



We believe in

human rights for all,
respect for diversity
and mutual coexistence

“ Let's all work together
towards a peaceful coexistence
and inclusive society ”

“ Let's all form the basis
for mutual trust
and common responsibilities ”

The Project

During the last two years, Europe and particularly Greece have faced the largest refugee and migrant influx in their recent history. The need to integrate Third Country Nationals (TCNs) into society and promote their active participation into the Greek socio-political fabric (i.e. education, sociability, employment and access to health), becomes urgent than ever.

The Aim

The aim of this project is geared towards that direction by creating a platform, whereby consultations between actors of local society and TCNs will take place. **Via this platform, both groups will have the chance to exchange opinions, share experiences and practices, establish strong relationships, enable common activities**, thus becoming the representative voice into the "Immigrant Integration Councils" which operate as early as 2010 in Greece.

The City

The project has chosen the city of Thessaloniki to implement its actions as a large number of Third Country Nationals can be found in Northern Greece and especially in and around the city of Thessaloniki. Prior to the establishment of this platform, necessary capacity building activities, such as trainings and workshops targeting TCNs and local stakeholders (frontline practitioners, hospital staff and teachers), will take place as well as dissemination actions, so as to prepare the ground for a fruitful cooperation between all involved stakeholders.

WELCOMING REFUGEES

The LION project will meet the following operational objectives:

Develop the preconditions for mutual understanding and trust and form the basis for shared responsibilities through the implementation of a series of workshops and trainings

- ✓ Workshops for hospital staff
- ✓ Workshops for police officers and frontline practitioners
- ✓ Workshops for teachers
- ✓ Info days for parents' associations, students and media representatives
- ✓ Establishment of a multidisciplinary team for the provision of psychosocial and legal support and networking
- ✓ Workshops for members of migrant communities

Build common activities between TCNs and members of local community in order to strengthen the active participation of TCNs into aspects of local society and increase positive outcomes

- ✓ Get to know my city
- ✓ Get to know the people of my city
- ✓ Sports and culture events



Establish participatory culture of dialogue between TCNs and local community via the establishment of a physical platform which will be composed by the following core thematic:

- ✓ Healthcare
- ✓ Social care needs
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Intercultural coexistence
- ✓ Human Rights & Legal aspects of migration

Partnership

A strong Consortium of appropriately experienced and highly motivated partners from academia, civil society organisations, public and private organisations has been convened for the LION Project. All partners possess deep knowledge and large experience in integration policies and can ensure the successful implementation of the project.



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