

Expected results

The expected benefits that the participants, either as beneficiaries or as providers in the action, will gain include:

- ▶ Upgrading of approaches, creation of tools and operation of structures for the integration of TCNs
- ▶ Acquisition of information and knowledge by TCNs for their functional and social integration in local society
- ▶ Strengthening the role of Local Authorities in providing integration services for TCNs
- ▶ Acceptance and understanding of the local community about the diversity of TCNs
- ▶ Creation of local networks with the cooperation of Local Authorities, NGOs and other government agencies to address the integration needs of TCNs'

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New channels for the integration of Third Country Nationals in the Local Community



**Integration Programmes for TCNs
from Local Authorities**

The integration of Third Country Nationals (TCNs) in the Cypriot society



The role of Local Authorities in supporting the integration process of Third Country Nationals in the Cypriot society is extremely important. The societies we live in have acquired a modern multicultural character. Social inclusion is an interactive, dynamic adjustment process for TCNs in the host countries, as well as of the inhabitants of the host countries, to new social, economical and cultural conditions.

This Action includes multilevel measures of social support and informational and educational activities for TCNs. It reinforces the admission and integration policies for TCNs in the Cypriot society and is funded by the European Integration Fund and national resources.

The partnership comprises of Nicosia Municipality which is the lead partner, Ayios Dhometios Municipality, Limassol Municipality, Nicosia Municipality Multifunctional Foundation and the consulting company D & G Social Lab Ltd.

Target groups

The Action is addressed to TCNs' children, adolescents, adults and parents that legally reside in Cyprus and are in need of:

- Childcare services for working parents
- Services of supportive teaching and creative activities for children
- Services of active prevention against delinquent behavior for adolescents
- Consulting services for young people and families
- Services for guidance, information and assurance of the TCNs' civil and labor rights
- Improvement of skills for easier access to the labor market
- Cultural expression and communication with the wider social environment

The services offered

The action aims at the active participation and involvement of local authorities and other local actors in the integration process of TCNs in the Cypriot society, providing opportunities for socialization and interaction with local communities and contains multi-dimensional approaches in the process of serving integration needs of TCNs.

For the proper planning of these programs, it is essential to track the needs of Third Country Nationals in their social and working environment and overview good practices of countries with long experience in this area, which also have the social structures for the reception and integration of TCNs locally.

The Action has been designed around three main axes of intervention:

- Provision of programmes for the social support of TCNs
- Provision of programmes for training and orientation for TCNs
- Organization of cultural events for sharing and exchanging cultural experiences with the local community

Each partner is responsible for implementing certain actions within each axis. In detail:

Nicosia provides:

- ▶ Social care services for children and parents with supporting teaching programmes, creative activities for children and psycho-social support programmes
- ▶ Organization of workshops for adults and children
- ▶ Information, support, mediation and representation services for TCNs for issues that concern them
- ▶ Psychological support from a special consultant on various issues
- ▶ Training in the use of computer and multimedia
- ▶ Teaching Greek for adults and English for children
- ▶ Interactive seminars/workshops on the history and culture of Cyprus
- ▶ Guidance workshops concerning housing, transport, communication, work, health and welfare
- ▶ Informing TCNs who live and work in Cyprus, about the institutions of the Republic of Cyprus and the EU, along with their rights and obligations
- ▶ Workshops of art-therapy, dance and music
- ▶ Organization of theater performances and events involving youth theater groups

Ayios Dhometios provides:

- ▶ Training in the use of computer and multimedia
- ▶ English language courses
- ▶ Counseling for young people and families
- ▶ Information, support, mediation and representation services for TCNs for various issues that concern them
- ▶ Interactive seminars/workshops on the history and culture of Cyprus
- ▶ Guidance workshops concerning housing, transport, communication, work, health and welfare
- ▶ Informing TCNs who live and work in Cyprus, about the institutions of the Republic of Cyprus and the EU, along with their rights and obligations
- ▶ Workshops of art-therapy and painting (part of the work produced will be exhibited at the Art Exhibition of the Cultural Center of Ayios Dhometios)
- ▶ Workshops on Cyprus folklore dance
- ▶ "Musical nights of Cultures" which include the organization of music and dance performances by ethnic and cultural groups living in Cyprus
- ▶ "Taste of Cultures" which include the preparation of culinary proposals of the countries of origin of the TCNs
- ▶ Informing, encouraging and promoting young people in sports academies
- ▶ Theatrical workshops for children and adults and organization of theatrical performances

Limassol provides:

- ▶ Street social work as a method of social intervention
- ▶ Advisory Services for individuals and families
- ▶ Information, support, mediation and representation services for TCNs for various issues that concern them
- ▶ Interactive activities and workshops
- ▶ Guidance workshops concerning housing, transport, communication, work, health and welfare
- ▶ Informing TCNs who live and work in Cyprus, about the institutions of the Republic of Cyprus and the EU, along with their rights and obligations