GERME), Belgium, JLS/2005/INTI/109 and JLS/2005/INTI/135
- University of Freiburg, Institute for Sports and Sports Science, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/93
- University of Sheffield (European Framework 6 Office), United Kingdom, JLS/2005/INTI/109
- Verein z. Förderung d. Einsatzes neuer Medien-Kulturimpuls, Austria, JLS/2005/INTI/93
- VHS Hamburg, Germany, JLS/2005/INTI/99
- Volkshilfe Österreich, Austria, JLS/2005/INTI/90
- Yorkshire and Humber European Office, Belgium, JLS/2005/INTI/77
- Youth Information Centre of Katerini, Greece, JLS/2005/INTI/83
- Zentrum für MigrantInnen in Tirol, Austria, JLS/2005/INTI/134

III. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE 2005 COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS

JLS/2005/INTI/61: EUNET INTEGRATION NETWORK

Project Leader: **Stichting Kontakt der Kontinenten, the Netherlands**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"

- (a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships;
- (b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The Project "EUNET Integration Network" aims at addressing specifically the still insufficient structural cooperation between networks of organisations of migrants and the international member institutes of EUNET (and local partner organisations) on issues of integration of third-country nationals in Europe.

The project's target is to contribute to the strengthening of European networks, to the awareness raising and capacity building of beneficiaries and their organisations and to the development of effective networks and adequate instruments for integration of third-country nationals. Since integration is a two way process, the project will contribute to the debate on the need and quality of integration programmes and acceptance and promotion of diversity in the different Member States.

The project aims to exchange information, strategies, approaches and involved staff between the partner organisations; to select and formulate "best practices of integration"; to develop and implement pilot projects for better understanding about EU policies, regulations & practices; to improve access & participation into existing and new networks and develop long-term cooperation.

It consists of the following parts:

- Research and assessment of needs and experiences of migrants and refugees;
- International and national meetings for exchange on national policies, practices, problems;
- Formulation, organisation and implementation of pilot projects at national level;
- Training of trainers and staff of network members;
- Dissemination of information and best practices;
- Development of a handbook with best practices and creative models;
- Integration of results into policies for national networks and for EUNET members for middle and long term strategies.

Expected results:

- 5 transnational networks (with at least 5 member organisations per country) established and strengthened;
- A total of 10 best practices for integration in the EU countries identified, documented and disseminated;
- 10 pilot projects implemented and evaluated;
- Capacity of 100 migrant leaders in EU policies strengthened and improved;
- Handbook about the pilot projects and best practices and creative methods;
- 10 trainers (in 5 countries) upgraded in facilitation and capacity building and EU procedures and policies;
- Jointly approved strategic policy document.

Partners:

- Sonnenberg Kreis, Germany;
- EUNET, Germany;
- IUC-Europe, Denmark;
- IPUELI, Portugal;
- SOS Malta, Malta.

More information:

- <http://www.eunet-integration.eu/>

JLS/2005/INTI/77: ERLAIM

Project leader: **Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships.

Description:

The ERLAIM project aims at improving the quality of the action of regional and local stakeholders when participating in the design and the implementation of policies concerning the integration of third-country nationals. On the basis of an existing informal network of regions, cities and local authorities, the project intends to promote a wider transnational partnership representing a platform for dialogue on integration of migrants between the European institutions, public authorities and representatives of the civil society and migrants associations.

The project will contribute to an increased regional and local understanding of the European policy on integration and related funding opportunities for transnational projects. It will comprise the production of a study of respective legal frameworks and competencies; the collection of local and regional policy and projects; the identification of good practices in the field of citizenship, participation and political rights, intercultural communication, minors and children, women and gender perspective, private/public partnerships for integration.

Expected results:

- Realisation of the ERLAIM website;
- Creation of a database on policy experiences and projects in the area of integration of migrants;
- 6 thematic workshops;
- 2 conferences in Brussels on EU immigration policy;
- 2 networking seminars on EU funding in Brussels;
- ERLAIM newsletters, brochures, posters, leaflets; local press conferences;
- 1 final international conference for the evaluation/dissemination of the results.

Partners:

- Yorkshire and Humber European Office, Belgium;
- Slovenian Business and Research Association, Belgium;
- Nomarchiaki Aftodiikisi Ileias, Greece;
- Fundación Comunidad Valenciana – Región Europea, Spain;
- Diputación de Barcelona – Service "Diversity and Citizenship Pol.", Spain;
- Junta de Andalucía, Spain;
- Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus;
- Beauftragte des Senats von Berlin für Integration und Migration, Germany.

JLS/2005/INTI/78: PENELOPE: A Test for Integration

Project leader: **Società Ricerca e Formazione (SRF), Italy**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships.

Description:

This project emphasizes the role of migrant associations in the process of integration. It aims at creating a network between local and migrant associations in order to define possible models of integration, the migrants with their representative associations being the co-protagonists of these models.

By gathering knowledge and best practices and creating models of action, the aim of the project is to improve the role of migrant associations to integrate immigrants in the countries of the EU, in the definition of the rights and duties linked with citizenship.

In particular, the project seeks to:

- Research on migrant associations to point out some relevant features (typology, nature, networks, best practices, etc.);
- Promote the integration of third-country nationals through a fellowship between migrant and national associations, public authorities, private companies and representatives of civil society; "parrainage" involving 20 associations for each country;
- Creation of a model and dissemination of good practices at national and European level;
- Training courses about migrant rights: the action aims to involve immigrants in training about citizenship in order to raise awareness about citizens' rights and duty in a third country (25 persons for each country).

Expected results:

- Overview of migrant associations;
- Construction of a network in the protection of rights, in the political and social representation involving local authorities and migrants associations.

Partners:

- Albant and Inedit S.L., Spain;
- Klaipeda College of Social Sciences, Lithuania;
- CGIL Bildungswerk e.V., Germany;
- Tempo Training and Consulting, Czech Republic;
- Gruppo Abele ONLUS, Italy.

JLS/2005/INTI/81: INTEGRA.net

Project leader: **Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana (ARCI), Italy**

Duration: 12 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The main purpose of the project is to promote the improvement of network practices at local and transnational level, as well as the experimentation and elaboration of joint European interventions for social, cultural and economic integration of third-country nationals in the EU.

The four main phases of the project are:

- *Comparison of best practices:*
 - Best practices mapping on integration in the partner countries: support services (information and guidance systems) for non-third-country nationals, admission procedures; local area network practices and communication systems between public and private bodies supporting integration;
 - Definition of best practices models and feasibility study on their implementation in other partner countries;
 - Best practices exchange and dialogue platforms starting (deepening of transferable practices and their adaptation to local contexts): laboratories of comparison on common and specific local features, training on identified and validated methods and tools; creation of dialogue platforms to define common guidelines for joint integration project management. Specific subjects: the rights to work, to culture, to social wellness and the need to identify common space for experimentation. It will be strategic to promote the participation of immigrants' associations from the very beginning and to take into account the specificities of the different foreign communities.
- *Experimentation.* Best practices identified and validated during phase 1 will be experimented in different local contexts, with particular regard to the following areas: housing, work, social life and inter-culture, self-organisation of immigrants and association building capability. With the foreseen publication of a guide on good practices at European level and the dissemination of tools developed.
- *Evaluation* (Testing of the feasibility and transferability of the practices). Evaluation system will be based on "social accountability" tools. It will be built as a mean of planning and social reporting in terms of effectiveness of the good practices and policy proposals.

- *Results dissemination.* Public events will be organised involving civil society, immigrants and institutions. A report will be produced containing results in term of gap between foreseen and achieved results; quality of relationships and networks; level of participation of immigrants' communities and civil society.

Expected results:

- Joint production of instruments for evaluation and analysis of services' practices. Those instruments, which are available on the website of Provincia di Milano, include an assessment chart to analyse practices, a grid on empowerment dynamics, a grid for analytical survey to describe existing services or projects;
- Identification and presentation of 17 good integration practices within local contexts.

Partners:

- Association "Agenzia di cittadinanza", Italy;
- Province of Milan, Italy;
- Comitato Network Housing, Italy;
- Obiettivo Lavoro, Italy;
- Cooperative Proficua, Italy;
- Norrlandsförbundet, Sweden;
- Partenaire pour la Ville, France;
- Universitat Bielefeld, Germany;
- Aprosers, Spain.

More information:

- http://www.provincia.milano.it/export/sites/default/affari_sociali/che_area_ti_interessa/progetti_europei/integra_net

JLS/2005/INTI/83: Integration through participation

Project leader: **Cooperativa Sociale Grado 16, Italy**

Duration: 12 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

Access to services is an important aspect of immigrant's integration in the society. Immigrants' participation in society through their engagement in associations and in common endeavours contributes to their integration as active citizens as well. Through this project, the goal is to improve the knowledge of immigrants association's life in local community, their activities, their ability to offer solutions to immigrant's problem in integration, the quality of their relationships with political referents, local Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), civil society and the countries of origin. Starting from studying local realities in all partners' countries, the purpose is to exchange knowledge and best practices, to compare and outline new models of intervention, and finally to set up a dialogue with politic referents in order to promote support actions for immigrant's associations and their active involvement in defining integration strategies by networking at all levels.

The project foresees three steps:

Step 1 – Research and knowledge (4 months)

- Defining together the research model and instruments;
- Realisation of stakeholders and frameworks analysis in each local context (immigrants associations, local NGOs, services, political referents) by focus groups and interviews;
- Organising the mapping of best transnational practices at European level (review of organisations and implemented projects);
- Identification and in-depth analysis of 4 European transnational best practices in relation to their relevance to the 5 local contexts.

Step 2 - Exchange of model and good practises (4 months)

- Visits of each local context from all project partners in order to study in depth the different experiences and approaches;
- Workshop with all partners focusing on discussing results, comparing models and outlining common models/strategies relevant to the issue.

Step 3 – Dissemination of results (4 months)

- Dissemination of research and exchange of activities results among all stakeholders and actors involved in the project (public institutions, services, immigrants associations, local NGOs, citizens) through seminars, public meetings, cultural events open to citizens, etc.;
- Production of a CD-ROM with the results of each local research, of exchange phase, and description of actors involved in the project.

Expected results:

Output

- 150 interviews/focus groups with immigrants associations, collected and analyzed materials;
- 7 network meetings;
- 3 restitutions/disseminations of results events for each context;
- 3500 CD-ROM displaying research's results of each context, shared elaboration of good practices and intervention models, contact area with description and details of all social/institutional actors involved, "making – of" the project video.

Outcome

- best practices of immigrant's integration through participation and transnationalism identified, shared models of intervention outlined;
- capacity building of immigrants associations (knowledge and tools);
- new links among territorial and European stakeholders created;
- active participation of local governments, institutions, services and NGOs;
- immigrants associations involved in setting up dissemination events;
- CD-ROM distributed to stakeholders- definition of guidelines and case studies for the outline of innovative integration policies.

Partners:

- Punto sud, Italy;
- A.I.P.C. Pandora, Spain;
- Neue Arbeit Zollern – Achaim e.v., Germany;
- Youth Information Centre of Katerini, Greece;
- Tallaght Partnership Ltd., Ireland.

More information:

- http://www.puntosud.org/scheda_integracion.php?newlang=en

JLS/2005/INTI/84: TANDEM

Project leader: **Verein Multikulturell, Austria**

Duration: 15 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

Tandem is a transnational mentor programme that has been devised to address some of the problems surrounding under-achievement of migrant youth across Europe. This programme aims to concentrate on one element of the problem of under-achievement by establishing strong personal support networks for migrant youth that are intended to encourage, motivate, inspire and provide access to information that has an effective purpose to those involved.

The basis of Tandem is to select ten migrant youngsters between the age of twelve and fourteen, attaching each one to a mentor for over a period of nine months in each partner country.

The mentors in this programme will be professionals from different social and cultural backgrounds within each country. There will also be a gender balance to demonstrate empowered and emancipated women in high positions to help raise the aspirations of female migrants.

The mentors to be used in this programme will be drawn from a broad variety of occupational fields:

- Health
- Education
- Social services
- Cooperate Business
- Legal Services
- Legislators
- Law Enforcement Services
- Skilled Labour
- Creative Arts
- Entrepreneurs

Tandem intends to work also with trainers who will be involved for the duration of the project. They will help devise and implement specific criteria towards recruiting the mentors and youngsters. The trainers will carry out a series of workshops that will prepare and train the soon to be mentors as well as the youngsters before bringing them together.

Expected results:

- Raised awareness, not merely to both parties directly involved but their families, colleagues, peer groups and friends;
- Work experience and the exposure of career possibilities;
- Consideration of new approach towards education, training and career aims.

Partners:

- International Education Information Exchange (IEIE), Germany;
- Center for Support and Development of Human Potential (ANNWIN), Slovakia;
- MOZAIK Children's organisation, Slovenia;
- Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants (ARCA), Romania;
- European Multicultural Foundation (EMF), United Kingdom.

More information:

- <http://www.migration.cc/tandem/index.html>

JLS/2005/INTI/90: TAKE PART!

Project leader: **Solidar, Belgium**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships.

Description:

The involvement of migrants in the planning, implementation and evaluation of integration services in many EU countries is still weak and unstructured.

By setting up a dialogue between NGO service providers and migrant organisations in five Member States and transnationally linking these national dialogues with each other, the project will help making the voice of migrant organisations heard in the policy making processes. Integration is the multifaceted process of successfully managing diversity in a society, and creating equal opportunities and a feeling of belonging, leading to active citizenship. In this process the cooperation between all stakeholders is essential.

The objectives of the project:

- Platform of dialogue between NGO integration service providers and migrant organisations in and across 5 Member States;
- Improved labour market integration services;
- Improved capacity of migrant organisations to take part in decision-making processes; at national and EU level;
- Increased knowledge amongst NGO service providers and migrant organisations about EU policymaking regarding migration and integration.

Expected results:

- 5 national reports on good practices of cooperation between migrant organisations and NGO service providers (in respective language and English);
- Publication presenting Codes of conduct for the cooperation between NGO service providers and migrant organisations in the area of integration and best practice examples (in 5 languages);
- Best practice examples of cooperation (EU-wide);
- Website with open space for communication;
- Market Place in Brussels: presentation of results to Brussels-based stakeholders;
- Exhibition to present results in all participating Member States.

Partners:

- Humanitas, the Netherlands;
- Istituto Sindicale per la cooperazione allo sviluppo (ISCOS), Italy;
- Volkshilfe Österreich, Austria;
- Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL), Spain;
- La Ligue de l'Enseignement, France;
- Association des Travailleurs Maghrébins de France (ATMF), France;
- Stichting Alleenstaande Minderjarige Asielzoekers Humanitas (SAMAH), the Netherlands;
- Asociacion Sociocultural IBN Batuta (ASCIB), Spain;
- Associazione Nazionale Oltre Le Frontiere (ANOLF), Italy;
- St. Poelten Alevi Kueltuer Birligi, Austria.

More information:

- <http://www.solidar.org/>

JLS/2005/INTI/93: INTEGRATION AT SPORTS

Project leader: **Zeit Bild Verlag, Germany**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The project aims to foster the integration of third-country nationals by collecting and distributing good practice examples on integration through sports.

Sport does not only enhance social and communicative skills, it also offers possibilities to enhance the intercultural competencies of all involved, which are key competencies in today's society and are important for successful integration. Thus, integration measures at sport can reach far beyond the sportive activities themselves. The project involves a pan-European campaign on "Integration at Sports" which collects best practice examples from Austria, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and inspires the adaptation of existing as well as the development of new concepts that actively foster the integration of third-country nationals. It is trans-national through the exchange of information, the strengthening of existing networks and the creation of new ones.

Expected results:

- 35.000 multipliers at sports clubs, youth associations and schools receive manuals including first case studies and ideas for best practice, stimulating the use in classrooms;
- Collection of best practice examples from Austria, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom;
- Documentation and publication of these results on the website and on a CD-ROM.

Partners:

- Confederation of British Sports (CCPR), United Kingdom;
- University of Freiburg, Institute for Sports and Sports Science, Germany;
- King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium;
- Verein z. Förderung d. Einsatzes neuer Medien-Kulturimpuls, Austria;
- National Bureau against Racial Discrimination (LBR), the Netherlands.

More information:

- <http://www.united-by-sports.net/en/>

JLS/2005/INTI/99: MOTHERS IMPROVE THEIR LIFE SKILLS (MoLi)

Project leader: **Hamburger Volkshochschule, Germany**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"

- (a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships;
- (b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The target group of the project is third-country national migrant mothers. The main goal of Mothers Improve Their Life Skills (MoLi) is to promote the integration of third-country national women and their families by improving the Life Skills of mothers through specific modules which will be carried out in the five partner countries: Austria, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands and Sweden.

The partners will exchange and test best practice modules vice versa and make an adaptation according to necessities. These adapted modules will be connected to a compendium with related material and they might be:

- "Language courses for migrant mothers in the school of their children" (Germany / awarded with the European language certificate 2004)
- "Health track – promoting education and activities" (Sweden)
- "Knowledge about children's education" (the Netherlands)
- "European Knowledge" (Austria)
- no own module (Greece)

The project will have an internet presence on a *MoLi* website and the partner's network communication will also have a forum/ mailing group installed at this website, where current information is actualised on regular basis. All partners' own websites will have a link to the *MoLi*-website.

One of the goals is that each partner will contact migrant organisations; constitute a focus group which will represent the target group within the project. Internal and external evaluation will justify that the progress of the project is according to the project design (concerning the target group, family, integration effect, psycho- and socio-cultural changes, raising esteem of the family towards the host language and culture and European fundamental values).

Another main goal of this project is sustainability. Further goals of the project are:

- Forcing transnational cooperation with the five partners of different European countries (a follow up of the project might involve more European countries);
- Setting up a local network to support the *MoLi*-project consisting of stakeholders, local authorities, politicians, NGOs, public institutions etc.;
- Looking for cooperation possibilities with different local integration activities;
- Developing *MoLi* as a "trademark" within the partners' region to promote the process of social inclusion, growing citizenship through life long learning.

Each module is going to be tested in one or two different countries. All these above mentioned goals should guarantee that a compendium with the tested modules is ready for use and for dissemination.

Expected results:

At short term:

- A local/regional/(national) network will be involved in *MoLi*;
- Mutual exchange of knowledge about EU-partners and their institutions;
- Established focus groups;
- Implementation of courses for the target group/end-users;
- *MoLi* website;
- Presentation of the partners modules;
- Leaflets and flyers about *MoLi* and the special module tested in the country.

At medium term:

- A local/regional/(national) network engaged to sustain the educational offers of *MoLi*;
- A transnational network functioning between 5 European countries connected by the internet platform of *MoLi* and a follow-up project finally outlined;
- Improved integration of migrant mothers and their families, promoted positive psychosocial and socio-cultural changes;
- Raised esteem towards the host language, knowledge about the host country an Europe and raised competence concerning child education;
- Raised competence of course leaders;
- A module compendium including the description of approaches to the target group, definitions of life skills as well as teaching and evaluation material;
- External evaluation report.

All products will be usable for other institutions in the partners' own country and in other European countries.

Partners:

- GEFAS Steiermark, Austria;
- ROC Aventus, the Netherlands;
- ERGOMATHISI S.A. (Lernjob), Greece;
- City of Uppsala, Adult education, Sweden;
- VHS Hamburg, Germany.

More information:

- <http://www.moliweb.net/>

JLS/2005/INTI/103: CIEN

Project leader: **Deputació de Barcelona (DIBA), Spain**

Duration: 21 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The project's goal is to generate knowledge through the exchange of experiences about policies for the promotion of citizenship and coexistence developed in European neighbourhoods with a high concentration of non EU immigrants. This knowledge should be transmitted to different European cities.

This project actively involves the immigrant organisations and endeavours to detect coexistence – promoting experience in European neighbourhood; urban reform interventions that anticipate the reinforcement of coexistence and prevent the appearance of racist and xenophobic incidents. The project will produce a Good practice Guide in the promotion of Citizenship and Coexistence in European Neighbourhoods.

Expected results:

- “Good Practice Guide for the Promotion of Citizenship and Coexistence in European Neighbourhoods” (5.000 books and CDs), including:
 - Transnational definition of the coexistence of citizens;
 - Detailed description of at least 30 policies and interventions for the promotion of citizen coexistence;
 - Effective European intervention methodologies to reverse urban segregation processes, with special emphasis on organisation transversality and the participation of citizens;
- Creation of a network of European neighbourhoods.
- Implementing Citizenship Plans in European Neighbourhoods

Partners:

- Barcelona Provincial Council, Spain;
- Falkenberg Bostads AB, Sweden;
- Centro Nord-Sud. Provincia di Pisa, Italy;
- Municipality of Mannheim, Germany;
- Municipality of Starogard Gdanski, Poland;
- Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok, Slovak Republic.

JLS/2005/INTI/109: Migration Integration Policy Index

Project leader: **British Council, United Kingdom**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The project aims to improve the quality of immigrant integration policies, by providing a tool to evaluate current policies, and a platform to discuss solutions. The project tackles the problem of the lack of clear and comparable information on policies related to integration. The European Inclusion Index will present the legal and policy framework favouring immigrant integration of the EU-25 by ranking over 100 indicators in six policy areas (long-term residence, family reunion and naturalisation, political participation, labour market inclusion and anti-discrimination) against a common framework.

The main objectives of the project are:

- To present the immigrant integration policies of the EU-25 in a format that is concise, clear and comparable;
- To create a platform for a focussed, comprehensive and fact-based dialogue on immigrant integration policy. The platform will include representatives of all stakeholder groups (national and European policymakers, NGOs including immigrant organisations, social partners, media, academics) and will use the Index as the framework for discussion;
- To produce an efficient and transferable tool for dialogue on immigrant inclusion at a European level, by enabling Europe-wide comparisons of policies and by enhancing the very European dimension of the debate.

Main phases of activity are:

- Research for the Index;
- Production of a well-designed, accessible publication in 5 languages and a website;
- Dissemination (Europe-wide press campaign, launching debates in 8 cities, and high-level advocacy by the Project Signatories, which is a group of high-profile international figures).

The Index will contain quantitative and qualitative information on crucial policy areas for immigrant integration including employment, residence, family reunion, citizenship, political participation and anti-discrimination. The Index will establish for each of these six areas which legal and policy measures have been put in place in every Member State. It will therefore indicate areas and aspects with room for improvement and lessons learned from other states' practices. The Index will allow for Member States' policies to be measured and compared in three ways - against other Member States, against a normative framework inspired by European standards and, in future editions of the Index, over time.

Particular attention will be given to JHA issues, such as residence and work permits, conditions of citizenship and anti-discrimination.

Expected results:

- Index with over 100 indicators to rank projects;
- Country profiles providing key information on the national context as a background to understanding the Index;
- Six consultation seminars on Political Participation and transferability to new Member States;
- Four consultation seminars;
- 5.400 copies of an accessible publication translated and printed;
- Website for specialists;
- 21 launching debates in 19 countries, engaging stakeholders to exchange good practice based on a discussion of the Index;
- At least 15 Project Signatories recruited and mobilised.
- At least 10 high-level advocacy meetings between one or more Project Signatories (and/or the British Council) and key target audience;
- At least 4 quality press and/or media mentions per month over 6 months;
- The Index is produced biannually and allows for extending its scope of study;
- A sustainable network of governmental and non-governmental actors.

Partners:

- Migration Policy Group (MPG), Belgium;
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES - EU Office), Germany;
- Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), Denmark;
- National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism, Ireland;
- Cidob Foundation, Spain;
- Foundation Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), Poland;
- Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques (INED), France;
- University of Sheffield (European Framework 6 Office), United Kingdom;
- Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB, Germe), Belgium.

More information:

- <http://www.integrationindex.eu/>

JLS/2005/INTI/113: Migrants' Integration Territorial Index

Project leader: **IDOS, Italy**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(b) Transnational actions: information and best practice.

Description:

The development of a territorial index seeks to overcome the lack of comparability in the field of integration. The information collected should enable researchers and decision makers to measure the integration degree of the immigrants in their territory and select the best options.

The work on the integration index focuses on specific territory case-study where local authorities are meant to implement their vision and strategy. The territorial index will be based on the experience in five Member States and in five metropolitan European urban areas, which should enhance this transferability.

Specific objectives of MITI project:

- Development and put into practice of a methodology to study the different degrees of immigrant's integration in a specific territory;
- Identification of the different territorial integration models based on current statistics data;
- Systematic identification of social-inclusion best-practices;
- Dissemination of results at European level through an enhanced network of experts in the EU countries.

Expected results:

- A thematic network active in the main EU countries capable to collect data and spread information and knowledge;
- Locally tested methodology for the analysis of immigrants integration;
- Improvement of integration tools and policies thanks to best-practices exchange;
- 4 languages publication on tested methodology and on the analysis of the results.

Partners:

- Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI), France;
- Middlesex University, United Kingdom;
- Salud y Familia, Spain;
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Portugal, Portugal;
- Europolis, Italy.

JLS/2005/INTI/129: Migrant Domestic Workers

Project leader: **Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies in cooperation with IMCS Intercollege Ltd, Cyprus**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships.

Description:

This project focuses on female domestic workers. Many of these women are often discriminated against and victimized in the process of migration and have diminished their choice over integration processes in their host country. They become detached and cut off from social life and social interaction other than with the family they live with.

The main aim of the proposed project is to stimulate transnational cooperation involving a wide range of actors at the local, regional and EU level, and consisting of the transfer of information, lessons learned, and best practices. The purpose is to develop recommendations for an integration model responding to the specific needs of female migrant domestic workers and their host countries, and which is adaptable to different contexts.

The proposed activities include:

- A "Mapping Survey": collection of information on existing integration services and policies, best practices and strategies adopted in all partner countries in relation to the target group, particularly in the areas of employment and civic participation;
- Exchange of information, best practices and strategies through:
 - Transnational exchange of personnel (study visits), including migrant women;
 - Expert meetings in order to highlight and evaluate best practices and lessons learned, and analyse strategies for the development of integration models;
 - Training workshops to, first, raise awareness on existing policies, best practices and strategies among key stakeholders and, second, provide a platform for female migrant domestic workers and employer associations to voice their views and experiences.
- Dissemination of information, awareness campaigns and a resource book which will incorporate the activities of the project including the best practices and integration models of each country and policy recommendations and strategies for the future.

Expected results:

- 5 country reports based on the identification and evaluation of best practice, lessons learned, and future strategies in the integration field;
- 5 three-day study visits in each partner country;
- Distribution of two leaflets presenting the project and its findings (2500 copies);
- Publication of a resource book (available in Cyprus bookshop) to be distributed to key stakeholders in the partner countries and EU member (including suggestions of integration models addressing the specific needs of the beneficiaries);
- 5 one-day training workshops (and one two-day workshop) in each partner country targeting major stakeholders with the aim of providing a forum for discussion of integration;
- A one-day final conference;
- Awareness campaigns to major stakeholders and beneficiaries, including a press conference in Nicosia;
- Increasing gender awareness and information of policy makers

Partners:

- CREA - University of Barcelona, Spain;
- ANTIGONE - Κέντρο Πληροφόρησης and Τεκμηρίωσης για το Ρατσισμό, Greece;
- ISIS - Institute Für Soziale Infrastruktur, Germany;
- Lai-Momo Cooperative, Italy;
- The Pilipino Association, Cyprus.

More information:

- <http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp/?p=17>

JLS/2005/INTI/134: FUTURE

Project leader: **EBG, Germany**

Duration: 18 months

Strand A: "Supporting of networks and exchange of information and best practices"
(a) Transnational cooperation: network and partnerships.

Description:

The chances for young people from migrant families concerning their social, educational, and cultural integration changed for the worse in recent years. Research and statistics show that juvenile migrants generally have high dropout rates and that they are often disengaged from mainstream education and job opportunities. They also have to face more challenges, for they live in a complex situation of two sorts of integration: into the adult world and into a cultural identity between values and norms of their parents (origin culture) and their present world in the host country.

The project FUTURE intends to analyse and discuss the promoting and inhibiting factors of integration and participation, valorise good practises, policies, methods for integration on EU-level, to learn from each other, use synergies and establish a sustainable European dialogue platform with participants from politics, administration, trade unions, youth and migrant organisations, service and counselling institutions for migrants (migrant commissaries, integration project executing organisations) and migrants and non-migrants from Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain and France. This platform will handle four topics: socio-economic, cultural, legal and political integration of juvenile migrants and attitudes of recipient countries and it will screen all relevant aspects of integration in partner countries and EU-level. A "Youth day/youth parliament" exhibition will also be organized where young people take over the business in parliament for one day and build committees: social committee, youth committee, migration-committee, sport, etc. with the presence of parliamentarian and executives.

Expected results:

The output of the FUTURE project:

- Final Report including recommendations and best practices;
- Interactive website;
- Dissemination materials like flyers, brochures, posters;
- Seminar maps for dialog platform.

The outcome of the FUTURE project:

- Better Visibility of third-country national organisations and local, regional and national networks;
- Establishment of a dialog platform that lasts beyond the project phase;
- Valorisation of good practices and transferable projects;
- Influencing the European debates on integration;
- Exhibition and youth parliament as a regular event.

Partners:

- Türkischer Bund Berlin Brandenburg (TBB), Germany;
- German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB), Germany;
- Antidiskriminierungsnetz Berlin, Germany;
- Jugendamt Tempelhof-Schöneberg, Germany;
- Zentrum für MigrantInnen in Tirol, Austria;
- Association for the development of citizens and European Initiat, France;
- Iniciatives para la formacion (IPF), Spain;
- Universita del Terzo Settore, Italy.

More information:

- <http://www.futureplatform.eu/>

JLS/2005/INTI/135: INTERFACE

Project leader: **Christian Association of Youth Villages, Germany**

Duration: 18 months

Strand C: "Improvement of knowledge of integration issues"

(c) National integration policies and compulsory elements.

Description:

The project's aim is to develop a multi-dimensional method of analysing integration in five countries (Germany, Italy, Belgium, Finland and the Czech Republic) to gain a more complete and holistic understanding and assessment of the integration of immigrants in Europe. The innovative methodology we intend to implement has been used on the issue of immigration in other countries (e.g. in the U.S.A), but not on European immigration.

The process of integration can be analysed and divided into different dimensions (e.g. work, school, social participation, etc.). While most European policies focus on one of these dimensions, few take into account multiple aspects simultaneously or in relation to one another. The project proposes to analyse integration patterns on multiple axes: 1) work/school; 2) social and cultural spaces; and 3) private spaces (i.e. home, family). This will enable a simultaneous assessment of integration in formal sectors (i.e. job, school), where migrants have a precise social role as workers or students, and in informal sectors (i.e., the market, home) where migrants have imprecise social roles (e.g. housewives). The partners will begin with focus groups involving social workers, social partners (groups representing employees and management), representatives from immigrant organizations and immigrant representatives from different countries of origin. These focus groups will give an overview of the situation in each country as well as help identify families who can participate in the second phase of the project involving the biographic narrative interviews.

Expected results:

In the short term:

- Six national reports based on the focus groups;
- A mid-term report comparing these reports and the first results from the biographical narrative interviews and analysis;
- A final report comparing the analyses of the focus groups and interviews regarding the correlation between social and work integration in 15-30 families in each of the 6 partner countries;
- A final public conference to discuss and disseminate the results.

In the medium-term:

- Training of at least 12 researchers in the innovative biographic narrative interview/analysis technique, providing them with new tools for their profession and the possibility to fine tune this technique;
- Creation of a transnational network of information between the partners, various ministries, social workers, policy makers, academics and immigrant community representatives through the focus groups.

Partners:

- Istituto Psicoanalitico per le Ricerche Sociali (IPRS), Italy;
- Université Libre de Bruxelles, Institut de Sociologie (GERME), Belgium;
- Nuorisotutkimusverkosto (Finnish Youth Research Network), Finland;
- Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs (RISLA), Czech Republic.

IV. THE 2006 INTI PREPARATORY ACTIONS

To achieve these objectives, the following three specific objectives were identified for the year 2006:

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Specific objective B: To increase knowledge bases for the development of integration policies EU-wide.

Specific objective C: To support trans-national dialogue and awareness on integration issues and its impact on society.

The 2006 Call for proposals:

The total number of received projects was 150, out of which 12 projects were selected. As for the selected projects:

- The total amount of the allocated grant was € 3.894.220,21
- The global commitment was € 4.000.000,00
- The minimum allocated EU grant was €126.000,00
- The maximum allocated EU grant was € 476.870,61
- The average grant allocated was € 324.518, 35

To achieve the objectives of the INTI programme, the projects focus on the following specific objectives in year 2006:

Specific Objectives	Number of selected projects
Specific objective A	9
Specific objective B	2
Specific objective C	1
TOTAL	12

V. LIST OF LEADERS AND PARTNERS IN 2006

Leaders:

- State Chancellery of the Republic of Estonia, Estonia, JLS/2006/INTI/06
- Erhvervsorganisationen DANSK ERHVERV (Danish Chamber of Commerce), Denmark, JLS/2006/INTI/16
- REVES – Réseau Européen des Villes et Régions de l'Economie Sociale, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/17
- CJD Eutin, Germany, JLS/006/INTI/53
- Veneto Lavoro, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/61
- Africa e Mediterraneo asbl, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/70
- Quartiers en crise – European Regeneration Area's Network, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/71
- Eurocities ABSL, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/75
- COSPE, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/98
- Verein Niedersächsischer Bildungsinitiativen (VNB), Germany, JLS/2006/INTI/101
- ACIDI, Portugal, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- IOM Helsinki, Finland, JLS/2006/INTI/149

Partners:

- ACIDI-Immigration Observatory, Portugal, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- AJS Le Bon Emploi de la Solidarité, France, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Alto Comissariado para a Imigração e Minorias Étnicas (ACIME), Portugal, JLS/2006/INTI/053
- AMNYOS Sud, France, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Amsterdam South East City Council, the Netherlands, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Antigone – Information and documentation centre, Greece, JLS/2006/INTI/098
- ARCA (Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants), Romania, JLS/2006/INTI/101
- Association of local Authorities of Central Macedonia, Greece, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- ATU - Arbeitsgemeinschaft türkischer Unternehmer und Existenzgründer – Handelskammer Hamburg, Germany, JLS/2006/INTI/016
- Broadcain Community Fund, United Kingdom, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Cámara Oficial de Comercio, Industria y Navegación de Oviedo, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/016
- Center for Research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations-CEIFO, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/053
- CEPS Proyectos Sociales, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Choices Programme, Portugal, JLS/2006/INTI/006
- City of Dunkerque, France, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- City of Genova, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- City of Grenoble, France, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- City of Messina, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017

- City of Rome, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- City of Vasteras, proAros, Employment and Support Integration Unit, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Comune di Crotone, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Comune di Lecce, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Concordia Jakobstad, Finland, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- COOPI (Cooperazione Internazionale), Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Diputacion Provincial de Huelva, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Direccion General de Integración de los Inmigrantes, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- Direzione Generale dell'Immigrazione, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- ERLAIBE, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Estonia, JLS/2006/INTI/016
- Euroconsult, Enna, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Federacion Nacional Union de Consumadores Europeos Euroconsumo, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Federacion Valenciana de Municipios y Provincias, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Federazione Regionale Solidarieta e Lavoro, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Fondazione Mondo Digitale, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (FAMSI), Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Fundacion Alianza para el Desarrollo, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana Region Europea, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Government of the Province of Carinthia, Austria, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- GRETA Vallespire, France, JLS/2006/INTI/070
- Grupo Comunicar – Universidad de Huelva, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/070
- Hellenic Migration Policy Institute (IMEPO), Greece, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- IFOA - Business and Management Training Centre, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/016
- Immigrant Council of Ireland, Ireland, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- Institute for German-Turkish Integration Studies and Inter-religious Work, Germany, JLS/2006/INTI/149
- Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, the Netherlands, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia, Latvia, JLS/2006/INTI/149
- Integra-Integration, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- International Organization for Migration, IOM – Mission in Portugal, Portugal, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- INTEVAL Ltd., United Kingdom, JLS/2006/INTI/101
- Istituto Psicoanalitico per le Ricerche Sociali (IPRS), Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/053
- ITD, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Kopint Datorg Foundation, Hungary, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- Lavoro & Integrazione ONLUS, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Liguria Ricerche S.p.a., Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Livstykett, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Menedék-Hungarian Association for Migrants, Hungary, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Migration Policy Group, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/075

- Ministry of Employment, Work and Social Cohesion, France, JLS/2006/INTI/006
- Ministry of Interior, Austria, JLS/2006/INTI/006
- Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation, Greece, JLS/2006/INTI/006
- Ministry of Labour, Finland, JLS/2006/INTI/149
- Ministry of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs, Denmark, JLS/2006/INTI/149
- MPDL-Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/098
- Municipality of Amaroussion, Greece, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Barcelona, Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Belfast, United Kingdom, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Düsseldorf, Germany, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Genoa, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Helsinki, Finland, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Lyon, France, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Malmö, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Milan, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Tampere, Finland, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Municipality of Utrecht, the Netherlands, JLS/2006/INTI/075
- Netzwerk Migration in Europe e. V., Germany, JLS/2006/INTI/148
- Non-Estonians' Integration Foundation, Estonia, JLS/2006/INTI/006
- Númena – Centro de Investigação em Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Portugal, JLS/2006/INTI/098
- OLMEC, United Kingdom, JLS/2006/INTI/071
- PARSEC Cooperativa Sociale a.r.l. onlus, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/101
- Pfefferwerk e.V., Germany, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Piattaforma per l'Economia Sociale dell'area dello stretto, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Reception and Integration Agency, Ireland, JLS/2006/INTI/006
- Region Bruxelles Capitale, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Regione Puglia, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Regione Veneto-Direzione sicurezza pubblica e flussi migratori, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- SAMAH (Foundation of Unaccompanied Minor Refugees Humanitas), the Netherlands, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Secretariat of the Special Assignments for the Minister for Social Integration, Latvia, JLS/2006/INTI/149
- Servicios de Conocimiento Asociado S.C.A., Spain, JLS/2006/INTI/017
- Slovenská utečenecká rada, n.o. (SUR), Slovakia, JLS/2006/INTI/101
- Social Solidarity, Greece, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- SOZE Society of Citizens Assisting Migrants, Czech Republic, JLS/2006/INTI/101
- St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, United Kingdom, JLS/2006/INTI/149
- Symfiliosi – Cyprus, JLS/2006/INTI/098

- The Stockholm Region, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- City of Uppsala – Youth and Employment office, Sweden, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Unione Sindacale Regionale CISL Veneto, Italy, JLS/2006/INTI/061
- Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/053
- Universiteit Gent - Steunpunt Intercultureel Onderwijs/CIE, Belgium, JLS/2006/INTI/070
- University of Malta – Faculty of Education, Malta, JLS/2006/INTI/070
- Videnscenter for Integration (VIFIN), Denmark, JLS/2006/INTI/101

VI. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE 2006 COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS

JLS/2006/INTI/06: INTEGRATION SEMINARS

Project leader: **Eesti Vabariigi Riigikantselei (State Chancellery of the Republic of Estonia)**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

The purpose of the project is - on the basis of the Thessalonica European Council, the Hague Programme, Communication from the Commission to the Council (COM(2005) 0389), the work programme of the National Contact Points (NCPs) on Integration, and the outcomes 1st and 2nd series of Technical Seminars - to organise following 3rd round of Technical Seminars on the integration of immigrants.

The seminars shall provide an opportunity for exchange of information and best practice within the field of integration policy. The conclusions of the seminars and the identified best practices shall then form the basis for the 3rd edition of Handbook on Integration for practitioners and policy makers as envisaged in the work programme of National Contact Points for 2007-2008.

Each partner has agreed to host one of the 6 seminars. The following topics will be covered during these six seminars: "Mass Media" (Austria, May 2007), "Immigrant Youth, Education and Labour Market" (Portugal, September 2007), "Citizenship" (France, December 2007), "Public Awareness and Empowerment" (Greece, March 2008), "Dialogue Platforms" (Ireland, May 2008) and "Co-ordination Mechanisms" (Estonia, August 2008).

On the basis of each seminar a concluding document will be produced, which will form the basis for the 3rd edition of Handbook on Integration.

So far, NCPs on Integration have found previous seminars extremely important and successful for creating a common understanding and policy on integration in 25 Member States as not only the politicians, but also NGOs, local governments and others are involved in that work.

Expected results:

- Identification of best practices, successful experience and common principles on integration. The conclusions and the outcome of the seminars will lead to the publication of the 3rd edition of Handbook on Integration. The Handbook on Integration will be addressed to practitioners and policy makers as an inspirational source and guidance for their work within the field of the integration and should help to ensure the successful integration of immigrants;
- A stronger interlinkage of policy officials and other stakeholders (local government, NGOs, journalists, etc.) enabling responsible actors to communicate and implement integration policy more effectively;
- The awareness of the topic aims to lead to more responsible media coverage of the topic of integration and integration policies.

Partners:

- Ministry of Interior, Austria;
- State Chancellery, Estonia;
- Non-Estonians' Integration Foundation, Estonia;
- Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation, Greece;
- Ministry of Employment, Work and Social Cohesion, France;
- Reception and Integration Agency, Ireland;
- Choices Programme, Portugal.

JLS/2006/INTI/16: CREATING INTEGRATION NETWORKS

Project leader: Erhvervsorganisationen DANSK ERHVERV (Danish Chamber of Commerce)

Duration: 10 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

The aim of the project is to identify and to evaluate best practices on how to create sustainable integration networks between third-country nationals, businesses and local and state authorities for the empowerment of third-country nationals. A trans-national objective is achieved by involving partners from Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy and Spain. The project is inspired by positive Danish network experiences in which DANSK ERHVERV has been a key participant. Thereby developing dialogue and enhancing communication with immigrant communities and a better understanding of how to overcome obstacles for integration of third-country nationals. It further seeks to very clearly communicate the qualities that third-country nationals represent for society and to surmount potential stigma and feeling of alienation in the community of third-country nationals in relation to the host society. Finally, it seeks to improve the quality of the integration aspect in Chambers portfolio.

The project builds on a belief that there is an important role for the private sector to play in the integration of third-country nationals and that more could be done, especially at the local level, to involve small companies and businesses. Further incentives are needed to engage employers in recruiting third-country nationals, including the active promotion of immigrant women.

This project has a very practical approach: in order to create sustainable network between third-country nationals, businesses and local and state authorities, the partners need an immediate positive gain from the network. The project therefore aims to combine the creation of a sustainable dialogue with concrete and tangible results for business and third-country nationals by matching them at a network creating job-fair in line with previous Danish experiences.

Expected results:

- Increased number of good practices identified and shared;
- Establishing a trans-national network that will increase the dialogue between different stakeholders in Europe;
- Initializing further networks at the national/local level;
- Creation and development of new integration network at the national and European level;
- Empowering third-country nationals and increasing the interaction between third-country nationals and Member States' citizens;

- Enhancing communication and interaction between third-country nationals, business (chambers) and local and state authorities;
- Engaging companies in debates on integration and linking governmental programmes with companies' corporate social responsibility programmes;
- Integrating intercultural competence into recruitment and training policies;
- Awareness raising: third-country nationals are a valued resources for the European businesses and they want to work;
- Creating concrete job opportunities for third-country nationals;
- Brochure on the basis of final report to create awareness of the project and disseminate recommendation in English and in national language of the 5 partners. The brochure will be posted on all participant's homepages (40 in total) and further disseminated through the Eurochambers network, as well as national media.

Partners:

- Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Estonia;
- ATU - Arbeitsgemeinschaft türkischer Unternehmer und Existenzgründer – Handelskammer Hamburg, Germany;
- IFOA - Business and Management Training Centre, Italy;
- Cámara Oficial de Comercio, Industria y Navegación de Oviedo, Spain.

JLS/2006/INTI/17: UNITE

Project leader: **Réseau Européen des Villes et Régions de l'Economie Sociale - REVES**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective B: To increase knowledge bases for the development of integration policies EU-wide.

Description:

In recent years, regions, but especially local authorities in a number of European countries, expressed a growing concern face to so-called zones free of democracy within cities. More and more inner-city wards as well as some suburbs, in particular in bigger cities, are mainly inhabited by third-country nationals who do not have any far-reaching political rights and may thus not take part in the local, national or European political dialogue. Only few alternative means to take part in political processes, but also in intercultural dialogue exist. Moreover, to be successful, participation has to be extended in different spheres of life, including dimensions such as leisure or work.

The aim of the UNITE project is therefore to pool resources of different actors and set up coherent local strategies and monitoring system for intercultural dialogue and participation. Local authorities and social economy enterprises, whose operations are based on the principle of participation and democracy, might act as a motor and generator of innovative models/methods of intercultural exchange and active citizenship.

Different channels, methods and places of participation, adapted to the needs of third-country nationals and their local neighbours will be exploited. They will link different spheres of life and society such as leisure, employment or politics. Various instruments of participation will be combined to encourage third-country nationals and lead them from one domain of participation (offered, for instance, by the venues and activities of social economy enterprises) to another (participation in local decision-making and consulting process of local authorities etc.).

Expected results:

- Development and dissemination of new models and instruments of intercultural dialogue and alternative methods of participation;
- Test of the models and instruments on the partner territories;
- Awareness-raising among local authorities, social economy organisations, immigrant groups, citizens ("locals") and other stakeholders on different subjects linked to integration and intercultural dialogue as well as on innovative instruments to carry out the latter;
- Encouragement of immigrants to participate in different initiatives of local dialogue with locals and other immigrant groups;
- Dissemination of knowledge and know-how (training) of local stakeholders regarding the practical application of the models/instruments developed ;

- Promotion/Creation/Strengthening of local partnership networks (departing from partnership between local authorities, social economy organisations and immigrants);
- Far-reaching implementation of the local action plans conceived in the framework of the project;
- Encouraging the development and implementation of other local action plans regarding related domains;
- Dissemination of a new model of citizenship and participation among local stakeholders other than local authorities and social economy organisations;
- Involvement of other local stakeholders in sustainable and long-term local partnership activities for intercultural dialogue and participation;
- Change of mentalities in local administrations and among other local stakeholders;
- Dissemination of a new model of (European) citizenship, intercultural dialogue and participation at European level (for instance in the framework).

Partners:

- City of Genova, Italy;
- Federazione Regionale Solidarietà e Lavoro, Italy;
- Liguria Ricerche S.p.a., Italy;
- City of Messina, Italy;
- Piattaforma per l'Economia Sociale dell'area dello stretto, Italy;
- Lavoro & Integrazione ONLUS, Italy;
- City of Rome, Italy;
- AJS Le Bon Emploi de la Solidarité, France;
- City of Dunkerque, France;
- City of Grenoble, France;
- CEPS Proyectes Socials, Spain;
- Servicios de Conocimiento Asociado S.C.A., Spain;
- Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (FAMSI), Spain Concordia Jakobstad, Finland;
- Pfefferwerk e.V., Germany;
- Broadcainr Community Fund, United Kingdom.

More information:

- <http://www.revesnetwork.net/>

JLS/2006/INTI/53: BE NATURALIZED OR BECOME A CITIZEN?

Project leader: **Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands e.V (CJD Eutin)**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective B: To increase knowledge bases for the development of integration policies EU-wide.

Description:

The project seeks to establish the extent to which naturalization tests in EU countries serve integration and the determination of identity as a citizen in the host country. The terrorist attacks in Madrid and London, and the foiling of the attacks in Dortmund and Koblenz are evidence of the European dimension of terrorism and have brought a deep sense of insecurity to European societies. One result of these occurrences is that people now feel a stronger urge for protection, freedom, security and safety; elements which have also found their way onto national political agendas.

Naturalization tests as a possible instrument for satisfying this urge is currently the subject of public debate throughout Europe. Comparing the Member States of the EU we find different national developments of naturalization tests. In March 2006 Austria drastically toughened its naturalization process by testing migrants' knowledge of both language and country. Great Britain and Denmark had already introduced tests in 2005 about the society, politics and culture of the host country, as well as testing knowledge of language. Where the Netherlands are concerned, knowledge of the country and the Dutch language are tested in the prospective immigrants' homeland before they are even allowed to enter the host country. After entering, they are tested once again, and even more thoroughly. In other EU countries such as France, Spain, Germany, and Italy, this matter is either still under discussion, or national variants are being developed. The focus of these tests is particularly on Muslims wishing to be naturalized, whose acknowledgement of European norms and values is to be tested with different instruments.

The discussion about naturalization tests in the whole of Europe supports the realization of the project's intentions by means of a transnational exchange of ideas, but the aim of naturalization should also be defined on a European and not exclusively national level. Therefore, together with national stakeholders and migrant representatives, this project will examine existing naturalization tests with regard to intercultural and participative aspects, and make suggestions for a European solution.

Expected results:

- The empowerment of migrants will be reinforced and their participation on integration themes facilitated. This should be achieved through their participation (Participation of the leaders of Migrant's organisations) in the elaboration of tests for naturalization on the national level. Intercultural and participating aspects will be used for the creation of naturalization processes at national and European level.

- The proposals for naturalization tests will build on a link to the common European values in order to create for the migrants a positive identification with the EU as well as with the national values. A mutual understanding of integration will be satisfied: integration is understood as a two dimensional process, that doesn't abase the volunteer for naturalization to an object, but involves him as a partner.
- Transnational comparative researches, analyses and empirical studies about the current status of naturalization tests in the European area will illustrate the current situation of this procedure. A common theory based on naturalization tests at European level will enable a theoretical discussion on the necessity of naturalization tests and the elaboration on the different national guidelines on the development of naturalization tests. The development of a common European framework on national naturalization tests will also enable updated and useful information on integration.

Partners:

- Istituto Psicoanalitico per le Ricerche Sociali (IPRS), Italy;
- Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium;
- Alto Comissariado para a Imigração e Minorias Étnicas (ACIME), Portugal;
- Center for Research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations-CEIFO, Stockholm University, Sweden.

JLS/2006/INTI/61: ROUTES

Project leader: **Veneto Lavoro**

Duration: 16 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

The project "Routes" aims at supporting the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks, exchanging and evaluating good practices and new approaches in the field of integration. These approaches contribute to a trend that views an increasingly closer collaboration between public institutions, NGOs and immigrant associations in improving immigrants' integration as well as the progressive localization of the political choices in guaranteeing an adequate response to integration needs. In particular, the reinforcement and development of consultation mechanisms at a local level represents the most effective way to maintain a dialogue between immigrants and hosting communities, as well as with those institutions and other stakeholders.

In order to achieve its aims the project will identify, collect, and deeply analyse good practices concerning integration governance policies produced by local governments as well as those valuable experiences produced by NGOs and immigrant associations that concretely operate in the integration field. All the information about the governance of integration policies at regional and national level, and the practices developed by NGOs and immigrants associations, can represent a useful knowledge base to support both other policy makers developing integration policies in other regions, and other actors operating in the field. In order to provide a better support, instead of providing a mere list of good practices, the project aims at producing a model and a set of recommendations able to integrate to most valuable findings and the conditions for their application in different contexts. This could be thought as a framework for a better integration of the immigrants, outlining, for each aspect of the integration process recommended actions based on concrete experiences.

Furthermore, through the implementation of project findings in a concrete test case, "Routes" will be able to produce evidence of the benefits of the project results increasing the potential for dissemination, and allowing for an additional understanding on where concrete action can be improved for future activities.

Expected results:

- 4 Study Reports about:
 - Analysis of the integration governance policies in the different Regions involved in the project;
 - Survey Study on immigrants associations and NGOs landscape;
 - Study Report collecting the good practices and experiences generated by the organizations concerned and how immigrant associations and NGOs are involved in the decision making process at national and regional level;
 - Definition of a Model and a set of recommendations in order to facilitate the integration of immigrants.
- Other Publications:
 - A project brochure to promote awareness and knowledge about the project;
 - CD-ROM for the distribution of the project results in international conferences, meetings and institutional events;
 - Article in sectorial magazines, including academic journals.

Partners:

- Regione Veneto-Direzione sicurezza pubblica e flussi migratori, Italy
- Regione Puglia, Italy
- Unione Sindacale Regionale CISL Veneto, Italy
- The Stockholm Region, Sweden
- City of Uppsala – Youth and Employment office, Sweden
- Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana- Region Europea, Belgium
- Federacion Nacional Union de Consumadores Europeos Euroconsumo, Spain
- Menedék-Hungarian Association for Migrants, Hungary
- Association of local Authorities of Central Macedonia, Greece
- Livstycket, Sweden
- COOPI (Cooperazione Internazionale), Italy
- SAMAH (Foundation of Unaccompanied Minor Refugees Humanitas), the Netherlands
- Government of the Province of Carinthia, Austria
- ACIME-Immigration Observatory, Portugal
- Federacion Valenciana de Municipios y Provincias, Spain

Associated Partners:

- City of Vasteras, proAros, Employment and Support Integration Unit, Sweden;
- Integra-Integration, Sweden;
- Region Bruxelles Capitale, Belgium;
- Fundacion Alianza para el Desarrollo, Spain;
- ERLAIBE, Belgium;
- Social Solidarity, Greece;
- AMNYOS Sud, France.

JLS/2006/INTI/70: LE JEU DES VALEURS COMMUNES

Project leader: **Africa e Mediterraneo asbl**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective C: To support trans-national dialogue and awareness on integration issues and its impact on society.

Description:

The game is an action of learning intercultural pedagogy, by the means of an interactive hard support (paper) game also translated in web-based and mobile phone-based multiplayer game, to encourage trans-national exchanges between players.

It involves the design and implementation of a framework for educational activities aimed at promoting peace-culture models through the implementation of dialogue among different religions and cultures now present in Europe.

The game addresses one of the most compelling challenges of contemporary multi-confessional European societies focusing on the common aspects of different systems of thought (i.e. religious beliefs and the Institutional approaches). It will be an innovative questions/answers game where the players will be called upon to collaborate with each other in transnational teams. In such a way, the game will support the formation of working groups for exchanging materials and ideas, designing new activities, creating databases. To improve this ability to connect people with each other, a web-based software tool and mobile phone tool will be developed and used in support of this project's framework.

The game will involve the expertise of international scholars and specialists in the "interculturalisation" of the education, in education materials and in learning ICT tools, to provide a coherent and scientifically-based support able to involve third country nationals and Member States' citizens, students (11-16 years old), their families and officials from the field of education from various schools. The experience is started in classrooms in 6 Countries (5 in EU) in a reflection on the questions on the common values shared by different systems of thought using a game as a means of communication.

Not only does the game offer good "edutainment" where the players can interact and learn specific references and new perspectives on different systems of thought, but it also supports an innovative methodology to deal with "interculture". The game will be played in class and between classes (either of the same or different countries), or at home, between different generations in the families and between friends. The game is expected to support the communication one-to-one between all participants, also through ICT and m-CT.

Why a game? There is research-based evidence to show that games, including mobile games, effectively engage young people in social-constructivist learning. The game title originates from a previous project titled 'Common values' within the

program INTI 2003 (JAI/2003/INTI/113), aimed to develop models of tolerance and integration. The challenge has always been to provide extensive opportunities in a field that address the multi-confessional European societies.

Expected results:

- Creation of 1200 questions and answers exploring universal concepts recognized by different systems of thoughts within a game on a paper format;
- Development of new integration paths through contact and emulation;
- Creation of a transnational network of dialogue driven by schools and students;
- Exchange of experience and information about immigrants' integration;
- Frequent interaction between immigrants and Member States' citizens;
- Studies about the understanding of values shared by different systems of thoughts (religious and secular) on the game a mean and analysis of the results, especially socially;
- Transposition of the game and its materials on an electronic format;
- Conception and production of the materials attached to the game targeted to schools and cultural associations dealing with migrants;
- In the medium term, events such as transnational competition between European school classes and Day of Common Values, with the participation of the pupils who won the competition and intellectuals, will take place in the European Parliament.

Partners:

- GRETA Vallespire Côte Vermeille, France;
- Universiteit Gent - Steunpunt Intercultureel Onderwijs/CIE, Belgium;
- University of Malta – Faculty of Education, Malta;
- Grupo Comunicar – Universidad de Huelva, Spain.

JLS/2006/INTI/71: INTEGRATION EXCHANGE

Project leader: **Quartiers en Crise – European Regeneration Areas Network**

Duration: 14 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

This project seeks to develop a local/regional dimension to the implementation of the CBPs adopted by the JHA Council in November 2004 and incorporated into the EC Communication on A Common Agenda in 2005. It has been considered that at local and regional levels the “pressures of integration” manifest themselves more clearly. The recognition of the need for such a dimension has been endorsed at the "Integrating Cities Conference" that took place in partnership between the city of Rotterdam and the EC. By creating such a local/regional dimension the project's overall goal is to strengthen the implementation and awareness of the CBPs.

To achieve this overall aim this proposal has the following specific objectives:

- Undertake three transnational peer review, exchange and development workshops. Each of the workshops would focus on two or three of the 9 CBPs in turn. The aim would be to explore the underlying issues experienced at a local/regional level in relation to the chosen CBPs and share practice through case studies of actions undertaken relating to the chosen CBPs;
- Establish 8 Local Action Groups (LAGs). These LAGs would consist of representatives from:
 - Local/regional agencies responsible for the delivery and/or monitoring of services for third-country nationals;
 - Community based organisations active in terms of addressing the integration needs of third-country nationals;
 - Local/Regional/national equal opportunities/anti-discrimination organisations;
 - Employers and trade unions;
 - Researchers/academics.
- Ensure that the LAGs are a local vehicle that brings together local/regional experience which in turn creates the “capital” for the peer review and development workshops;
- Establish local online platforms which would provide a “portal” for local services, information and resources that underpin the CBPs at a local/regional level as well as providing links to national and EU services, information and contacts. The platforms would be targeted to the needs of local third-country national groups. In particular, they would provide basic information in respective mother languages and provide contacts where further information would be available in their respective mother languages. The platforms would draw on the outputs generated by the transnational review, exchange and development workshops, as well as the inputs from local LAGs;

- Development of a good practice resource pack and linked case studies. The aim is to pool the experience within the partnership and beyond of it in order to create an online resource that can be useful in disseminating good practice. This would draw on the work undertaken in the workshops but also include a wider mapping exercise.

Expected results:

- Three peer review reports which would provide methodological guidelines and good practice in relation to integration approaches and practice at local/regional levels in relation to the CBPs;
- Creation of an online practice exchange that would have the following components:
 - Case studies linked to the four key services;
 - Links to relevant websites and publications;
 - Profiles of a selection of participants (This would be an online Coaching and Mentoring Network with the aim to encourage greater peer learning between participants involved in the project);
 - Details of the project partners.
- A peer review programme that would involve over 200 participants and build up partnership working and capacity building of community based organisations. Production of online
- e resources that will facilitate the transfer of experience and learning.

Partners:

- OLMEC, United Kingdom;
- Fondazione Mondo Digitale, Italy;
- Kopint Datorg Foundation, Hungary;
- ITD, Spain;
- Comune di Lecce, Italy;
- Euroconsult, Italy;
- Comune di Crotone, Italy;
- Amsterdam South East City Council, the Netherlands;
- Diputacion Provincial de Huelva, Spain.

More information:

- <http://www.qec-eran.org/>

JLS/2006/INTI/75: INTI-CITIES

Project leader: **EUROCITIES ASBL**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

The INTI-Cities project focuses on benchmarking successful integration governance structures in European cities and promoting an innovative model for integration governance that is based on creating links between different actors at local, national and European levels. An innovative method for best practice identification among selected European cities will be combined with a comprehensive dissemination and dialogue strategy that will reach out to the wider European integration community. Benchmarking will be achieved by piloting a peer review approach which will go beyond a simple good practice collection to deliver expert-validated comparative knowledge on integration practices in European cities as well as on the necessary supportive policy environments at local, national, and European levels. The results and lessons of the peer reviews will feed into a report with practical guidance on innovative integration governance. A high-level conference on the significant contributions of cities to European integration policy at the start of the project will guarantee high visibility as well as launch the community of experts that will implement the peer reviews and become a valuable dialogue partner for policy-makers.

Expected results:

According to the different Work Packages (WP), there are variant results:

- WP 1: Project Management: Establishment and regular follow-up on the Work Plan agreed by all partners, Organisation of the Peer Reviews, Regular Feedback on project progress from partners;
- WP 2: Reference Framework: Terms of reference for Peer Reviews
 - WP 2a: Assessment Model: Innovative concept of integration governance structures
 - WP 2b: Development of Peer Review Tool: Set of operational guidelines for implementing Peer Reviews including detailed instructions on content and organization of Peer Reviews
 - WP 2c: Training on Peer Reviews: All partners will have been trained in and have a common understanding of the practical application of the Peer Review Methodology.
- WP 3: Peer Reviews: Evaluation of integration policies and practices in 6 European cities involving 12 cities as reviewers and 20-30 local officials and stakeholders in each city; Extensive feedback on successes and potential

improvements for 6 peer-reviewed cities and learning experience for participating cities; Identification and validation of good practices to feed into project publication;

- WP 4: Report: Comprehensive and attractive printed publication on project experiences and wide dissemination in order to share and transfer good practice, available in 6 languages;
- WP 5: Dissemination & Dialogue: High profile for project throughout European integration community
 - WP 5a: Launch conference: Second edition of joint EUROCITIES-European Commission conference “Integrating Cities” with 200 participants;
 - WP 5b: Community of Experts Dialogue: Through the project participation, a pool of experts on local integration practices across Europe will have been created that are willing to provide input to the policy discussion at European level on an ongoing basis. Two sessions of intensive dialogue between local practitioners and European policy-makers: exchange of opinions and definition of cooperation possibilities;
 - WP 5c: Ongoing dissemination activities: Project website, at least 12 articles in EUROCITIES monthly newsletter with 2000 recipients.

Partners:

- Municipality of Rotterdam, the Netherlands;
- Municipality of Lyon, France;
- Municipality of Helsinki, Finland;
- Municipality of Düsseldorf, Germany;
- Municipality of Malmö, Sweden;
- Municipality of Barcelona, Spain;
- Municipality of Genoa, Italy;
- Municipality of Tampere, Finland;Municipality of Belfast, United Kingdom;
- Municipality of Milan, Italy;
- Municipality of Utrecht, the Netherlands;
- Municipality of Amaroussion, Greece;
- Migration Policy Group, Belgium.

JLS/2006/INTI/98: INVIP- INVESTING IN PEOPLE

Project leader: **Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti - COSPE**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

Investing in people - Good practices by banks and credit institutions for the integration of migrants and refugees is a project geared to contribute to the economic and social integration of migrants and refugees.

The overall objective is to promote better economic integration of these groups through improvement of their access to banking and credit services, especially credit for economic activities and for acquiring assets (houses). Specifically, it will seek to identify and disseminate good practices in the sector targeting migrants and refugees, through a trans-national partnership and a national network of service providers, migrant clients and other stakeholders (local authorities, migrants' organisations, NGOs and social partners).

A qualitative research on, and analysis of, needs and difficulties of access to banking and financial services by migrants and refugees and constraints on banks etc. in offering better services to the former. Besides, the research will seek to identify good practices in the sector in terms of equitable access to banking and other credit services by migrants and refugees. A semi-structured questionnaire will be used to interview immigrants, refugees, banks and other credit institutions on their respective perception of the current state of migrants' use of banking and credit services. Furthermore, three focus group workshops will be conducted with people from the three key stakeholder groups – migrants, banks and credit institutions and local authorities – as supplement to the information from the interviews and to ensure that their perspectives are reflected in the recommendations emerging from the research, strengthening a sense of ownership of the identified solutions to the problem of difficult access to banking and credit services. Research findings will be used by all partner organisations at the regional and national levels in advocacy initiatives targeting public authorities that are responsible for defining and implementing migrants and refugees' integration policies.

Expected results:

Outcomes:

- About 20,000 migrants and refugees in the five partner countries where the project will be implemented will have improved access to banking and credit services within one to three years from end of project and about 40 in four to six years period after the project. In particular, 10,000 migrant women will take advantage from the project activities;

- Better knowledge and information for migrants on the opportunities of access to credit and banking services. At least 10 percent increase in applications for credit to buy homes or start an economic activity, within one to three years from end of project and about 15- 20% in four to six years period after the project;
- Better awareness and attention by banks and other credit institutions, public authorities, NGOs etc. to the specific needs and constraints encountered by migrants and refugees in the sector. Banks and credit institutions will broaden their client base amongst migrants and refugees and serve better the needs of more components of the communities in which they are located;
- Research findings will be used at national level in advocacy initiatives targeting public authorities that are responsible for defining and implementing migrants and refugees' integration policies. Besides, migrants' organisations will be encouraged to use same results to press for change in public policies, to their own benefit.

Outputs:

- A research report on the state of the arts of the needs and difficulties of access to banking and financial services by migrants and refugees and constraints on banks and credit institutions in offering better services to the former at national level. Such a report will provide and/or enhance the knowledge of these problems, on which further action can be articulated by other actors;
- Recommendations directed at public and private institutional actors on how to improve accessibility to banking and financial services by third-country nationals;
- A short guide on good practices in the sector which will be disseminated among the various stakeholders and used for advocacy by partner organisation to leverage support for economic and social integration of migrants and refugees;
- Web pages on the project to be included in the websites of the partner organisations. The web pages will be periodically updated and will contain a detailed description of the project, the project brochure, the studies carried out in each country and the handbook on good practices.

Partners:

- MPDL-Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad, Spain;
- Númena - Centro de Investigação em Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Portugal;
- Symfiliosi, Cyprus;
- Antigone – Information and documentation centre, Greece.

JLS/2006/INTI/101: FOCUS INTEGRATION

Project leader: **Verein Niedersächsischer Bildungsinitiativen e.V.**

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

The FOCUS INTEGRATION project aims to improve the joint knowledge about, and develop recommendations for integration activities run by self-organisations of third-country nationals across Europe. This shall be done through promoting the presentation of promising practices, the exchange about these activities, the stimulation of shared activities and the development of recommendations. The project focuses on the role of self-organisations of migrants as a means of promising approaches for integration and capacity building.

The project will result in the production of a manual for self-organisations with recommendations for future integration activities of third-country nationals in Europe. This manual will as well address practitioners, stakeholders and policy makers on local, national and EU level.

Through the implementation of this project, a transparent overview of existing and planned integration activities run by migrant self-organisations will be possible. The addressed activities shall include complete integration courses as well as particular modules, language training measures, and advice and guidance programmes, all run voluntarily and/or by professional staff.

The guideline for all integration activities taken into consideration for the manual must be the respect of both national and common European values.

In the first phase self-organisations of third-country nationals are going to be questioned (on the national and transnational level through questionnaires and interviews, on the local and regional level as well through meetings and seminars) in order to gain information about local integration approaches in migrant self-organisations as well as integration needs and necessities of the target group. This information will be compiled against the EU integration principles.

In the second phase this compilation is analysed in a European expert seminar. This conference will be duly documented.

In the final phase, the project produces the manual about self-organisation as a means of integration and capacity building for third-country nationals.

The entire project will be internally evaluated, built upon a refereed peer evaluation approach.

Expected results:

At short term:

- A compilation of self-organised integration activities throughout Europe, using different methodological approaches to promoting the integration of third-country nationals;
- Exchange between the partners and with external experts about promising practices of the above activities;
- Development of a new handbook presenting promising practices of the above activities.

At medium term:

- Dissemination of the manual throughout Europe as a new resource about self-organised integration learning of third-country nationals in Europe.

Partners:

- Videnscenter for Integration (VIFIN), Denmark;
- PARSEC Cooperativa Sociale a.r.l. onlus, Italy;
- SOZE Society of Citizens Assisting Migrants, Czech Republic;
- ARCA Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants, Romania;
- INTEVAL Ltd., United Kingdom;
- Slovenská utečenecká rada, n.o. (SUR), Slovakia.

JLS/2006/INTI/148: ONE-STOP-SHOP

Project leader: **Alto Comissariado para a Imigração e Diálogo Intercultural (ACIDI)**

Duration: 16 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

The management of immigrants' integration in the EU is one of the most challenging responsibilities that most Member States are facing today. Either "older" immigration countries or countries which are experiencing for the first time immigration flows, are being confronted with the need to define a sustainable integration policy.

Within the relationship with immigrant communities, different Member States share several difficulties that often compromise a consistent integration of immigrants. To be more precise, among the problems often referred to are: the range of institutions involved in the integration process, the deficient cooperation between governmental services and their disperse locations, the diversity of procedures, the complex bureaucracy, and the communication difficulties as a result of cultural and linguistic diversity.

Aiming to confront these challenges and to define proposals for concrete measures, the Commission, in the Common Agenda for Integration (COM 2005 389), defined as priorities the strengthening the capacity of public and private service providers to interact with third-country nationals via intercultural interpretation and translation, mentoring, intermediary services by immigrant communities, 'one-stop-shop' information points and the building sustainable organizational structures for integration and diversity management and developing modes of co-operation between stakeholders enabling officials to exchange information and pool resources (Common Basic Principle 6).

Accordingly, and being inspired by the Common Agenda for Integration, several Member States have been defining concrete integration programmes to immigrants that mainly assess the 'one-stop-shop' (OSS) model. The integration and cooperation of different public services, previously with different locations and schedules, and new services that intend to answer to concrete immigrants needs and were not, until then, offered to immigrants, became a fundamental answer to newcomers and permanent immigrants.

Within this innovative model can be considered to be fundamental the participation of Socio-cultural mediators who guarantee not only a cultural and linguistic proximity to each immigrant that seeks for answers at these centres, but also a fundamental proximity between public administration and immigrant citizens. Furthermore, the participation of civil society institutions, as a partner in the management of this

project, can bring important outcomes since the development of immigrant integration policy became a shared responsibility.

Expected results:

- Development of six integration stakeholders' networks (one in each country involved in the project) that, in medium term, can maintain partnership activities and have a crucial role in the implementation of an OSS in the country (taking in account the experience acquired within the project);
- Six Diagnose Reports on the services that support immigrants' integration in the country and on main immigrant difficulties in relation with those services (one in each country involved in the project);
- Three Transnational Workshops: 1)The integration of different public services in an OSS, 2)The role of socio-cultural mediators in an OSS, 3)The new ICT as a tool for a better service in an OSS;
- One Final Transnational Conference where it is expected the participation of representatives of all EU Member States (through national contact points on integration);
- One Guide on how to implement an OSS in EU Member States in six different languages that can be used after the end date of the project;
- Project Website (where would be available: concrete examples of OSS in EU, national reports, the OSS Guide, Workshops and Conference' information, etc.) that can be useful to researchers and to stakeholders who plan either to implement or discuss the OSS model.

Partners:

- Direccion General de Integración de los Inmigrantes, Spain;
- Hellenic Migration Policy Institute, IMEPO, Greece;
- Immigrant Council of Ireland, Ireland;
- Direzione Generale dell' Immigrazione, Italy;
- Netzwerk Migration in Europe e. V., Germany;
- International Organization for Migration, IOM – Mission in Portugal, Portugal;
- Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, the Netherlands.

JLS/2006/INTI/149: IAMA, a multi faith approach

Project leader: International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Regional Office in Helsinki (Finland)

Duration: 18 months

Specific objective A: To support the setting up of trans-national co-operation networks or pilot projects designed to identify, exchange and evaluate good practices and new approaches in the field of integration.

Description:

This pilot project will aid in the integration of third-country national religious leaders and their communities in Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, and the United Kingdom through testing the effectiveness, for integration purposes, of multi-faith training for third country religious leaders. An added value of the training will be the promotion of dialogue and networking between religious leaders from third countries as well as religious leaders from host societies. Religion and faith can become a binding force for newly arrived migrants who are unfamiliar with their new host society and who face challenges related to finding jobs, learning new languages, accessing social services, creating networks, and other practical as well as spiritual issues. Faith-based communities, therefore, can play a key role in the integration process of migrants. Findings from an IOM and ISESCO Conference in Rabat, Morocco in 2005 entitled "Migration and Religion in a Globalized World" showed that religion can become an important part of the identity of migrants when they feel faced with the need to defend their identity. Integration approaches by host countries can determine whether this part of identity will become positive or negative in the personal integration process. Therefore, providing religious leaders with understanding of the principles of a multi-faith society and the "practice of diverse cultures and religions" as guaranteed under the Charter of Fundamental Rights and other core EU values will help in their own integration and the integration of their communities.

Expected results:

Output:

- Information brochures developed and disseminated throughout Europe (3000 in total);
- Multi-faith training curriculum developed for Denmark, Finland, Latvia, UK, Germany;
- Common training modules on "core European values" developed;
- Multi-faith training carried out for approximately 20 participants in each participating country (100 in total);
- Media coverage through press releases and approximately six press conferences (anticipated to lead to the publication of articles and other media outputs);
- Conference report;

- Evaluation report;
- Publication and dissemination of project report throughout Europe (2000 books; 1000 CD-ROMS);
- If agreed by partners, implementation of additional multi-faith training seminars.

Outcome:

- Increased understanding of common EU values, including diversity, and practical issues related to citizenship in the EU among religious leaders trained in the project;
- Stronger networks between religious leaders of different faiths;
- Better integration of religious leaders from third countries and their communities;
- Greater understanding among the public (including migrant communities) about what “diversity” means at a practical level.

Partners:

- Secretariat of the Special Assignments for the Minister for Social Integration, Latvia;
- Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia, Latvia;
- Ministry of Labour, Finland;
- Ministry of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs, Denmark;
- Institute for German-Turkish Integration Studies and Inter-religious Work, Germany;
- St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, United Kingdom.