

Red Cross Societies approach to the social inclusion of migrants

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Our Members

Partnership among 28 National Red Cross Societies in EU Member States, the Norwegian Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



Our Work

Our activities span across the following key themes:

Humanitarian Aid



Civil Protection



Development Cooperation



Migration and Asylum



Social Services



Poverty and Exclusion



Our Goals



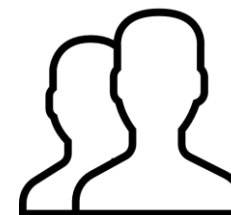
Heighten Red Cross Influence



Increase EU resources

for our members' work within and outside the EU

on EU policy, legislation,
and practice



Serve our members

on EU-related issues

Social inclusion of migrants: a common European challenge

- Challenges >>> not only legal, but also societal.
- Difficulties in accessing services like education or healthcare, etc.
- More likely to be living in poverty and social exclusion than other groups.



Effective initiatives are needs-based

- A multidisciplinary approach
 - healthcare,
 - family unity,
 - education,
 - access to employment.
- The one size fits all approach does not work >>> Importance of the individual assessment



Early yet long-term concern

- A good start in the early days following arrival
- Social inclusion interventions remain relevant well beyond the arrival phase
- = Social inclusion process is a long-term one.



Supporting active participation

- Supported throughout the social inclusion process
- Opportunities and means to participate and contribute:
 - having a job
 - volunteering.



Working at the local level with everyone

- Social inclusion primarily happens at the local level.
- Cultivating a climate of mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation.
- Obstacles to social inclusion of migrants:
 - discriminatory attitudes,
 - stereotypes,
 - and xenophobia.
- Target local population with the objective of changing attitudes among host societies



European- Positive images

- Educational activities for young people aged 11–19
- Learning objectives
 - gain enhanced knowledge of the humanitarian aspect of migration
 - develop greater awareness of development
 - increase their understanding of migration
 - be able to recognise different points of view on migration in the media
 - be better able to relate issues of migration and development to themselves and their communities
 - be empowered to take action on migration and development
- Bulgarian / French / German / Greek / Italian / Latvian / Portuguese / Romanian / Spanish (Castilian)
- <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/positive-images>

Austria - ProjectXchange

- Ambassadors of integration
- Visit in schools and youth groups to share their history as a migrant
- <http://www.projektxchange.at/>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/projektXchange

Croatia – Migration & Youth workers

- Migration and integration / Erasmus+ project
- Manual “Training of Trainers” targeting young people with no or little knowledge about migration and integration of migrants.
- https://www.salto-youth.net/downloads/toolbox_tool_download-file-1527/Manual%20Migration%20vs.%20Integration.pdf

Germany – Migrant parents in educational programs

- Intercultural cafés
- Providing support to parents and mentors who accompany children & young people
- Encourages networking initiatives between the different institutions working in the field of education.



Thank you!

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