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# **Integration through empowerment and cooperation: The role of youth organisations**

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Models for Integration and Prevention of Exclusion:  
Empowering Migrant Youth (iYouth)



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# Presentation of the iYouth project: Findings, Outcomes, Recommendations

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## **Objective:**

To empower migrant youth by supporting migrant youth organizations to better work towards integration and prevention of exclusion

## ***Specific Objectives***

- to develop/create youth work models on integration and prevention of exclusion
- to increase opportunities for networking nationally and EU-wide for migrant youth organizations and authorities
- to raise awareness on the potential of migrant youth organizations in integration



# Partners

## Migrant youth organizations:

- Kanava Nuoriso ry., Finland
- Interface Wien, Austria
- META, Czech Republic
- Agency for Development of Intercultural Relations towards Citizenship (ADRIC), France
- Foundation Our Choice & Armenian Cultural Association, Poland



## Institutional partners:

- Youth Department, City of Helsinki, Finland
- Ministry of the Interior, Czech Republic
- Austrian National Youth Council, Austria
- Ministry of Sports, Youth, Non-formal Education and Voluntary Organisations, France
- Municipality of Warsaw, Poland



IOM offices in Helsinki (coord.), Vienna, Paris, Prague, Warsaw



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# Donors

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- European Commission
- Finland: Ministry of Education and Culture
- Austria: Ministry of the Interior/State Secretary for Integration
- France: Ministry of Sports, Youth, Non-formal Education and Voluntary Organisations
- Czech Republic: Ministry of the Interior



Ministry of Education  
and Culture, Finland



# Activities

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## **Component I. Development of models and training materials on integration and prevention of exclusion**

- Peer reviews
- Development of joint models for advancing integration and preventing exclusion among young migrants
- Development of training materials & online training platform

## **Component II. Capacity-building of migrant youth organizations**

- Training-of-Trainers for partners
- National workshops for youth organizations in each partner country

## **Component III. Awareness-raising and Dissemination of results**

- National multi-stakeholder symposia in each partner country
- Final seminar in Brussels
- Project publication



# Peer review findings

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- **Understanding Migrant youth**
  - A profound understanding of the social realities and needs of migrant youth is at the basis of all services/activities
  - A comprehensive vision of the path (and all required individual steps) towards integration of young migrants must guide the planning and delivery of all activities/services (“pathway approach”)
- **Engaging Migrant Youth**
  - Activities/services are developed and implemented *together with* (rather than only *for*) the youth
  - Examples:
    - Sports and leisure-time activities
    - Street work
    - Informal learning and creative activities



# Peer review findings

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- **Empowering Migrant Youth**

- Obtaining new knowledge and skills
- Sharing of responsibilities with youth
- Supporting youth towards becoming independent and engaged adults
- Examples:
  - Engaging Youth in the organisation's
    - Governance
    - Development of projects/services/activities and fund-raising
    - Communication
  - Courses in support of learning language and accessing the labour market
  - Youth as volunteers (mentors, group instructors, peer support)
  - Counselling and mediation
  - Newspapers and web sites supporting young migrants in their integration processes by giving information





# Recommendation I

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I. Migrant youth organisations should have in place (written) plans/strategies for their areas of engagement

- Developed/updated through broad stakeholder consultations
- To define: target groups & needs, objectives, methods, roles and responsibilities of internal and external stakeholders, including the youth themselves
- Shared with all stakeholders



# Recommendation II

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II. Migrant youth organisations should make (more) efforts to involve migrant youth themselves in planning and delivering programmes, and in the overall direction of the organisation



# Recommendation III

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III. Migrant youth organisations should make (more) efforts towards broader and continued stakeholder involvement in their governance



# Recommendation IV

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IV. Migrant youth organisations should make (more) efforts to ensure that their knowledge and expertise of youth integration issues is known and made use of also outside the organisation



# Recommendations V

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V. Migrant youth organisation should make (more) efforts to complement existing services through volunteering schemes that are built upon an empowerment approach



# Recommendation VI

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VI. Migrant youth organisations should ensure that their staff and volunteers are safe, motivated and qualified for the work they do with migrant youth in a continued and sustainable manner



# Recommendation VII

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VII. Public authorities, in particular at the local level, should work towards empowering migrant youth organisations by providing (more) opportunities for sustainable cooperation and knowledge-sharing, as well as capacity-building measures.



# Recommendation VIII

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VIII. Donors and policy makers at EU, national and local level should broaden target groups regarding policies and funding so as to avoid fragmentation of actions and beneficiaries





# iYouth Online Training Platform

[www.iyouth-project.eu](http://www.iyouth-project.eu)

**iYouth** ONLINE TRAINING PLATFORM FOR MIGRANT YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

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## Welcome to the iYouth Online Training Platform

If you or your organisation have an interest in working with migrant youth and supporting their integration, this is the right place!

This website was developed by the iYouth project with partners in five EU countries as a resource for organisations and individuals who want to support migrant youth in their integration process.

We offer a wide range of materials for different interests and needs. You will find background information on migrant youth integration, training materials and exercises, case studies of good integration practices, video success stories of migrant youth and much more!

Enjoy your stay!

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### Training Materials

In this section, you will find information and training on a variety of topics regarding the integration of migrant youth – and on what youth organisations can do to support their integration process. [Read More](#)

### Migrant youth work

Migrant youth work for youth development is a process which prepares migrant youth to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and [Read More](#)

### Case studies

Practical examples from iYouth partners. The iYouth project collected a range of case studies describing how partner organisations work towards the integration of young migrants in practice. [Read More](#)

### Videos: Young migrants' stories

Here you find videos produced by iYouth partners with personal stories of young migrants who have benefited from these organisational activities and services. These videos demonstrate the varied [Read More](#)

