



## Newsletter N°4 September 2019

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On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the final international conference of the project **SVMI - Senior Volunteers for Migrant Integration**, funded by EU Erasmus+ programme / Strategic Partnerships, took place in Vilnius. The conference finalised the two-year project, which was implemented by partners from Lithuania, Finland, France, Germany, and Greece, and resulted in two main intellectual outputs:

- [SVMI training programme and material](#) for teaching senior volunteers providing support for migrant and refugee integration;
- [Social and civic integration tool](#) – guide for migrants and refugees consisting of Survival conversation kit in partner languages and English as well as the most important information about living in partner countries.

The training programme and training material are available to be freely used by all adult educators, university professors, and other trainers who wish to teach, adapt, or supplement their trainings with additional resources. The Social and civic integration guide can be used not only by immigrants arriving to project partner countries but also institution representatives working with migrants and facilitating their integration.

### The Final International Conference 'People to People - Promoting Diversity and Voluntarism'



The conference was opened with the welcoming words of Daiva Malinauskienė, SIH director and the project coordinator, Edita Trečiokienė, representative of the Education Exchange Support Foundation, and Zita Žebrauskienė, rector of MCTAU.



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The key speaker Martin Kilgus as well as Gisela Kullmer delivered presentations on history of volunteering in Europe, presented statistics about voluntarism, and shared good practices from Germany:

- [Fostering Social Integration in Europe's Diverse Societies through Volunteering - Martin Kilgus](#)
- [Senior Volunteering, Mentoring and Training - Gisela Kullmer](#)



The participants were introduced to the main intellectual outputs of the project – Social and civic integration tool – guide for migrants and refugees and the training programme for senior volunteers as well as other important results of the project by Gileta Kierienė ([Presentation of SVMI Project Results](#)).



During two parallel practical workshops, moderated by Arūnė Taunytė and Arūnas Bėkšta, the participants were given an opportunity to learn more about volunteering and active citizenship.



During the coffee breaks, conference participants had a chance to learn about the project piloting and multiplier events in different partner countries by viewing posters and speaking with representatives of partnering institutions.

**We are proud of the results achieved in the project and hope that educators will plentifully utilise our intellectual products and apply them in their daily work. We also hope that our Migrant guide will act as a true integration guide for immigrants and help them in their first steps in the new home countries.**

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