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Nowadays, migratory movements, caused by several social, economic and geographical causes, are radically changing the European environment and society, which consequently needs the adoption of new and targeted measures in order to foster social integration of migrants and refugees.

There is an exceptional need of strengthening the migrants' participation in the society. Learning the language does not itself create job opportunities and vice versa. Thus, due to their lack of both professional language and entrepreneurial skills together with digital skills, employers become skeptical towards migrants in terms of providing a decent working environment. Migrants/refugees need to know how to be a part or even create a new business and improve their practical skills to be applied in entrepreneurship.

In this context, INCREA project aims at both increase migrants' competences and raise awareness among stakeholders to foster integration. The project is started in 2017 by a consortium of 6 partners from different European countries in the framework of KA2 - Erasmus+ Program.



Second Project Meeting in Athens

The second project meeting took place in Greece, precisely in Athens from the 24th to 25th of May 2018. First Intellectual Output finally reached its positive conclusion! The project team has examined the results achieved in the first Intellectual Output with reference to the identification of skills and gaps of target migrants related to language, entrepreneurial and digital skills applied in the creative sector. Also, a draft of the learning material to be created in the context of Intellectual Output 2 was presented, while all partners discussed about the Learning Teaching and Training Activity (LTTA) to be held in Matera, Italy in July 2019. During the second day of the meeting, all partners had the chance to exchange ideas on the training course content with relevant stakeholders. That represented a valuable opportunity for all the participants who, thanks to their indispensable involvement, constituted the key towards the accomplishment of the first stages of the INCREA project. The meeting has proven to be really successful and the consortium is on the way to the development of the learning material!



First Multiplier Event in Athens

Our first multiplier event is over and yet very successful!

On June 4th, Crystal Clear Soft (CCS) hosted **“Migrants and Creative Businesses: A Survey on Skill Gaps and Training Needs”**, a one-day Multiplier Event in Athens, Greece, where the results of the first Intellectual Output on the development of INCREA were presented. More than 40 stakeholders, social workers, public officials, adult trainers and educators together with the main target audience, migrants and refugees, attended the workshop. The discussion started with an introduction of the project and the partnership. All participants had the opportunity to learn more about INCREA and its goals, and to first see the results of INCREA first intellectual output: *“Identification of skill and gaps of target migrants related to: language competences, entrepreneurial spirit/competences, Digital basic skills applied in creative/cultural sector”*. By learning about the gap between migrants and creative industries in various European countries, all participants felt free to express their opinions and discuss the issue of integration thoroughly. In fact, they expressed their particular interest in participating in the project and being part of its progress.



In order to enrich the dissemination campaign of INCREA and to involve a larger audience, a video ABOUT the first INCREA Multiplier Event has been released on YouTube at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/m5jUMmTZohA>

What to expect in the coming months? The development of a full training course and the Serious Game Theory, which is a simulation with the aim of creating a tool to foster entrepreneurial spirit by exploiting personal cultural background, will be the focus of the next events' activities.

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