



Senior Volunteers for Migrant Integration

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SVMI - ‘Senior Volunteers for Migrant Integration’ project, funded by the EU “Erasmus+ programme / Strategic Partnerships”, started on 1 October, 2017 and will continue until 30 September, 2019.

SVMI aims to contribute to the successful integration of migrants and refugees into the host societies with the help of seniors and to tackle the social exclusion of elderly people through volunteering services to migrants.

First Year Achievements

With this newsletter, we cross the halfway point of our two-year project. For the past 14 months our partnership had been working on the development of the project intellectual outputs.

SVMI Methodology and Training Programme – Intellectual Output 1

This output is recommended for trainers and educators in adult education wishing to train seniors to serve as volunteers in migration and refugee integration in Finland, France, Germany, Greece and Lithuania.

It was developed, translated into partners’ languages and tested by trainers in each partner country.

The development was based on the results of the needs analysis survey we conducted at the beginning of the project to identify the training needs of seniors with an interest in serving as volunteers to support migrants’ integration.

The SVMI training programme consists of five modules, with recommended duration of 20 hours (4 hours per module).

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| Module 1: | Key elements of adult educator's competences |
| Module 2: | Key elements of intercultural communication competence |
| Module 3: | Migrants integration: Overview of theoretical models |
| Module 4: | Introduction to active citizenship: Key roles of a volunteer working for migrants and refugees’ integration (language tutor, civics and literacy tutor, mediator / facilitator/ advocate and friend helping migrants and refugees to navigate their way around a new society) |
| Module 5: | Country specific adaptations providing important cultural aspects and tips of SVMI partner countries cultures as well as migrant and minority cultures. |

SVMI Training Material – Intellectual Output 2

Following the Training Programme, we developed the Training Material for Teaching Senior Volunteers. It maintains the same modular structure and supports the content of each module with a wide variety of practical teaching activities, examples, exercises, tests, etc. The practical part of Modules 1-4 and the entire content of the Module 5 is adopted to the specific situation in each partner country.

The developed training material was piloted during the piloting training organised in all partner countries in October – November 2018.



SVM Accomplishments on the International Level

3rd Partner Meeting in Greece

On November 29-30, 2018 the project partners gathered in Athens for the third project meeting to discuss the progress and to outline the next steps.

At the beginning, the partners presented the results from the piloting training in their countries, summarised the feedback received from senior volunteers and their trainers, and discussed the final steps of the development of Training Material.



Then the partners worked on the ideas for the development of the 3rd intellectual output – the Social and civic integration tool – guide for migrants and refugees in App format, shared their opinions on its content, agreed on the key topics and discussed the upcoming activities.



SVM Piloting Training in Lithuania

On 15-19 October 2018 SIH held a piloting training in Vilnius. The training was attended by 21 person – representatives of the Medardas Čobotas Third Age university and Vilnius branch of Lithuanian Union of Pensioners “Bočiai”.

