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**Upgrade Project, "UP skillinG Refugees and aDult Educators ", 2018-1- EL 01- KA 204-047774,** is an Erasmus Key Action KA2 Program, financed by the European Commission. The action involves strategic partnerships between organizations and universities in the field of adult's education, targeting refugees and migrants in the EU, to help them integrate into society and into the EU labor market through education and training.

## **CONSORTIUM**

- University of Piraeus (GR)
- Enoros Consulting Ltd (CY)
- European Association of Career Guidance (CY)
- NGO Organization Earth (GR)
- High School of the Province of Liège (BE)
- UNIMED Unione Delle Universita Del Meditarraneo (IT)

This project provides an opportunity for refugees / migrants with no previous experience, benefiting from a flexible and up-to-date training experience on key issues related to EU culture, relevant job skills, soft skills, language support and EU Skills Profile Tool. Horizontal priority of the project is the development and enforcement of the multicultural capacity of the adult educators as being facilitators of learning through a methodology on the intercultural communication that will allow them to create a comprehensive, active and open learning environment with low stress to responds to the needs of migrants / refugees.

The innovation and added value of the project lies in the fact that it does not merely seek the training of adult educators and refugees/migrants. The project goes beyond the training program as it integrates the promotion of EU cultural diversity, access to OLS (Linguistic Support Tool) and the usefulness of the EU Skills Profile Tool.

For these purposes, an online educational platform **ResupportMi e- tool** has been launched which aims at refugees/migrants and adult educators or professionals working with refugees/migrants.

In the **ResupportMi e- tool,** refugees/migrants have the opportunity to gain knowledge through specialized courses in order to enable their integration in the European culture and in the labor market. In addition, the University of Piraeus issues a Certificate of Attendance! The ultimate goal is to increase their opportunities for professional development and improve their employability skills.

The courses available for refugees/migrants through the **ResupportMi e- Tool** are:

- Module 1: Diverse identities and cultures in Europe
- Module 2: Sector Skills
  - o Agriculture Sector
  - Entering the Food Service Industry
  - o Health Sector
- Module 3: Soft Skills
  - o How to succeed in your job search



- Positioning yourself in the labor
- Succeeding a job interview
- Module 4: Get to know EU Skills Profile Tool and OLS

The ResupportMi e- tool training platform is available for refugees in all partner languages (Greek, Italian, French), English and Arabic.

Training courses are offered to adult trainers and practitioners about upskilling their intercultural communication to become more efficient when training refugees and migrants in developing skills. The ResupportMi e-Tool may be used as an additional tool to teaching material and help refugees/migrants to upgrade their skills, learn about the European Culture, the diverse identities and cultures in Europe and get to know other useful EU tools that will help them to their smoother integration in EU.

Important step to log in as an adult educator in the ResupportMi e-Tool and follow Intercultural Communication Webinars that will help adult trainers and practitioners understand the importance of proper communication between different cultures, the gaps and misunderstandings that could be caused if they do not know this culture well and how this could be avoided.

Intercultural Communication Webinars:

- 1. Cross-cultural Understanding
- 2. Culture is a mental programming
- 3. Geert Hofstede Cultural Dimensions & Negotiation in a intercultural context

The ResupportMi e- tool training platform is available in all partner languages (Greek, Italian, French) and English for adult educators and practitioners working with refugees and migrants.

Adult educators and practitioners working with refugees and migrants **should not lose the opportunity to become a Certified Inter-Cultural Communication Trainer without a fee through ResupportMi e-Tool!** 

More information can be found on the program website <u>https://upgrade-erasmus.eu/</u> and on the ResupportMi e- tool training platform <u>http://eclass.upgrade-erasmus.eu/</u>