



VRIN

Virtual Reality for Migrants
Social & Cultural Orientation
and Inclusion

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The Consortium of the VRIN project is happy to share with you the fourth and final Newsletter of their VRIN project!



VRIN – Virtual Reality for Migrants Social and Cultural Orientation and Inclusion is an Erasmus+ KA2 project that runs from February 2022 to February 2024.

The innovative project promotes the effective integration of TCNs (Third Country Nationals) through targeted training to both actors who are involved in TCNs' integration as well as TCNs themselves, as a two-way method to enhance integration in local communities.

The VRIN project aims to encourage the effective integration of TCNs in local communities by providing intervention tools for training, as a means of making the process of familiarity with the local context more interesting. The target groups will undertake a participative learning path for the development of their skills. Through mutual cooperation we are aiming for TCNs' integration in the society and the labour market.

Objectives:

- To establish a two-way integration model through training to both actors involved in TCNs' integration and TCNs themselves.
- To help TCNs overcome obstacles towards a smoother access to services like health care, labour market, vocational training, social security benefits, housing, financial procedures, lifelong learning.
- To enhance TCNs ability to access useful information which will help them improve their everyday life and communication.
- To provide TCNs with the opportunity to develop targeted language skills addressing the every-day communication and designed to their practical needs
- To boost service providers and integration assistants' capacity to deal with TCNs needs and different cultural backgrounds, thus boosting their intercultural skills.
- To prioritise the inclusion for diversity in all fields of education and training.

Target groups:

- TCNs
- Actors of TCNs' integration (trainers, facilitators, mentors, public servants, educators, etc)
- Key professionals working in areas relevant to TCN
- Stakeholders in the field of TCNs' integration

Project Results:

- PR1: Interactive Training Curriculum
- PR2: Online Platform
- PR3: Interactive Guidebook



Final TPM!

The consortium of the project has met for the last time in snowy Lund, Sweden for their final TPM in November 2023. The project consortium has discussed all completed as well as pending tasks of their VRIN project, in order to mark the successful completion of the project.



Final Countdown!

The consortium of the VRIN project is now completing its last month of implementation, as by the 31st of January the VRIN project will mark its closing date. The final months of the project's life cycle have been used for the organisation of all Multiplier events and the Final Conference.

Below you can find relevant information about Multiplier events implemented:

SPAIN

On 14 December 2023, the Multiplier Event of the VRIN project was held in Alcorcón, Madrid (Spain).

On the occasion of the Migrant's Day, the VRIN project and its materials were presented to more than 30 stakeholders, among which there were people from educational centres, staff of the Alcorcón City Council, professionals from other entities of the municipality and Madrid, potential beneficiaries of the project, among others. The feedback on the project was very positive and participants highlighted the usefulness of the interactive platform for migrants.



CYPRUS

On 15th of December 2023, the Multiplier Event of the VRIN project took place in Nicosia, Cyprus in conjunction with the annual Christmas village hosted by CSI. The key aim was to celebrate diversity and inclusion within the festive Christmas atmosphere. Additionally, VRIN marked the International Migrants Day, which is celebrated every 18th December.

Throughout the various purposes of celebrations, the VRIN project and its materials were presented to a total of 34 stakeholders, ranging from educational centers, youth boards, NGOs, governmental/public services, private and public institutions, and organisations. Potential beneficiaries of the project outcomes attended. The feedback of the project was very positive; expressing amazement for the amount of information gathered and developed, the VR development as well as the usability and uniqueness of the platform, recognising the potential benefits for the target groups of the project.

The VRIN presentation was also combined with an art exhibition of a migrant artist, working on the thematic area the VRIN project supports.



SWEDEN

The multiplier event of the project took place in Malmö, Sweden on 8th December 2023 and the 23rd of January. The number of the participants were 33 persons locally and 19 persons. The profile of the participants were mainly organizations such as the Malmö Ladies Tea Club, Redi Digital School, Jobspränget, from Kumvux an adult education center who teaches to immigrant adults, Velling Lärcenter and Malmö and its municipalities, volunteers/youth from NGOs and other startups and organizations using the co working space of the second event.



ITALY

The multiplier event of the project took place in Bologna on Thursday 24 January 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cultural Centre "Porta Pratello".

21 people participated to the event. The participants represented local organisations working within the National System for the Assistance and Reception of Asylum Seekers and refugees (SAI). They were professionals with expertise in the labour market integration of migrants.

Project Results were presented, and the platform tested. All participants evaluated both the project and the event positively and also expressed their intention to incorporate certain online tools discussed during the event into their professional practices.



LITHUANIA

On the 10th of January, 2024 Diversity Development Group, together with a help of close partners Caritas, organised a Multiplier Event for the project VRIN. The invited people to the event were people of different profile: TCN actors, people from academia, journalists and active foreign community members. The event followed a structured Agenda, different parts of VRIN project were introduced, the results were highlighted and the Informational platform (<https://vrin-platform.eu>) was practiced among the participants.



The consortium:



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