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Shaping Transitions with Evidence



Evaluation of projects focusing on the integration and social inclusion of foreigners

Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organisations in the Czech Republic



FUNDS COVERED

- ▶ ESF, AMIF

PROGRAMMING PERIOD

- ▶ 2014-2020

PROGRAMMES COVERED

- ▶ National Programme AMIF
Operational Programme Employment,
Operational Programme Prague - Growth
Pole of the Czech Republic, Operational
Programme Research, Development and
Education

THEMATIC OBJECTIVES

- ▶ T09. Social inclusion

TYPE OF EVALUATION

- ▶ Ad hoc, process/implementation 

YEAR OF COMPLETION

- ▶ 2021

MAIN OBJECTIVES

The goal was to recommend interventions and support cooperation in coordinating funding of the integration of foreigners during the next programming period.

What projects supporting the integration of foreigners have been implemented and how did they benefit target groups and integration infrastructure?

METHODOLOGY USED

- ▶ Mixed methods - descriptive analysis of administrative data, thematic analysis of in-depth interviews, participative approach

DATA SOURCES

- ▶ Monitoring system 2014+, public information about AMIF projects, interviews with implementers, web pages.

MAIN FINDINGS

The integration of foreigners was funded by 4 programs. 762 projects were implemented and approx. 66 000 people supported (incl. 60 000 migrants).

Main supported activities:

- ▶ Regional Integration Centres (CPIC) which offer Czech language courses, legal and social counseling and socio-cultural orientation courses to third-country nationals/ AMIF
- ▶ Support of pupils with different mother tongues, methodological support for teachers /ESF, AMIF
- ▶ Support of integration of vulnerable migrants into the labor market /ESF

Main target groups:

- ▶ Newly arrived migrants, third-country nationals /AMIF
- ▶ Pupils with different mother tongues / ESF
- ▶ Vulnerable groups of migrants / ESF

Main support limitations:

- ▶ AMIF is limited to the target group of third-country nationals. Migrants from EU countries also need support
- ▶ The supported interventions were not available across the entire country
- ▶ Limited possibility of monitoring and therefore impact evaluation, because of lack of a specific indicator for migrants + the existing indicator isn't used for minors
- ▶ The support from the ESF wasn't sufficiently tied to the priorities of the state Concept of Integration of Foreigners (AMIF was based on CIF)

CONCLUSIONS

The project sparked an interest of policy makers in using EU funds to finance the integration of foreigners and CIF priorities were reflected in the Partnership Agreement and in ESF programming documents.

Follow-up actions:

- ▶ improve cooperation between policy makers and programs' managing authorities
- ▶ promote coordination between funds and programs
- ▶ set up monitoring and evaluation of projects with regard to the priorities of the CIF

LINK

<https://www.dotaceu.cz/cs/evropske-fondy-v-cr/narodni-organ-pro-koordinaci/evaluace/knihovna-evaluaci/evaluace-projektu-zamerenych-na-integraci-a-social>