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Increasing migrations into the EU raise the question of the potential of Iinformation and Communication Technologies (ICT) for promoting the integration of immigrants and cultural diversity in Europe. As pioneer initiatives in this field have already taken place locally, the main goal of Bridge IT thematic network will be to identify good practices and prepare tools for their replication and diffusion throughout Europe. The project will actually focus on three sub themes:

- early education and life long learning in a multicultural Europe
- employability of immigrants and their participation in the economy
- empowerment of civil society and creation of social capital.

Main activities of Bridge IT are related to:

- creating an inventory of good practices in Europe;
- defining guidelines for improvement, deployment and replication of existing initiatives
- drafting five national scenarios for the duplication of practices and specification of main barriers and opportunities at national level
- organising a conference presenting the results of the project, that will also serve as a “market place” for stakeholders in Europe who whish to propose project’s ideas and identify partners
- communicating and animating a single entry portal on the project results that will allow to post contributions and share ideas

Contemplated outcomes of the projects are a study on the lessons learnt from the good practices, three thematic guidelines targeting relevant stakeholders for deployment or duplication of initiatives, five national scenarios on how to proceed at national/regional level and the establishment of recommendations for possible projects to be derived from the final conference.

Bridge IT involves 25 partners from 11 EU countries, as well as additional “associated members”. The network is composed by public authorities, NGOs /social organisations working with immigrants, organizations of immigrants, banks, IT providers, trade unions and research institutions.

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