



NEST project – Press release, September 2021

Novo mesto, 17.9.2021 – On the 17th of September an open event will be held in Novo mesto to illustrate to the local audiences the achievements of the project NEST - New Skills to Enhance Integration of Asylum Seekers and Beneficiaries of International Protection.

NEST is a 2-year Erasmus Plus project financed under the 2019 Call for Proposals and gathers five partners from 4 European countries (Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden). The main project goal is to foster social & labour inclusion for the ever-increasing migration flows of asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection in the European countries involved in the project, thus encouraging their active citizenship.

NEST has been strategically working on the enhancement of soft and technical skills of the social operators working in the countries of the partners organisations (educators, social workers, psychologists), in order to improve the local assistance to immigrants as well as the autonomy level of beneficiaries in accessing local services.

The main project outputs that have been produced are:

- 1) Guidelines for the integration of asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection, assessing the state of the art in all project countries;
- 2) New training methodology on social and technical skills oriented to employability, which was derived from 3 international trainings participated by social operators from all partner organizations;
- 3) Toolkit for social and labour integration explaining the main procedures to access local services through intuitive, user-friendly videos.

NEST kicked off during the initial stages of the global Covid-19 pandemic and the unprecedented circumstances made project implementation significantly more challenging for project partners, with most activities being shifted into online format. However, this did not prevent partners from accomplishing all project tasks and delivering the project outputs, which will be presented during the upcoming local event in Novo mesto organized by Društvo za razvijanje prostovoljnega dela Novo mesto.

The event will be structured as follows:

- Welcome words by the organizer
- Introduction of the Nest project
- Project's goals
- Project's outputs: *Guidelines, Training methodology, Toolkit*
- Project's website and social media accounts
- Time for questions and debate



NEST project details

Partners:

Farsi Prossimo Association (Italy),
Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo Mesto – DRPDNM (Slovenia),
Enterprise - University of Alicante Foundation – FUNDEUN (Spain),
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