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Virtual exchange

9 June 2021

2:00-5:00 pm CEST

Location: Hosted via Zoom by ICMPD | [Link](#)

Agenda

Background

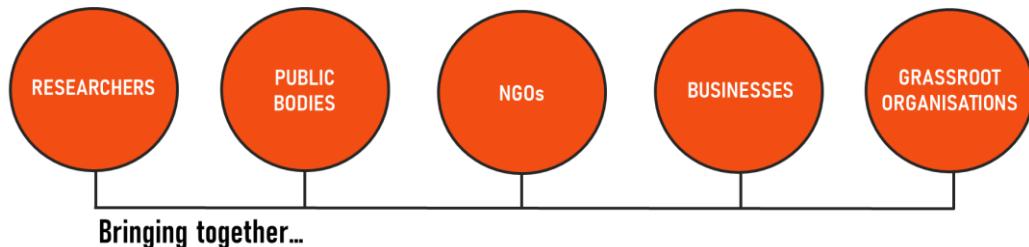
In response to the large-scale refugee arrivals in 2015 and 2016, a number of initiatives has been launched at the local, national and supranational level, which aim to provide integration services for those newly arrived. At the same time, responding to the fact that a number of EU Member States can be considered as immigration countries for 50 years or more, integration services become more and more mainstreamed into standard social services. This led to an intensification and upscaling of already existing practices, and to various innovations, including new tools and approaches.

Despite the accumulation of knowledge as well as ongoing knowledge exchanges, there remain significant challenges in making such knowledge relevant for the specific challenges practitioners and policymakers face when designing, implementing and evaluating practices in their own specific contexts. Against this background, the **overall objective of the EU-funded SPRING project is to develop a toolbox relevant for diverse communities of practices working on integration and supporting these in identifying and accessing validated information on sustainable practices of integration**, including information on their impacts and transferability.

Against this background, the virtual exchange aims:

- To engage **relevant communities of practice** and foster exchange on successful and sustainable practices targeted at the integration of newly arrived migrants;
- To identify concrete **needs for and obstacles in accessing information** on relevant research results and evidence on sustainable and effective integration policy practices.





Participants and format

The virtual exchange will **bring together Communities of Practice from research, policy and practice** working on the integration of newly arrived migrants and refugees at local, national and regional levels, bridging perspectives from different localities, such as urban or rural areas.

The event is limited to a total number of **50 participants** to allow for a productive and rich information exchange. To better ensure frank discussions and engagement on the policy options and their potential further development, **Chatham House Rules** will be applied.

The workshop will arrive at a baseline of priorities, needs, gaps and good practices in accessing knowledge and evidence. Collaborative online tools such as Mural and Mentimeter will be used.

ACCESSING KNOWLEDGE & EVIDENCE

In the 4 integration areas of

HOUSING & SETTLEMENT	EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION & TRAINING	ACCESS TO SERVICES
➤ MAIN PRIORITIES	➤ MAIN PRIORITIES	➤ MAIN PRIORITIES	➤ MAIN PRIORITIES
➤ NEEDS & GAPS	➤ NEEDS & GAPS	➤ NEEDS & GAPS	➤ NEEDS & GAPS
➤ GOOD PRACTICES	➤ GOOD PRACTICES	➤ GOOD PRACTICES	➤ GOOD PRACTICES



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14:00 – 14:05	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICMPD
14:05 – 14:15	Presentation of the SPRING project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guia Gilardoni, Project Coordinator of the SPRING H2020 Project, ISMU
14:15 – 14:25	Setting the scene: Communities of practice as drivers of innovation in the field of integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birgit Glorius, Professor for human geography, Technical University of Chemnitz
14:25 – 15:00	Perspectives from key stakeholders <i>Introduction and moderation by Bernhard Perchinig, Senior Researcher, ICMPD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salome Mbugua, Co-President, European Network of Migrant Women Karolis Žibas, Regional Program/Integration Officer at the UNHCR Regional Representation for Northern Europe (tbc) Petra Hueck, ICMC Europe Director, SHARE Network Mercedes Miletti, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation Tiziana Caponio, University of Turin, Project Coordinator of the WHOLE-COMM H2020 Project
15:00 – 16:00	Breakout groups: Strategies and tools to overcome the gap between research, policy and practice

Housing

Moderation: UCLG (tbc)

Interventions by:

- MERGING project (tbc)
- European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA) (tbc)
- ICMC Europe

Access to services

Moderation: Carlos Roldán, SOLIDAR

Interventions by:

- European Guardianship Network (tbc)
- European Programme for Integration and Migration EPIM) (tbc)
- ECRE/ EC expert group on the views of migrants (tbc)
- ReROOT project (tbc)

Employment

Moderation: ICMPD

Interventions by:

- SIRIUS project
- Future Place Leadership, Lithuania

Education

Moderation: Manfred Zentner, Danube University Krems

Interventions by:

- SIRIUS – Policy Network on Migrant Education (tbc)



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16:00 – 16:30	Pitches from the breakout groups Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Kraler, Assistant Professor in Migration Studies, Danube University Krems
16:30 – 16:40	What's next on the EU's agenda? The new EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnese Papadia, European Commission, DG Migration and Home Affairs (<i>tbc</i>)
16:40 – 16:45	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMPD

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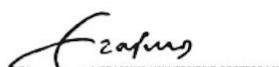
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