

NEWSLETTER #2

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Dear colleagues,

After our second meeting held in Burgh-Haamstede, The Netherlands, by Pro-work all partners discussed our FINDINGS AND RESULTS about immigrants/refugees that are common for all the countries that are involved in the project.

According to our test results, through surveys we held that were filled out by local citizens, intercultural centers, local stakeholders, and foreign immigrants/refugees. We came to following results:

One of the main issues in each country is that:

- There is a lot of **misinformation and fake news** about immigration and Islamic culture.

Most of the participants said that social media and news senders such as newspapers and television, through the happenings in the world, could give a negative effect on the Islamic culture and gives a lot of prejudices about immigration.

Also:

- There is a **lack of opportunities for social inclusion and communication between immigrants/refugees and local communities.**

Immigrants and refugees feel left out because of **speech barriers and misunderstanding**. Because of this, immigrants and refugees but also local communities find it difficult to get together and help the immigrants/refugees **integrate them in local societies.**

As partners, we discussed and talked about recommendations found in all the countries involved:

- First of all, it is recommended to **provide some activities in the toolkit** targeting refugees, that are in a different position than local immigrants.
- Second of all, it is strongly recommended to **promote creative activities to support integration and communication.**
- Last of all, it is suggested to **promote an information campaign** against online hate speech referred to **Islamophobia phenomenon.**



The third meeting will be held in September, in Greece. For the next meeting, we will discuss about: Culture and education, comparison and cooperation, and Citizenship, coexistence, integration and inclusion. Where we are going to refer to the fields of application of activities of the Toolkit and Analyse with the focus group on what is changed with group leaders and what things need to be improved in this type of area.

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