

## WelComm: Communication Skills for Integration of Migrants Erasmus+ Programme 2014

### TEMPLATE FOR SELECTION OF GOOD PRACTICES

<b>Selection criteria:</b>	<p>The proposed example should correspond to <u>ALL</u> listed criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Effective and successful:</b> A “good practice” has proven its strategic relevance as the most effective way in achieving a specific objective; it has been successfully adopted and has had a positive impact on individuals and/or communities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Replicable and adaptable:</b> A “good practice” should have the potential for replication and should therefore be adaptable to similar objectives in varying situations.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information availability:</b> There is enough information provided for the good practice (approach, methodology, materials etc.) so that it is possible to replicate it in a new situation; the provided web-links are working and the contact information is up-to-date</li> </ul>
<b>Category:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Practices for social integration of migrants through cultural and language skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Practices for language education of young children</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Practices for language education of migrants</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Practices for intergenerational learning (children and parents)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul>

PROMOTER OF THE INITIATIVE:	
<b>Name of organization / individual</b>	Nicosia Municipality Multifunctional Foundation
<b>Country</b>	Cyprus
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DETAILS OF THE INITIATIVE:	
<b>Title</b>	Intercultural Center Nicosia

<b>Year(s)</b>	2008 - up today
<b>Target language(s)</b>	Greek, English, Chinese
<b>Target group(s)</b>	Adult immigrants (Europeans and TCN)
<b>Website of the initiative</b>	<a href="http://www.nicosia.org.cy/el-GR/municipality/multipurpose-centre/">http://www.nicosia.org.cy/el-GR/municipality/multipurpose-centre/</a>
<b>Description (max 200 words)</b>	<p>The Intercultural Centre was established by the Nicosia Municipality Multifunctional Foundation in 2008 with the aim to provide quality social care services which support immigrants in terms of professional and social inclusion. The program targets all legal immigrants who reside within Nicosia Municipality area. The main objective is to create new networks of support as well as to mobilize members of the Intercultural Centre for volunteer services. The immigrants have the opportunity to receive the necessary cultural elements which support their social adjustment while, at the same time share their own cultural elements thus enriching the cultural context of the Cypriot society. The main objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop their linguistic and computer skills, in order to be adopted and included in the Cypriot society, and in the labour market.</li> <li>• Provide a meeting place where the foreigners will be able to organize special events in relation to their own culture, customs and gatherings.</li> <li>• Create local networks between NGO's, local authorities and foreign organizations.</li> </ul>
<b>Methodology (max 150 words)</b>	<p>The Intercultural Center offers a range of services to immigrants such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Greek Lessons</li> <li>-Training in the use of computer and multimedia</li> <li>-English language courses</li> <li>-Free internet access (Internet Café)</li> <li>-Guidance in vocational rehabilitation</li> <li>-Counseling services by a professional social worker</li> <li>-Psychological support from a special consultant on various issues</li> <li>-Guidance workshops concerning housing, transport, communication, work, health and welfare</li> <li>-Interactive seminars / workshops on the history and culture of Cyprus</li> <li>- Go Chess classes</li> <li>-Chinese language classes, Chinese art classes, activities especially designed at the request of the Chinese team who reside in the area of Nicosia in order to promote and preserve their cultural heritage</li> </ul>

	<p>The program is funded by the Nicosia Municipality and the Social Welfare Services of the republic of Cyprus, since 2008. The activities targeted to the group of TCN are implemented within the framework of the European Integration Fund for TCN 2010 and are co-financed by National and European funds.</p> <p>Each course is divided into five chapters, each covering specific parts of the course, in a manner that all of them together constitute a complete and comprehensive core, with an increasing level of difficulty from chapter 1 to chapter 5. Each chapter is divided in two units: Unit A with more general exercises and Unit B with more detailed and difficult exercises. Within the units the following types of linguistic activities are included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listening, reading and comprehension;</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary exercises;</li> </ul>
<p><b>Products / Outcomes</b> (add rows if necessary)</p>	<p><b><i>Type of product:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paper-based material</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Online resource</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Video clips / Films</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Course / Training</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mobile application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Brief description of the product / outcome / method:</i></b></p>
<p><b>Impact on target groups / Transferability potential</b></p>	<p>During the last 5 years about 300 people have had the opportunity to receive one or more services from the center. Especially the language courses as well as the computer training helped many of them to improve their chances of finding either a better job or enter to the labor market. Many of the participants feel for the first time that they are equally part of the local community. They are very glad to have the possibility to communicate directly with the local authorities and to impart their own perspective of things.</p>