

INTEGRA NEWS



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The Integra project 'Migrants' Integration Kit - Basic Language for Dealing with Financial Matters' is coming to its end. During the last two years DHE Solutions has worked together with partners from 10 European countries on the development of learning materials and support information to help migrants improve their integration in particular on financial matters. In this newsletter you can find more information about the recent events and project developments.



International Conference in Vilnius "Migrants Integration Processes in EU - First Steps In Their New Home Countries"

On 15th June 2012 an international conference was held in Vilnius, Lithuania. Project partners from Lithuania, UK, Greece, Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, Romania, Poland, Spain, Turkey and Belarus together with representatives from different social partner institutions and migrant communities in partner countries participated in this final project event.

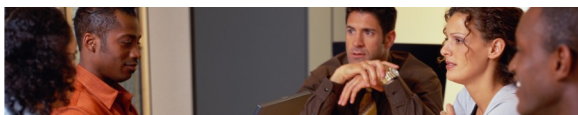
The conference was attended by various honoured guests, as well as people who represented different NGOs and state institutions dealing with migrant integration issues from across Europe

The conference was opened with welcoming words by the project coordinator, and a representative from the Education Exchange Support Foundation, and with a song in Spanish created and performed by a young Lithuanian actress. Key speakers from the Netherlands and Spain presented topics on integration issues in their countries and the representative from British Council office in Vilnius analyzed the research results on immigrant languages in EU. During the conference a presentation of the final project product 'CD - Migrant Integration KIT' took place.

Feedback from the social partners on the effectiveness of the training included positive feedback from Souroosh Nazari, of the Afghan Association, Paiwand, as well as words from Ubah Egal, Director of the Camden Somali Cultural Centre, who was able to contribute via a Skype link.

More information about the conference can be found on the website www.integra-project.eu.

CD – Migrant Integration KIT



The partnership produced a final CD-ROM containing learning materials and useful information on financial institutions and financial information sources in all partner countries. The following learning materials are included in the CD:

- a list of essential useful words and phrases in English, Lithuanian, German, Dutch, Polish, Greek, Spanish, Romanian, Belorussian and Turkish
- dialogues on different situations dealing with financial and social welfare issues for simulating real life situations and developing skills and confidence in managing personal matters in a new country
- specific information and advice on how to deal with everyday financial needs
- links to dictionaries
- A list of representatives of migrant communities from partner countries'
- Country specific financials tips and good practice examples

If you would like to receive a free copy of the CD, contact Luke Carroll of DHE Solutions on admin@dhesolutions.co.uk

Project website www.integra-project.eu

The project website will be transformed at the end of the project. The list of useful words and phrases will also be available in several more languages including: Somali, Bulgarian, Russian, Pashtu, Dari and Arabic. The simulation scenarios for dealing with different financial matters will be extended to include several more situations. On the website there will be further good practice examples as well as relevant information on financial matters to help migrants to integrate in their new society.

Final project event

In September 2012 the project partners will hold an exploitation seminar to present the project products. The seminar in the UK will take place on 18th September at 12.30pm at the Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Drive, London, EN5 2UN.

