



Press Release INTEGRA

DevelopING Tailored comprEhensive services for young migRAnts

The INTEGRA project (**DevelopING Tailored comprEhensive services for younG migRAnts**) was inaugurated in November 2019, spanning for 3 years, until November 2022. The project is being funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, under the Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education action.

Consortium

The consortium is comprised of 7 partners from 4 countries across the EU and South Asia, namely:

- Harokopio University of Athens (Greece)
- University of Porto (Portugal)
- RK University (India)
- SAL University (India)
- International Islamic University of Islamabad (Pakistan)
- Lahore University of Management Sciences (Pakistan)
- Symplexis (Greece)

Main aims

The INTEGRA project intends to address the poor involvement of young refugees from conflict-affected countries in India and Pakistan's higher education systems by offering a **novel approach** that would enable them to overcome the challenges they now encounter. This will be achieved through the **combination of a short-term ICT course for youth with migrant backgrounds**, based on the ICT labor market expectations in these countries, with the **establishment of four psychosocial support structures**, one in each HEI, which will offer individualised psychosocial support. By bringing young refugees closer to the Higher Education Institutes in India and Pakistan and empowering them to overcome their psychosocial struggles, INTEGRA envisages to encourage their full integration in these countries through higher education courses and/or employment in the ICT sector, which is one of the region's main economic activities.

First steps

The first phase of the project implementation will pertain to a **thorough and detailed needs analysis** research, which will result in an up-to-date knowledge basis required for designing and implementing the Capacity Building Course and for preparing and setting up the Psychosocial Support structures in the 4 HEIs. After the initial development of a **research protocol**, entailing the necessary guidelines and tools to be followed for concise research, an initial **mapping of the existing skillset**, coupled with the **current psychosocial support needs** of young migrants in India and Pakistan will follow. After that, an **outline of basic skills & competences required by the national ICT labour markets** in the partner countries will be carried out, resulting in the identification and **selection of good practices** matching the specific





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needs recognised in previous stages, to be capitalised during the design of the ICT capacity building course and psychosocial support structures.



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