

Social integration of migrants

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Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

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Keynote presentation

Adnan Abdul Ghani, Project Manager and Expert on Migrations in Save The Children, Sweden, SALAM project, on 'Integration strategy in action: empowering change through co-creation and a child-centered approach'

Interreg Europe good practices

John Hobbs, Senior Lecturer at Munster Technological University, SIRM project, about the good practice "Nasc: New Beginnings, Children & Families Project", Ireland

Tomasz Dudziński, Career Advisor, Regional Labour Office in Szczecin, MILEstone project, about the good practice "Razem możemy więcej-Together we can do more", Poland

Panel discussion

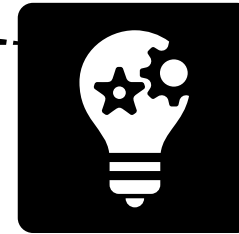
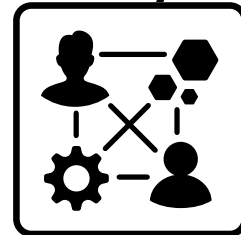
Wrap up & Conclusions



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Peer review: Labour market integration of immigrants with focus on Ukrainian refugees



Kristiansand Municipality, Norway

Peers from: Ukraine & Czechia, Netherlands, Estonia, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden

Recommendations

- **Flexible integration strategies** should use surveys to understand refugee needs, adapt governance, and collect data for tailored support.
- **Employment and entrepreneurship** support should offer job programs, language training, mentorship, financial aid, and a one-stop center for business support.
- **Language and social integration** should combine informal learning, vocational training, mental health support, community engagement, and childcare access.
- **Long-term development** should align refugee integration with economic goals, promote Kristiansand as a welcoming city, and train for high-demand jobs.

More information available [here](#)

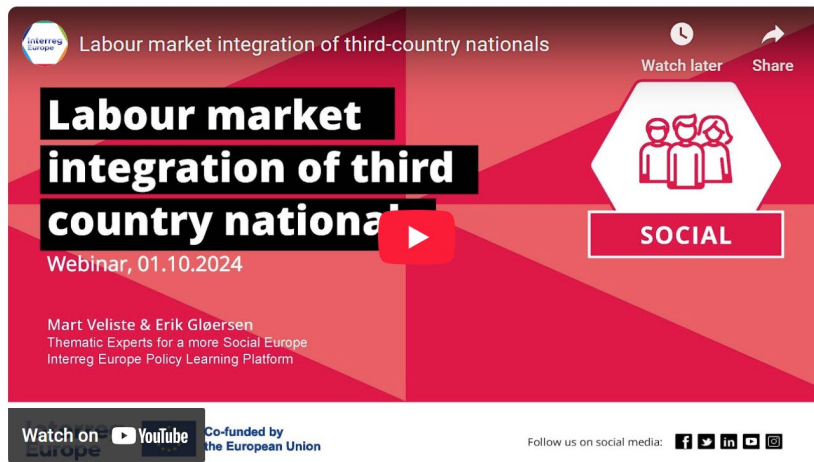


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Migration and IR-E context

- Projects working on migration: **MILEstone, SIRM, SALAM, INVOLVIM, EUM POWER, Mentors of Growth, EDIN**
- Several others working on social cohesion.
- The goal is to share good practices for mutual learning.



Social integration

- We are still in the context of the Ukraine war while the new Trump presidency and events in the Middle-East continue to impact migration patterns.
- According to the [International Centre for Migration Policy Development](#) (ICMPD), in 2025 irregular migration and asylum figures in Europe have decoupled from global trends on displacement.
- Integration happens at the very local level. **City and municipal governments** play a crucial role in providing services and engaging with diverse communities.
- Today we will explore integration through **the lens of social welfare**, addressing key challenges migrants face, such as language and cultural barriers, limited access to education, access to housing, child support services and other ways on how to assist migrants in their social integration.
- We will also discuss how **co-creation methods** can be used to empower change and to develop local integration policies.

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