

Integration of Third-Country Nationals in the Construction sector

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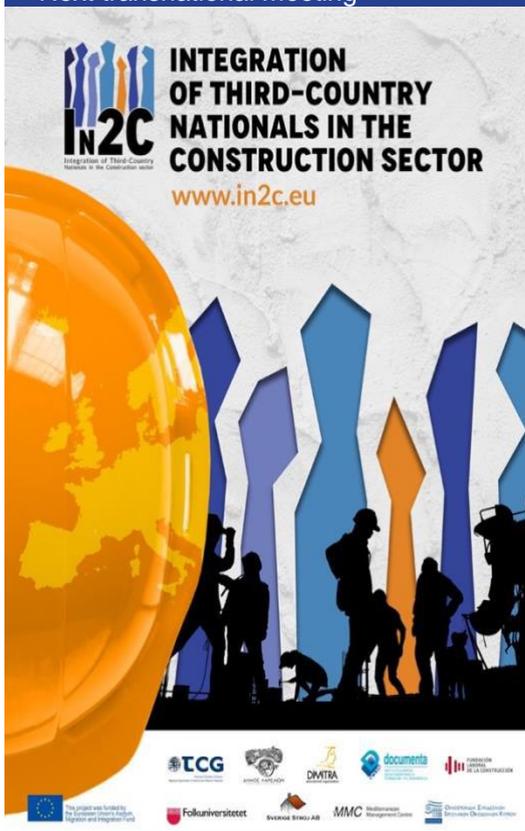
Third newsletter - Introduction

Dear readers,

This is the third newsletter of In2C, in a series that is published to keep you updated about In2C's important news from the partners, results and further steps.

This newsletter will give information about the past six month in the project (from January 2020 until June 2020). The past four months, all countries in the world have been experienced extraordinary times. Countries have been affected and suffered because of the corona virus with following public health measures to limit the spread of the pandemic.

The partner in the project have of course, also been affected, and the project of In2C. However, all partners have adapted the work and the activities to the situation and hopefully now, we start to see light again in many countries concerning the situation.





In2C in extraordinary times

All partners had to adjust their work in the new situation. During March and April, partners in Spain, Greece and Cyprus were working from home and in Sweden mostly from home. Some of the activities in the project were now difficult to start as planned in April, such as focus groups with stakeholders. However, some of the partners managed to this online, and the telework has shown to create new opportunities these days. The work has continued and the partners have been working with the outputs. Unfortunately, the new situation has led to the notification of Sverige Stroj, that have now officially left the project because of financial difficulties. FU-Uppsala will take responsibility for their current tasks.

Work package 4

Regarding WP 4, The In2C Training Package för TCN:s, the terminology glossary has already been developed in the different languages of the project, as well as the training materials on labour legislation in the sector, and Hygiene and Safety at the workplace. The terminology glossary has also been translated into four TCN languages: Arabic, Albanian, French and Russian.

In May, DIMITRA finalized the training curricula with contributions from all partners. The curriculum sets out firstly the purpose of the curriculum and then the description, learning outcomes and material of the different parts of the training package. The objective of the work package is stated in the curricula:

“To offer an integrated training package including a number of innovative learning/training materials for TCNs with basic knowledge of hosting country language that will enhance their knowledge, skills and competencies and facilitate their integration into labour market in construction sector”

In May and June, partners have conducted or they are planning for focus groups with stakeholders to evaluate the training package, according to the guidelines that has been created. For most partners, the focus groups will probably be online. The partners have also started the work of translating the curricula into the partner languages. After the focus groups, there will be an evaluation and adaptation of Training Package lead by MMC.



Work package 5, 6 & 7

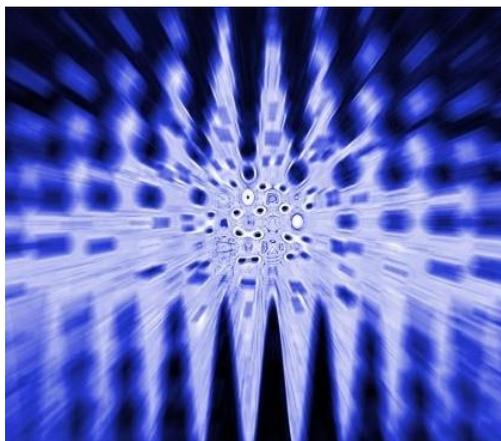
The work with the e-platform of WP 5 has started and all partners have sent contributions with resources to DIMITRA. The e-platform of WP5 will include all the training material of the project. WP 6, In2c skills online assesment tool (SOOnAT) will be based on a pool of questions related to the learning outcomes for both labour legislation and health & safety. From this pool, SOOnAT will randomly select some questions and present them to the user. Partners have proposed questions on EU labour legislation and for respective country for the purpose. For WP 7, “Mobilising employers to actively promote TCNs integration in their workforce, discussions are ongoing.



In2C Third transnational meeting

Zoom meeting, March 12th and 13th, 2020.

The third transnational meeting was supposed to take place on March 12 and 13 in Nicosia, Cyprus. However, due to the current situation, the meeting was held via Zoom with representatives from all partners. The tasks already mentioned in this newspaper were discussed and elaborated. Furthermore, the partners had two additional Skype after this meeting, to keep in track with the responsibilities.



What's next?

Currently, some public health measures are now lifted but some remain and the situation is different in the partner countries. The partners will keep on thinking creative and find solutions to continue with the good work in the project. Some face to face activities will happen online for a while but the telework trend is probably here to stay. The training package are soon to be evaluated and adapted and eventually used for the training of TCN:s. The e-platform and SOnAT will be developed and also the structure for mobilising the employers. WP 7 will be created in accordance with the DN-document in In2C (The Decentralized Network) created by DOCUMENTA, which all partners have now officially accepted.



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Next transnational meeting in Sweden

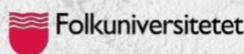
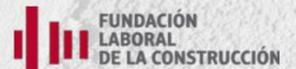
We hope and believe that next transnational meeting will happen in real life, even though Zoom has many advantages. The dates are set to 5th and 6th of October 2020 and will be in Uppsala, Sweden, with Folkuniversitetet as host.

The In2C Consortium

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