

ATHENS NETWORK OF COLLABORATING EXPERTS (ANCE) is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation based in Athens, Greece. It was established in 1996 by a group of Greek experts in international development cooperation and technical assistance and today has succeeded to create an extensive network of collaborators and volunteers for the promotion of sustainable development and the support of vulnerable social groups in the European Union and the developing countries. ANCE has an extensive experience in the field of mixed migration flows implementing various programmes on refugees'/migrants' integration.

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To learn more, visit: www.aked.org.tr

BEYAZAY ASSOCIATION is a Turkish CSO, founded in 1992 and working in the field of disability by supporting disabled people. Among the organisation's most significant interventions are the education of disabled people, strengthening the social, cultural, economic, legal and professional rights and interests of the disabled people, the employability of the disabled people, combatting discrimination of disabled persons and enhancing social solidarity between disabled people and the communities they live in.

To learn more, visit: www.beyazay.org.tr

CIDIS ONLUS is a non-profit Italian organisation working to ensure social cohesion in modern plural and multi-ethnic societies. The Association has a 30-year experience in guaranteeing equality of opportunity for migrants and members of minorities, promoting cultural diversity, encouraging social change and urging civil society to oppose discrimination and social marginalization.

To learn more, visit: www.cidisonlus.org

KAMER FOUNDATION is a Turkish CSO founded by women who have recognized, questioned, and started to transform the violence in their lives and their traditional statuses. The organisation was founded in 1997 and shares its awareness with other women so that norms are challenged and roles are redefined. The organisation's goal is to identify local practices of the sexist system that harm women and children, to develop alternatives, and enable their implementation. KAMER Foundation is present in 23 provinces of Southeast and Eastern Anatolia. Support to refugee women is among the organisation's key priorities.

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Strengthening the EU-Turkey Civil Society Cooperation
for the Support of Integration of Refugees and Migrants



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Amidst the so called refugee crisis, the increasing migratory flows, the policy environment engendered with the EU Turkey joint statement and the European Agenda on Migration, there is a need to strengthen the ties of CSOs in order to develop well-coordinated strategies for the benefit of all parties involved and society at large. Aiming at fostering an EU-Turkey transnational dialogue space for civil society in the field of refugees' and migrants' integration, five CSOs from Turkey, Italy and Greece will collaborate for a 15-month project supported in the context of Civil Society Dialogue Programme.

During this 15-month project we aim to:

- intensify cooperation and networking among CSOs in Europe and in Turkey,
- enhance their capacity in promoting migrants' and refugees' integration,
- reinforce the role of CSOs in policy making and in developing solutions in the migration sector and
- increase public awareness on the rights of refugees and migrants and on the benefits of receiving migrants/refugees in host societies.

The project includes the following activities:

Activity 1 - Sharing experience and best practices events

Two four-day sharing experience events will take place in Greece and Italy with the participation of CSOs from Europe and Turkey. Networking and exchange of knowledge among participants will be prioritized and recommendations for next steps will be developed.

Activity 2 - Engaging CSOs with relevant stakeholders and local communities

Three stakeholders' engagement meetings and three raising awareness events with the engagement of local community will take place in Adana, Elazig and Diyarbakir with the aim of developing recommendations on migrants' and refugees' integration.

Activity 3 - Roadmap for the integration of refugees and migrants

The Publication entitled "Roadmap for the integration of refugees and migrants" will provide well-rounded, informed by practitioners and stakeholders, practical and viable suggestions on the topic of refugees' and migrants' integration. The Roadmap will be the result of extensive desk research, review of relevant policy and scholar work on the issue, identification of best practices and incorporation of Project's key inputs and recommendations from other activities.

Activity 4 - Launching the EU-Turkey Civil Society Network

The EU-Turkey Civil Society Network will be launched in order to strengthen cooperation among civil society actors in Europe and in Turkey. The Network will provide the necessary space for institutional dialogue, which will be regular and follow clear governance rules.

The Network will give CSOs the opportunity to share their positions and raise issues for debate, to build partnership and advocacy coalitions and enhance their knowledge capital regarding developments in the area of migrants' and refugees' integration. The Network members will be able to post and disseminate their work, organise working groups, build synergies and pool resources.

Activity 5 - Dissemination

Apart from the project's website and social media accounts, a Final one-day Conference will be organized in Istanbul. The conference will showcase the project results and lessons learnt and will invite a wide audience of civil society, academia and local and public authorities, policy experts and the media to discuss future steps on the integration of migrants and refugees. The launching of the Network will take place during the Final Conference.



The Project's target groups are:

- CSOs active in the field of migrants' and refugees' rights and integration,
- Public and Local authorities,
- Policy experts,
- Professionals in Academia and
- the Public in general.

The benefits that the project's target groups will take advantage of are:

- Facilitate the communication and dialogue among civil society actors with a view to find common ground, share knowledge and forge partnerships and allegiances.
- Enhance communication among CSOs and public and local authorities, policy experts and academics, the media and the public for the development of more effective policies and strategies.
- Raising awareness on migrants' and refugees' integration and making this issue more visible in public discussions.



"Migration is an expression of the human aspiration for dignity, safety and a better future. It is part of the social fabric, part of our very make-up as a human family"

Ban Ki-moon