

CALL FOR STUDY VISITS

MiStra – Migrants Inclusion Strategies in European Cities

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Call for study visits to good practice models in the cities Dublin, Berlin, Vienna and Bologna with the aim to establish and to deepen a common understanding of the specific needs of migrants and minorities, such as the Roma community.

Background

MiStra is a mainstreaming project. Its aim is to mainstream and to transfer elements of good practice models targeted to people with migration background, the Roma community and other minorities threatened by social exclusion, within Europe. The models of good practices include strategies and interventions, such as support for education and training, labour integration, cultural mediation and housing policies. It is planned to transfer models and elements of good practice from **Dublin, Berlin, Vienna and Bologna** in four chosen target cities **Taranto, Burgas, Prague and Budapest**.

One essential part of the project is study visits to the transferring cities Dublin, Berlin, Vienna and Bologna with following main focuses:

Study visit focus in Dublin	<p>The Equal Youth interagency model was originally developed by the Equal Youth Project funded as part of the EU Equal Initiative 2005 to 2007. This Project developed a model of interagency cooperation between service providers of young early school leavers.</p> <p>The model is currently used by agencies working with young people in the Ballymun area of Dublin. An interagency approach can assist service providers in meeting the needs of their target group effectively and efficiently, which they may not achieve should the agencies be working in isolation. This model is transferable and has also been applied to a local Dublin based network 'Men At Risk of Suicide' as well as to an LdV TOI EU project 'Net-Working for Quality Assurance in VET'.</p>
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<p>Study visit focus in Berlin</p>	<p>The study visit in Berlin will present different projects that support the integration of young people with a migration background in Berlin</p> <p>“Berlin braucht dich! (Berlin needs you!) The aim of the campaign Berlin needs you is to increase the number of migrant apprentices in the public sector in Berlin as well as in the private enterprises (from March 2013). Two main parts of Berlin needs you! will be presented: the campaign itself as well as the approach how pupils are acquainted with the world of work.</p> <p>Outreach approach of the LearnShop Neukölln The outreach approach counsels educationally disadvantaged young people about the possibilities of further education. The projects will present the ways to reach these young people and interest them in education.</p> <p>Ausbildung in Sicht! (Training in sight!) The aim of Training in sight! is to Promote qualification measures for disadvantaged young unemployed with a migration background. The project uses career guidance measures for the integration or reintegration of unemployed people into employment. These measures are tailored to the labour market policy and appropriate to the personal and professional aptitudes of the participants.</p>
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<p>Study visit focus in Vienna</p>	<p>The study visit in Vienna will face three different perspectives of strategies for the integration of migrants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main project presented is the Integrationshaus in Vienna. It's primarily target groups are asylum seeker, persons granted asylum and migrants. During the study visit the focus will be set on education and counselling projects as well as support in housing. <p>Additionally two other approaches will be faced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEP Vienna: The Territorial Employment Pact Vienna is a regional partnership to link employment policy with other policies and to improve the employment situation on regional and local level. For the study visit the focus will be set on migrants and specific measures for their integration in the labour market. • THARA: TAHRA is focusing on labour market integration of Roma and Sinti with the aim to improve the socio-economic situation
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	of Roma and Sinti in Vienna. Further emphasis lays in creating awareness in society for the existing inequalities and discriminatory practices and in the empowerment of Roma and Sinti by means of education and qualification.
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Study visit focus in Bologna	<p>The Antidiscrimination Node has the purpose of promoting inclusion and activating social mediation procedures in discrimination cases that are signalled to it. This to encourage the development of a cohabitation culture, to reduce social tension and to promote encounters and moments of co-division to prevent the increase of discrimination acts against the diversity of any kind. The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of discrimination, ensuring equal opportunities for all; • Promotion and support positive actions and dissemination of best practices aimed at eliminating disadvantage; • Conflict resolution under an intercultural perspective within multicultural frameworks.
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Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of this call are representatives of VET institutions, representatives of NGO's, representatives of local authorities, European Stakeholder, representatives of migrant organisations, representatives of Roma communities and representatives of other minorities organisations threatened by social exclusion and researchers interested in these topics.

Activities

2.5 day visits are planned for a maximum of 12 participants to each of the good practice cities; Dublin, Berlin, Vienna and Bologna. The study visits take place between Nov 2013 and March 2014.

The objectives of the study visits are:

- Enabling the participants to improve their understanding of the specific needs of migrants, the Roma community and other minorities threatened from social exclusion.
- Enabling the participants to improve their own policies and/or enable them to give recommendations to policy makers

- Exchanging knowledge on above stated matters, to improve one's own work – mutual learning
- Learning about transfer that has been done so far in MiStra.

Working language during the visit is English.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by MiStra, if they are strictly related to the project.

Requirements for participation

You may apply for this call for study visits if you meet the following requirements:

- You feel addressed in the beneficiary section.
- You are interested in one of the four study visits.

Selection criteria

- 1) Verification of eligibility
- 2) Score in Letter of motivation (1 to 4)

Conditions of participation

The following documents shall be submitted via e-mail to Jasmin Zouzi jasmin.zouzi@metropolisnet.eu and Federica Ruggiero fruggiero@ciofs-fp.org no later than 30th of June 2013.

- Scan of the Participation Statement – please make sure that you chose a first and second choice (annex 1), duly filled in and signed by the legal representative
- Letter of motivation (annex 2)