

# Newsletter

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**NEAR aims** to foster the integration of newly arrived migrants (adults and children) by helping them in settling into their host country. It also aims to support a process of mutual trust, knowledge exchange and intercultural exchange between migrants and local communities, thus creating a sense of belonging under a «new common home»

## **BENEFICIARIES**

Newly arrived migrants (adults, minors and university students), diaspora members, diaspora organizations, volunteering organizations, local communities and authorities, citizens, European and national organizations

## What has been done so far?

### Creating our Maps!

To foster integration between the host countries and the newly arrived, we developed our unconventional maps, where local communities and newly arrived migrants and international students decided what these unconventional map should look like.

These maps are based on streets, spaces, squares of the territory, music, and people's feelings related to that. They all have one goal: to introduce and help the orientation of the newly arrived in all cities.

We have separated them into the so called

- **Unconventional City Maps** -implemented in the neighborhoods of 4 cities Lisbon (Freguesia de Santa Clara), Nicosia, Milan (Central Station-Martesana canal) and Perugia.
- **Unconventional Maps** for international university student involving Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, University for Foreigners of Perugia, the KES College of Nicosia and the ISCTE - IUL University Institute of Lisbon

# City Maps

We are beginning with the **"Unconventional Map" of Lefkosia (Nicosia)**, which covers the area of Old Town Nicosia and its Walls, an ideal area to develop ideas, events and relationships. This neighbourhood has been chosen because it is the focus of immigrants, where many activities for integration take place throughout the years. A number of associations and services that support the newly arrived migrants are situated in the area, therefore it quickly becomes a well-known place for them.

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/lefkosia/>



We continue with the **"Unconventional Map" of Milan**, which focuses on Zone 2, the neighbourhood around the Central Station that runs along the tracks to the Naviglio della Martesana, which has always been a place of exchange with a symbolic value for many of those arriving in the city for the first time.

Here newly-arrived will discover that they can find many useful places in the neighbourhood: diaspora associations, consulates, libraries and sports centers. The map gives the opportunity to all citizens to (re)discover many interesting places and corners recommended by the diaspora, migrants and children who participated in the project.

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/milano/>

Next up is our **Unconventional Map of Perugia!** The map does not only include the city centre, where the main cultural and administrative activities and centres are located, but also a wide suburban strip where important social and health services, productive and commercial activities, as well as associations dealing with migration are concentrated.

It touches on historical and cultural places such as the Gallenga Stuart palace, seat of the University for Foreigners of Perugia, which overlooks the Etruscan and medieval acropolis. But, we won't spoil it more, you'll have to explore it yourself!

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/perugia/>



The **"Unconventional Map of Lisbon"** covers the territory of the parish of Santa Clara, which has a community with a very high immigration rate, with many newly arrived immigrants.

Our unconventional maps are a key orientation tool for newly arrived migrants, as well as for local citizens. These maps have been developed as a guideline that offers the opportunity for newcomers to access information about the most relevant places that exist in their neighbourhood. The aim is to help them to settle in the new city and ease the process of feeling at home.

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/lisboa/>

# Off Campus maps

## Milan



Dynamic, open, interactive, stylish, a great mix of tradition and innovation. These are some of the words used to describe Milan by the international students involved in the NEAR project, who discovered the city during their journey at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Milan Campus . This map includes all the tips to discover Milan and the suggestions for hangouts, nightlife, shopping and places to visit. Follow the pins and find your way among the thousand opportunities that the city offers.

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/milano-cattolica/>

## Lisbon



Discover the culture, live new adventures and find unique spaces in your "new home". Through this map of Lisbon, you can find museums, parks, restaurants, language centres, health centres that are located near the Iscte-IUL.

This interactive, easy-to-read map, allows to discover services and reception points for newly-arrived students in Lisbon, just a few steps from their Academic Institute, with access to descriptions, schedules, contacts and suggestions for access to each location. Come discover the area where you are studying and make it your new home!

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/lisboa-iscte-iul/>

## Lefkosia



Our international students in Lefkosia (Nicosia) shared vivid stories about their experiences at the university and in the city. Freedom, safety, and reaching their dreams were just a few of the words they used to describe what they feel in Nicosia and especially at Kes College!

In addition to local hangouts, nightlife, shopping, and attractions, this map also offers tips on discovering the area around Kes College. Find your way around Nicosia by following the pins.

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/lefkosia-kes-college/>

## Perugia



Perugia is a pattern of alleys and ancient streets that create a sort of "travel through the story" merging flavours, colours, emotions. A creative and lively city, opened to typically Italian culture and beauty. This is the real experience of the international students of NEAR project, who in this map show us how they discover the beauty of Perugia.

- <https://unconventionalmaps.com/near/area/perugia-universita-per-stranieri/>



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