

Press Release INTEGRA

DevelopING Tailored comprEhensive services for young migRAnts

INTEGRA (**DevelopING Tailored comprEhensive services for younG migRAnts**) commenced in November 2019, spanning for 3 years. The project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, under the Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education action, and its overall goal is to introduce an innovative methodology to four South Asian HEIs, which will facilitate young refugees/migrants in overcoming obstacles they might face in accessing formal education and receiving psychosocial support, while equipping them with necessary skillset to help them better integrate in their host countries.

INTEGRA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

After extensive research and work carried out by the consortium so far, the time has come for the **Capacity Building Training Programmes** to be realised! Two comprehensive, 5-day trainings, **one for ICT tutors and one for psychosocial support professionals**, have been planned in November and December 2021, targeting staff at the HEIs in India and Pakistan. The Capacity Building Programmes have been carefully designed by experts from EU partners (Harokopio University, University of Porto, Symplexis) and aim at training the involved staff in delivering the developed ICT courses to refugee and migrant students on the one hand, and in setting up and operating the newly established Psychosocial Support Centres within the universities on the other.

The trainings will be taking place online, and more specifically:

- The training for ICT tutors will take place from **November 29th to December 3rd, 2021**,
- While the Psychosocial Support training from **December 6th to 10th, 2021**.

INTEGRA CAPACITY BUILDING NATIONAL TRAININGS & PILOT IMPLEMENTATION

After the Transnational Capacity Building Programmes have been completed, it will be up to the 4 South Asian HEIs to organise their own national trainings. During them, the staff already trained by EU partners on delivering ICT courses and providing psychosocial support to young migrants and refugees will in turn impart this knowledge acquired to their peers and colleagues, in order to upskill them with the methodology and approaches developed in the INTEGRA project. The National Capacity Building Trainings are envisioned to take place from January 2022.

The INTEGRA results will reach their target audience, namely young refugees and migrants in India and Pakistan, during the pilot implementation of the delivery of the ICT course and the psychosocial support services. The piloting activities are expected to run for a year, with parallel support and mentoring from the EU partners, ultimately benefiting a vast number of young people in their host countries. The specific challenges and needs of each participant will also be identified, and personalised support and testing of all services will be available.

