

## Mediterranean Migration Network Newsletter November 2018

## **Editorial**

Dear colleagues,

"...Migration is neither transitory nor past years. It arouses and awakes up according to social, political and economic changes. [...] Cyprus has always been a host country for migrants. However, in the last period there is a continuing and steady increase of irregular migratory flows to Cyprus that puts Cyprus in the front line for migrants crossing the Mediterranean. [...] During the first eight months of 2018, international protection claims continued to show an upward trend and increased by 55% compared to the corresponding period of 2017. Specifically, in the first eight months of 2018, the Republic of Cyprus accepted 4,022 applications for international protection, while in the same period last year, we received 2,600 applications. It is noted that in 2017 there was a similar increase of 56% compared to 2016." Quotation from the address of the Minister of the Interior Mr. Konstantinos Petridis to the EU 2014-2020 Monitoring Committees of Internal Affairs on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The Mediterranean Migration Network, is an online platform coordinated by the international Research Centre **CARDET**, and the **SME INNOVADE** and continues its activities and actions towards providing support to stakeholders who are called to delegate migration and integration issues daily.

The Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) develops within the framework of "Integration Network" (CY/2018/AMIF/SO2.NO3.3.1/2), which is co-funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (90%) and the Republic of Cyprus (10%).

For more information about the MMN visit **migrationnetwork.org** and contact us at **info@migrationnetwork.org**.

## News

## MMN annual International Conference in Cyprus



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### **MMN Good Practices competition**



MMN run a competition of Good Practices through which participants were called to contribute to the publication of the  $4^{th}$  Mediterranean Migration Booklet (2018 – 2019). The MMN Booklet is under the design progress and it is expected to be available (printed and online) by the end of December 2018. All good practices that have been submitted to the competition will be published **here**.



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## MMN Workshop: Building bridges towards migrants' integration



The Mediterranean Migration Network on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 organized a workshop on "building bridges towards migrants' integration" at the Municipality of Paphos. The thematic discussion of the workshop was the migration statues in Cyprus from the stakeholders' point of view.

The workshop was carried out in Greek.

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MMN Workshops: Protection of the rights of vulnerable social groups: migrants, refugees and Roma



The Mediterranean Migration Network is planning to deliver two more workshops in December 2018. The first workshop will take place in the Municipality of Engomi on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December while the second one will take place at the Municipality of Agios Athanasios on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

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## Mediterranean Inclusive Schools (MEDIS): Info Day at the Pallouriotissa High School



The International Research Centre CARDET in collaboration with "Hope For Children" CRC Policy Center organized a MEDIS Info day to present and promote the scope and activities of the MEDIS programme to the students of the gymnasium of Palouriotissa in Nicosia, Cyprus.

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# Whole School Social Labs: Second transnational project meeting and the Soci@ll capacitation programme in Cyprus



SOCI@LL (Whole School Social Labs) has, in its structure, open partnerships, aiming to promote long term engagement of key stakeholders, as well as to co-create a meaningful strategy to promote more inclusive systems inside and around schools. To be able to achieve this goal, the partners' staff had a capacitation programme named "Strategies, methods and tools for creating and sustaining open partnerships", hosted by CARDET in Nicosia, Cyprus, in October 10th and 11th 2018. In addition, on the 8th and 9th October 2018, the soci@ll project held its second meeting.

#### More information about the events here.



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## E-COURSE: 2nd Transnational Project Meeting



CARDET participated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> transnational project meeting of the E-COURSE project in Utrecht, Netherlands on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018. The meeting was hosted by <u>ESHA</u>, the European

Schools Association which is an organization for European School Heads. The main topics for discussion were the working progress of all project partners in regards to the upcoming outputs and the challenges faced during the implementation of a series of pilot trainings to primary school teachers to all partner countries (Germany, Greece, UK, Italy, Cyprus, Netherlands, and France).

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# migHealthCare: Minimize health inequalities and improve the integration of vulnerable migrants and refugees into local communities



The consortium of the migHealthCare project is now happy to announce that the 1st Newsletter of the project is now ready! The overall objective of Mig-HealthCare is to improve health care access for vulnerable migrants and refugees, support their inclusion and participation in European communities and reduce health inequalities. Mig-HealthCare will produce effective community-based care models, pilot tested in different contexts and countries, which will focus on health promotion and prevention. It will develop guidelines and tools to reorient health care services to a community level.

Read the 1st Newsletter of the project by clicking here.



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## 1st InterCap Conference in Lithuania



The 1st Annual InterCap International Conference INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION: WAYS FORWARD successfully took place in Theater hall, Vilnius University, Universiteto st.3, Vilnius (Lithuania) on 12 October 2018. The conference was organized and hosted by Diversity Development Group assisted by all project partners and in cooperation with two associated partners: **The Nordic Council of Ministers office in Lithuania and the Vilnius University**.

#### More information about the conference here.



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## InterCap: Audit Completed



Audit on migration, sustainability and development education in the frame of InterCaphas been finalized in 12 EU Member States and at EU level, where complex methodology was applied. The objectives of the audit were to identify the conceptual links between international migration and other global processes, including sustainable development at national level; indicate gaps within public understanding of migration as well as sustainable development; conceptualise challenges and ways by which development education could be used as an instrument to raise public awareness in national context on asylum, migration and integration issues.

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### Activities Season for the European Engagement Program Civact



The Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and French partners of the Europe for Citizens project, Civact which is led by CARDET, implemented a number of awareness activities for the discussion of the EU in their respective countries

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