

## **Project newsletter #4**



MILEstone is a pan-European project aiming at improving public policies for the sustainable labour-market inclusion of non-EU nationals. The project is funded by the European Union through the Interreg Europe programme.

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## Join our enlarged project familiy in June in Linköping, Sweden!

The project's third thematic seminar with focus on migrant entrepreneurship takes place on June 11th and 12th, 2024, in Linköping, Sweden. The event is coordinated with a training session to prepare project partners and stakeholders to participate in peer review visits that take place across all partner regions between autumn 2024 and spring 2025. And pssst: We are also getting ready to welcoming a new partner institution in our project family (more on that in our next newsletter).

Check our website for details

The objective of HELIOS is two-fold, firstly, to increase the prospects of beneficiaries towards self-reliance and support them in becoming active members of the Greek society, and, secondly, to support the Greek authorities in establishing а sustainable integration mechanism for beneficiaries of international and temporary protection in Greece, as the Migration part of overall Management System in the country through integration courses, accommodation support, employability support, integration monitoring and raising of awareness for local customs. The project is funded by the EU and the Greek national budget In almost 5 years of its existence, 45.254 beneficiaries enrolled in the HELIOS project . Out of them, 7.499 (aged 16 years and older) received employability support, with the aim to enhance their educational and professional profiles, linking them to job and upskilling opportunities. 390 collaborations were established with employers in various sectors throughout Greece. Learn more here.

HELIOS - Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International and Temporary Protection

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Meet our partners: Ascó municipality (ES)



The rural municipality of Ascó is located in a strategic location on the Catalan Ebro river, it rises right next to the Ebro river and in the middle of a large fluvial plain enclosed by two passes or straits, the Pas de l'Ase and the Pas del Llop d'Andic. The strategic location of Ascó favored the occupation of different prehistoric peoples such as Iberians and Romans from ancient times (last quarter of the 2nd century BC second half of the 1st century BC), but it was not until the medieval and



modern era when Ascó took on a greater role, first with the Muslim occupation and later with the arrival of the Templar knights order and of the Catalan medieval Counts.

The cultural treasure symbolizes the passage and coexistence of different cultures that have left a very rich cultural and heritage legacy and that today forms part of our traditions and customs as a people. As a member of MILEstone, Ascó aims to continue its proud tradition as a culture sharing point and to enhance its ability to tailor the offer of services provided to the needs of the newcomers that are to become the future of the municipality.

## Good practices published online

All our project partners contribute to the transnational learning within the consortium with their experiences and with good practices from their home towns or countries. A first selection of good practices has already been published on our <u>project website</u> and we soon expect many more to be added.

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