# WEMIN PROJECT

MIGRANT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND INTEGRATION

ARE YOU A
MIGRANT OR
REFUGEE
WOMAN LIVING
IN
STRASBOURG?

OR A LOCAL WOMAN FROM STRASBOURG?



### **JOIN THE WEMIN PROJECT!**

The Migrant Women Empowerment and Integration (WEMIN) project is funded by the European Union. WEMIN aims to develop and implement an innovative model of integration for migrant and refugee women of all ages living in EU countries. More information on WEMIN can be found on the project website

We are looking for migrant and refugee women living in Strasbourg, as well as local women from Strasbourg to participate in the following activities that will take place in the city from October 2018 to November 2019:

- Linguistic and cultural training for migrant and refugee women
- From October 2018 to September 2019
- Empowerment training for migrant and refugee women From January to October 2019
- $\cdot$  Small group mentoring sessions for migrant and refugee women
- From January to October 2019
- Crafts and culture workshops for migrant and refugee women, and women from the local community - From April to November 2019

These activities will be organized by ALDA, the European Association for Local Democracy. Participation in all the activities being run through WEMIN is free for all participants.

Migrant and refugee women in Strasbourg: these courses and activities will help you to better integrate, develop your skills, improve your language skills and have better access to a job or social activity. You will receive a certificate at the end of the training, which will entitle you to attend other courses in the future.

**Local women in Strasbourg**: you will have the opportunity to participate in multicultural activities and support a more inclusive community for all.

If you are a migrant or refugee woman, or a woman from the local community of Strasbourg and would like to find out more about this project - you can contact us or register for activities by reaching out to Ms Solène Falk: Solene.falk@aldaintranet.org - 03 90 21 45 93





## SMOOTH INCLUSION OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN? YES, WE CAN!

The Good Pratice Guide produced by the consortium of WEMIN, under the coordination of Olympic Training and Consulting, presents ten good practices in the field of social integration of migrant and refugee women, covering a broad spectrum of projects – from education to socio-cultural inclusion and from empowerment to cultural exchange and mentoring.

The 10 practices selected and analyzed are all being run in the EU, in WEMIN partner countries. The guide highlights the resources needed for their implementation and the results achieved.

More importantly, it highlights key aspects that can be transferred to other partner countries, outlining potential barriers, and possible solutions to overcome these.

Read the guide and discover how effective practices could be implemented in your community: \*ADD LINK\*



"ALL WOMEN
SHOULD PLAY A
LEADING ROLE
IN THEIR
COMMUNITIES!"

## WHAT DO MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN LIVING IN EU REALLY NEED?

In order to design the most effective and useful training and empowerment opportunities for migrant and refugee women living in the communities of WEMIN project partners, we started by identifying needs: each organization ran a needs analysis in their area.

Partners interviewed 10 to 15 experts, as well as 10 migrant and refugee women (MRW) from their local community. In total, 97 experts on migration and work with MRW and 94 MRW in eight partner countries were interviewed. Interviews provided recommendations and insights for the provision of learning and training for MRW in the specific partner country, as well as recommendations which are applicable to all partner countries.

The outcome of the needs analysis included recommendations on learning content, formats of learning, and time of learning suitable to MRW, as well as information on the MRW themselves and the potential impact on their learning opportunities.

For example, training needs to be useful for migrant and refugee women in their day-to-day life, so that they can immediately see the value of newly learned skills and competences. However it's not all about content, context and family play an important role: experts recommend organizing activities for other members of the family in parallel and at the same location. If this is not possible, then organizers should ensure that family members are invited to visit the place of learning and meet the group.



For further information about the needs analysis, please contact Dr. Martin Kilgus, Managing Director of Ifa Akademie: kilgus@ifa-akademie.de

### **WEMIN PROJECT AT A GLANCE**

WEMIN is a 2-year project that aims to develop and implement an innovative model of integration for migrant and refugee women of all ages in the communities involved.

The project addresses social, educational, and professional aspects of inclusion in eight countries throughout the European Union.

Partners from academic institutions, training institutes, and civil society organizations, from eight EU countries - Greece, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Germany, and Sweden have come together to deliver WEMIN. The project is led by HELLENIC OPEN UNIVERSITY (Greece).

WEMIN will empower migrant and refugee women to play a leading role in their communities and act as multipliers within their families and social circles.

The objective of WEMIN is more ambitious than this - by promoting a close interaction between women from the host and migrant societies, stereotypes on both sides will be tackled, challenging existing narratives on migration and strengthening the communities involved.



### MORE INFORMATION ON WEMIN'S WEBSITE

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### **CONTACT US!**

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