

Prevention of Human Exploitation: Migrant Communities Create Leaders and Foster Dialogue!

Program: Erasmus+. KA2 Capacity Building in the Field of Youth

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The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) has announced a new Call for Proposals for Capacity Building projects under the Education, Training and Youth Programme Erasmus+. Capacity Building projects are transnational cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of youth.

The project is looking for partner organization from programme countries working in the fields of capacity building, education of migrant/refugee communities

Motivation behind the project:

Global Slavery Index (GSI) 2016 estimates that 45.8 million people across the globe are currently victims of the modern day slavery and although slavery has been officially outlawed worldwide, there is not a single country without some sort of a modern day slavery form. According to the EU Commission's report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings, the most vulnerable communities of exploitation are the ones suffering from poverty, discrimination, gender inequality, violence against women, ethnic conflict and lack of access to education. **The project consortium has identified specific groups of migrant communities being at-risk to possible human exploitation/trafficking in the near future and recognizing the modern day slavery as one of the most heinous global human rights violations,** the project is proposed to innovate replicable and sustainable interventions/solutions to prevention of people exploitation within the refugee/forced migrant communities. Currently Europe is experiencing an unprecedented human displacement on record, according to the UNHCR out of 65.3 million forcibly displaced people and 21.3 million refugees across the world, Europe is now home to 6% of the forced migrants. Unofficially though, but India has always suffered from forced migration internally, according to the World Bank data 300 million or 28.5% of India's population are forced migrants, mostly economically forced migrants to urban, more developed areas. According to local research done by the project's consortium, UNHCR and the European Commission today the world is experiencing a record amount of individuals and communities being vulnerable and at risk of human exploitation/human trafficking.

Important is also the fact that over half of the forced migrants are under age of 18 and below 30 years of age, therefore making it a significant problem of youth. The project fits within the European Commission's policies of education, training and youth aiming at fostering cooperation between organizations working in the field of education, migrant/refugee community empowerment in Europe and India.

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Innovations/Interventions to be developed during the project:

1. Sustainable community self-help group mechanism - the project is structured to create a sustainable community self-help group mechanism in order to encourage and motivate community development and establish a dialogue between community organizations, local policy makers and the migrant communities.

2. Capacity Building of the youth of migrant communities - the project aims at building capacities of young migrant community representatives to become self-reliant advocates and social change makers of the communities.

3. Gaming to Raise Awareness - the project also commits to create innovative gaming tools to involve the mainstream society in working towards healthy integration of the most vulnerable communities.

Please note, the project is at its development stage and the information will be finalized before March 8th, 2017 with the approved projects partners!

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