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Maria has been involved in a range of student, nongovernmental, and research organisations including AIESEC (Birmingham, UK), the UCL Chapter of Women for Women International (London, UK), and the Institute of International Relations (Prague, Czech Republic). Since 2012, Maria has been part of the IOM Prague Mission.

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INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Department of Asylum and Migration Policies of the Czech Ministry of the Interior

The Asylum and Migration Policy department of the Ministry of Interior is responsible for the fields of the international protection of refugees, entry and residence of foreigners, the concept of integration of foreigners, the state integration program and the Schengen cooperation. This department of the Ministry is also responsible for the management of the organizational units of the State Refugee Facilities Administration.

Integration of immigrants

Overall control of the coordination of the integration policy in the Czech Republic stays with the Ministry of the Interior.

The foreigners' integration policy is understood as **an integral part of the legal migration policy** and it must respond to the development of migration. Henceforth, the integration policy will be focused not only on supporting the integration of legally residing foreigners into society but especially on the prevention of possible problems within immigration communities and their relationships with the majority. All the integration policy activities aim at trying to avoid the creation of closed immigrant communities, social isolation and the social exclusion of foreigners.

Henceforth, the integration policy will be based especially on the following principles:

- practical cooperation of all subjects able to contribute to a successful course of integration;
- efficiency of integration measures;
- improvement of the awareness of all participants in the integration process;
- clear and graspable results of all integration activities;

- new tools (direct collaboration with municipalities, emergency projects, Integration Centres);
- support of the development of civic society – especially in the regions in connection with the creation of regional integration centres

Priorities of the integration of foreigners

The targeted measures intended to serve as conditions of key importance for the successful integration of foreigners in the Czech Republic include:

- knowledge of the Czech language on the foreigners' part
- economic self-sufficiency of the foreigner
- foreigners' knowledge of this society
- mutual relations between foreigners and the majority society

See more on web site:

<http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/integration-of-foreigners-within-the-territory-of-the-czech-republic.aspx>

German BAMF - Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees supports migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, who come to Germany seeking jobs, for example, and provides information on integration courses, citizenship, repatriation options and work and study possibilities in Germany.

Mission statement: Focus on people – support and integrate

The Federal Office's mission statement was developed in the first half of 2004 with the involvement of its staff. It marks the authority's evolution from being purely an authority for asylum to a competence centre for issues concerning integration and migration.

Mandate and procedure

The approach focuses on areas of activity, with topics from the following areas being dealt with

- linguistic integration
- education
- social integration
- integration into the workplace.

In all areas of activity, the BAMF takes into account wider issues such as supporting civic involvement and quality assurance/evaluation.

In subject areas covered by the nationwide integration programme, existing programmes and needs are researched and analysed using research reports, expert interviews and studies. Under the BAMF's guidance, in working groups, discussions with

experts, workshops and specialist conferences, experts then identify pressing topics and areas for action, define common goals and develop from these practice and solution-based proposals for recommendations.

Integration courses

Language is key to successful integration. This is why, with the entry into force of the Immigration Act, a minimum framework of state integration programmes was created with the integration course at its core. The general integration course comprises a total of 645 lessons. The language course, the first part, consists of 600 lessons. The second part is called the orientation course and consists of the remaining 45 lessons. The orientation course focuses on the following subject areas:

- politics in democracy
- history and responsibility
- people and society.

The aim of the integration course is that immigrants should be able to make themselves understood in everyday life and participate in German society.

See more on web site:

<http://www.bamf.de/EN/Startseite/startseite-node.html>

Vienna Municipal Department for Integration and Diversity MA17

Vienna Municipal Department for Integration and Diversity coordinates integration projects for migrants and foreigners living in Vienna to help them find jobs, health care and to integrate into the Austrian society.

Start Wien - Getting a head start in Vienna

Providing new migrants in Vienna with a good start in their new hometown is one of the core issues of the integration measures implemented by the City of Vienna. Since 1 October 2008 Municipal Department 17 - Integration and Diversity (MA 17) has provided new migrants in Vienna with comprehensive support under the "Start Wien" project. Migrants get comprehensive support for a good start in their new hometown of Vienna. The "Start Wien" project forms part of the integration programme and welcome package of the City of Vienna. It includes lectures in several languages about the rules of living together as good neighbours, the structures of the Austrian education and public healthcare systems, the labour market and housing market in Vienna, and the Law on Residence and Settlement in Austria.

Besides the integration, MA 17 is concerned with diversity management agenda. Diversity management is a comprehensive management approach that has been increasingly applied by public authorities in the past decade. It focuses on showing appreciation for all customers in the same way and on benefitting from the diversity of the staff and their competencies and skills. Diversity management also considers the organizational structure of a department and adapts it accordingly.

See more on web site:

<http://www.wien.gv.at/english/social/integration/index.html>

ACIDI High Commissioner for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue Portugal

The High Commissioner for Immigration and Ethnic Minorities (ACIDI) was established in Portugal in 1996, in recognition of the importance of having a coherent integration policy for immigrants. The main aim of this State service is to promote the integration of immigrants, as well as promoting intercultural dialogue within Portugal. The Commissioner is dedicated to ensuring the participation and cooperation of representative immigrant associations, social partners and public services in all decisions and assessments of policies on immigrants' social insertion. It also works to prevent exclusion and discrimination.

ACIDI has the following priorities:

- To ensure the real exercise of equal rights and duties amongst nationals and foreign citizens, and to fight all forms of ethnic or racial discrimination or any other expression of xenophobia.
- To reinforce information systems and support for immigrants, in order to facilitate their integration in Portugal – whether by paper materials (brochures), telephone contact (SOS phone-line for immigrants and telephone translation service), electronic resources (the www.acidi.gov.pt website) or through face-to-face contact (with cultural mediators).
- To create friendly interfaces and an integrated solution between immigrants and the public administration, through the National and Local Immigrant Support Centres (the One-Stop-Shops). The One-Stop-Shops provide various public services related to immigration in one space, with an identical working philosophy, and functioning in cooperation with each other.
- To deepen knowledge of the realities of immigration through studies carried out by the Immigration Observatory, adhering unwaveringly to the motto 'Getting to know more, so as to act better'.
- To raise public opinion for tolerance and diversity and to stimulate mass media into making a contribution towards integration and fighting the stigmatisation of immigrants and those from ethnic minorities (namely through the Human Rights and Integration Journalism Award).

In recognition of its work, ACIDI received the first prize in the European Public Sector Awards in 2011 under the theme 'Opening Up the Public Sector Through Collaborative Governance'.

See more on web site:

<http://www.acidi.gov.pt/>

<http://familyreunification.eu/index.php/project-partners/acidi/>

<http://www.oi.acidi.gov.pt>

NGO SLOVO 21

Non-governmental organization SLOVO 21 was founded in 1999 in Prague and in this time it realize educational, cultural, media, public awareness and other projects, especially Roma projects and project aiming on integrations of immigrants.

Leading goals are to combat racism and xenophobia to help to protect and respect human rights, to teach tolerance towards ethnic minorities, in particular the Roma minority, to support integration of foreign nationals living in the Czech Republic, to provide media support to minorities in the Czech Republic.

We cooperate with other NGOs and governmental organizations from the Czech Republic and abroad.

See more on web site:
www.slovo21.cz