



# **The integration of third country nationals challenges and priorities from an EU perspective**

## Why acting at EU level?

- Third-country nationals across the EU continue to fare worse than EU citizens in terms of employment, education, and social inclusion
- Effective integration is key for successful migration policies
- Common challenges but different approaches: possibility to learn from each other
- Many successful and innovative practices: need to spread them across Europe

# EU cooperation on integration

- Common Basic Principles (2004)
- Monitoring of integration outcomes
- [European Website on Integration](#)



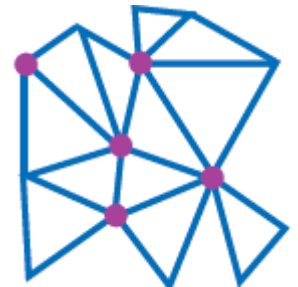


# **Action Plan for the integration of third country nationals**

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## Main features of the Action Plan

- Policy framework for integration
- 50 concrete actions to support Member States and other actors
- Cross-sectoral approach
- Target: All third-country nationals with focus on refugees
- Commitment with clear follow-up
- Focus on coordination



## Priority areas

1. Pre-departure/ pre arrival
2. Education
3. Labour market integration and access to vocational training
4. Access to basic services: health and housing
5. Active participation and social inclusion

# 1 - Pre-departure/Pre-arrival measures

PRE-DEPARTURE/  
PRE-ARRIVAL  
MEASURES



- ❑ Projects supporting pre-departure and pre-arrival measures for local communities (e.g. in the context of resettlement programmes)
- ❑ Strengthening cooperation with selected countries on pre-departure measures (e.g. Valletta process)

## 2 - Education

EDUCATION



- Online language assessment and learning for newly arrived migrants (Erasmus +)
- Promotion of inclusive education (peer learning events / support for teachers).
- Promotion of upgrading of skills of TCNs (Skills Agenda)
- Promoting removal of barriers for participation of migrant children in early childhood education and care



## 3 – Labour Market integration & access to vocational training

LABOUR MARKET  
& VOCATIONAL  
TRAINING



- Support projects for labour market integration through "fast-track" insertion and vocational training
- Support validation of skills and recognition of qualifications (NARIC Centres - Skills Agenda)
- Pilot projects to support migrant entrepreneurship
- Promotion of best practices for labour market integration

## 4 – Access to basic services



- Strengthen cooperation with EIB to fund temporary accommodation/health facilities/social housing
- Develop training modules for health professionals to upgrade capacities to deal with TCNs specific health issues
- Promote exchanges between Member States and cities on housing issues
- Support best practices in care provision for vulnerable TCNs (women, children, old persons)

## 5 – Active participation and social inclusion

ACTIVE  
PARTICIPATION &  
SOCIAL INCLUSION



- Promote intercultural dialogue, cultural diversity and European common values (Creative Europe)
- Promotion of social inclusion through youth and sport (Erasmus +)
- Promotion of participation in social and cultural life
- Promotion of actions to combat discrimination, racism and xenophobia

## EU funding

- Significant amount of funding available for integration under AMIF, ESF, ERDF, Erasmus+
- All information on funding opportunities can be found on the [European Website on Integration](#)

## Strengthened policy coordination

- Stronger dialogue with local and regional authorities and civil society
- Setting up the European Integration Network
- Partnership under the EU Urban Agenda on integration



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