ORGANIZATION*

European funded project coordinated by CRM Yönetim Danışmanlık (Coordinator)

COUNTRY AND CITY/IES

Ankara, Istanbul (Turkey), Graz (Austria), Seville (Spain), Rome (Italy), Malta

THE ACTION IS ADDRESSED TO (BENEFICIARIES)

Local Bodies, operators working for migrants, NGOs, trainers, mediators, counsellors, managers and staff of service providers for immigrants, volunteers who want to work for/support immigrants, employment & recruitment sector, policy-makers

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

The main activities developed were:

- Research and Collection of EU Good Practices
- Training Curriculum
- Developed and Adapted Training Materials
- The Guidebook for Local Bodies and Operators
- Open Learning Platform

MAIN GOALS

Training, empowerment and learning of adult staff of local bodies, mediators, NGOs, operators and other field actors working for immigrants' inclusion in society and the employment sector. Additionally migrant entrepreneurship rights have been treated with care as it is important to keep the life balance in all areas of a community.

IMPACTS OF THE ACTIVITY

- Training volunteers to carry out the combined role of interpreter and cultural mediator. Due to the fact that volunteers who are themselves refugees have a unique understanding of the needs of new community members.
- Helping to improve how they are perceived by receiving communities. Volunteers may also carry positive messages about refugees and migrants. In Turkey, where there is increased negative feeling towards Syrian refugees, such awareness-raising can have real potential with respect to improving social cohesion.

COOPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Republic of Turkey Ministry of Interior Directorate General of Migration Management, İHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation Mülteci-Der (The Association for Solidarity with Refugees) are involved in the initiative as stakeholders.

SUSTAINABILITY (ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY)

The initiative is planning to apply for the IPA funds given to Turkey by European Union in order to sustain our activities and services.

TRANSFERABILITY

Activities can be replicable in other countries taking into account the different needs that refugees have in each of the stages of their migratory journey.