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## NEWSLETTER



### What is INFORMER?

**INFORMER** is developing a suite of tools and resources to facilitate the integration of RAV (Refugee, Asylum seeker and Vulnerable migrant) women.

To achieve this, we are creating:

- A Best Practice Handbook on the Social Integration of RAV women
- A Digital Platform to be accessed by our target groups
- A Social Integration Mentoring Supporter **MOOC** (Massive Open Online Course)
- An online Community of Practice
- An Impact Assessment and Policy Recommendation Report

These outputs enable settled female migrants to support other women in their integration, as well as allowing NGOs and charities working in this field to network across Europe.

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### Project Progress

The second stage of our project has involved the technical development of the INFORMER Digital Platform, led by Greek partner **IED**. This houses the MOOC for settled female migrants to access and complete, a Matching Tool for RAV women to locate suitable mentors, a best practice repository and a secure networking space for representatives of NGOs and charities to communicate across the six partner countries (and beyond).

The next stage of INFORMER involves content development for the MOOC, led by Italian partner **FO.RI.UM**. Partners' first task is to complete research into similar existing schemes to ensure that our course is fit for purpose and prepares participants for the various responsibilities that come with mentoring.

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## Knowledge Exchange Workshops

A 'co-creation methodology' continues to be implemented by the INFORMER consortium, with partners actively engaging with NGOs and charities who work to support RAV women. We will be inviting a selection of these experts to offer feedback on the overall progress of our project at both face-to-face and virtual workshops later this year. Keep an eye out for your email invite to this final series of events!



INFORMER is a 30-month **Erasmus+ KA2 project** addressing the economic and social integration of RAV women, their capacity to interact and feel at ease in their social environment, and participate in social and political life.

**The Opportunity Centre** (UK) is coordinating this project with partners **IED** from Greece, **FO.RI.UM** from Italy, **FU-Uppsala** from Sweden, **The Square Dot team** from Belgium, and **SYNTHESIS** from Cyprus.

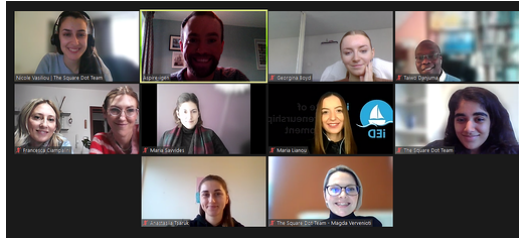
To read more about the consortium, please visit the [project website](https://informerintegration.com).

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## Transnational Meetings



Our Third Transnational Meeting took place via Zoom on 26-27 January, due to ongoing travel restrictions. During Day 1, we discussed the finalisation of our Best Practice Handbook, the technical development of our Digital Platform as well as the MOOC mentoring course that will be housed on it. Day 2 covered the continuing formation of our Community of Practice, impact assessment, and planning for the next stages of stakeholder outreach.

To read about previous meetings and events, please visit the [news](#) section of our website.

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### Recent **Facebook** articles posted:

Turkey-Greece border: Twelve migrants die in freezing conditions

Who are the women on the move? A portrait of female migrant workers

Women and migration: Exploring the data

Bangladeshi women migrants working abroad face discrimination, deprivation



## Continuing Inspiration

As mentioned in Newsletter #1 issued last year, INFORMER is inspired by a project coordinated by Swedish partner **FU-Uppsala** named **EMKIT2** (Empowerment Toolkit for Trainers for the Development of the Social and Cultural Competence and Media Literacy for Low Skilled Migrant Women).

One of the six core modules within our Social Integration Supporter MOOC, 'The Participation of Women in Social Processes', is directly related to the **Active Citizenship Scale** EMKIT2 partners devised. The remaining modules will cover the legal equality of women and men and the protection of women's rights, women's self-empowerment, empowerment within the family, basic language learning and integration in the labour market.



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