

LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER

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As a step towards reaching ARTEM's goals for tolerance, acceptance, awareness and openness among people from diverse cultures, the project envisaged the development of tools to enhance the intercultural competences of both local and migrant communities.

Hence, to support the process of creating bonds and encouraging interactions between locals and migrants, ARTEM boasts with a guide entailing a *Training Programme for Migrants*, and another one for local volunteers and professionals working with asylum seekers, refugees and migrants – *Intercultural Training for Stakeholders*. **ARTEM is equally reaching out to both locals and migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, as both groups are deemed to work actively together to build an inclusive society.**

The two handbooks consist of diverse activities and guidelines on fostering self-awareness among both communities regarding their own socio-cultural background and experiences and how these shape the way we perceive our surroundings and impact our ideas and opinions. **The methodology incorporated is based on team-work, self-reflection, role plays and group discussions, as means towards becoming more familiar with other people's backgrounds and views, as well as becoming more aware of our own prejudices and biases, and how they influence our behaviour with others.**

In September 2019, participants from all 6 partner countries, representing both groups: local volunteers and professionals working with migrants and migrants, asylum seekers and refugees attended a one-week training in Pau, France. In the course of the training they used the COV`ON Digital StoryMap Platform to share their stories and journeys by creating their own migration tale. They also took part in diverse group activities for fostering their intercultural competences and learning how to cope with stereotypes (their own and the ones encountered in others).



The highlight of the week's activities was the opportunity for all participants to meet and get to know each other. People from different countries, occupations, ages, speaking different languages, shared their experiences, journeys and dreams with each other. They were eager to learn more about their peers, their work, their countries and each other's stories, challenges and successes.

Following the international training in France, all partner countries initiated local activities addressing both locals and migrants, asylum seekers and refugees incorporating the development of a digital story-map and the guides for fostering intercultural competences as tools to build more inclusive society.

In the next steps, ARTEM is to introduce its time-bank platform where locals and migrants, asylum seekers and refugees will share their time and skills with each other as a way to further nurture their interaction and communication. Regardless of origin, age, and cultural backgrounds, the platform users are to be driven by their shared interests and curiosity in order to meet new friends.

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