

International Conference
Women in Displacement:
gender, migration and the challenges of integration
in today's Europe

within the framework of EU project
“WEMIN: Migrant Women Empowerment and Integration”

ANNOUNCEMENT

The **DAISSy Research Group** of the **Hellenic Open University (HOU)** organizes the international conference entitled **"Women in Displacement: Gender, Migration and the Challenges of Integration in today's Europe"**, which will take place on **Sunday 8th December 2019** (9.00-20.00) and **Monday 9th December 2019** (9.00-14.00), in Athens ("Crowne Plaza Athens" hotel, 50 Michalakopoulou str).

The conference is supported by the European project **"WEMIN: Migrant Women Empowerment and Integration"**. It is addressed to scholars, experts and practitioners, representatives of authorities, institutions, organizations and associations, active citizens, and more generally anyone involved in the study, research and practice in the fields of migration, migration policy, empowerment and social integration of refugees, as well as related topics.

The main objective of the international conference, in addition to presenting the results of the WEMIN project in detail, is to explore the gendered dimensions of the migration phenomenon in the context of today's Europe. Recognizing gender as an integral part of the experience, management, and understanding of migration and integration processes, the conference aims to highlight not only the multiple challenges but also the significant opportunities European societies face.

The conference will include lectures, presentations and workshops in topics such as:

- *Towards gendered sensitive migration and integration policies*
- *Migrant and Refugee Women: challenges and good practices for integration*
- *Migrants' integration at local level: partnerships, strategies and practices*
- *Adult migrants' education: current challenges from a gender sensitive perspective*
- *Working Life, Social Life and Integration from a gender sensitive perspective*
- *Gendered norms and roles in migratory contexts*
- *Gender-based violence and migration*

- *Representations and constructions of migrant masculinities and femininities.*
- *Art and gendered experiences of migration and integration*

This international conference will be the final, closure event of the WEMIN project aiming at presenting its outcomes to additional stakeholders-organizations and policy-makers, by combining presentations and thematic workshops with the parallel engagement of members of its target groups.

The official conference language is English. There is no registration fee for attending the conference. Certificates of participation will be provided. Interested parties are kindly requested to fill in the registration form “**here**”.

The WEMIN project developed a pioneering model for the integration of migrant and refugee women of all ages in the hosting communities. It combined, among others, training, empowerment and mentoring sessions and learning through art. An electronic peer learning platform has been developed, as a place where professionals in the field of migration as well as migrant and refugee women can share knowledge, tools and experiences with each other; you can access the platform on the address <https://culturalmediators.eu/wemin-platform/register/>.

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You can be informed about project WEMIN by visiting www.wemin-project.eu or by following #WEMIN. For further info about the conference, please visit its website www.wemin-project.eu/conference and/or send email to info@daissy.eap.gr. To find out more regarding the activities of the DAISSy group of HOU please visit <http://daissy.eap.gr/>.



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