

## Background

Migrant youth organizations' involvement in supporting the integration of young migrants is important. Migrant youth organizations provide their peers with opportunities to participate in meaningful activities and support individual development processes, for example, by offering role models and in providing peer support to young migrants.

The potential of these organizations, in facilitating integration and preventing exclusion of young people with migrant background, should be better acknowledged and made use of. However, just like migrant organizations more generally, migrant youth organizations often lack opportunities and capacity to actively participate and effectively promote the integration of young migrants.

The inclusion of migrant youth organizations in existing networks at national and local levels, the provision of training, and the exchange of experiences are good means to support the development and empowerment of these organizations as integration facilitators.

## What is iYouth?

The project, Models for Integration and Prevention of Exclusion: Empowering Migrant Youth (iYouth), aims to empower migrant youth organizations to better work towards integration and prevention of exclusion of young migrants through three main activities:

1. Development of models and training materials on integration and prevention of exclusion
2. Capacity-building of migrant youth organizations
3. Awareness raising and dissemination of results

### 1. DEVELOPMENT OF MODELS

By conducting peer reviews of policies and practices in iYouth partner countries, the project will develop new models for advancing integration and preventing exclusion of migrant youth.

These models will feed into the development of a public online training platform. The materials will be available in all partner country languages and in English.

### 2. CAPACITY-BUILDING

A national workshop in each partner country will familiarize a wide range of youth organizations with the platform and its contents and establish and/or strengthen networks between youth organizations.

Pilot peer tutoring initiatives in each partner country, established and run by partner youth organizations, will put the training materials into practice and build the capacity of migrant youth organizations.

### 3. AWARENESS RAISING

National multi-stakeholder symposia in each partner country will advance information sharing on project outcomes and networking between youth organizations and relevant authorities.

A project publication and a final seminar in Brussels will serve to disseminate project results throughout the EU and raise awareness.

This multi-stakeholder project is co-funded by the European Commission and implemented in co-operation with IOM offices, migrant youth organizations and institutional partners in Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland, France and Poland.

## Project partnership

The iYouth project is managed by IOM Helsinki with support from IOM offices in Marseille, Prague, Vienna and Warsaw.

### PARTNER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

**Austria:** Interface Wien

**Czech Republic:** Association for the Opportunities of Young Migrants (META o.s.)

**Finland:** Kanava ry

**France:** Agence de développement des relations interculturelles pour la citoyenneté (ADRIC)

**Poland:** Armenian Cultural Association and Foundation Our Choice (Nash Wybór)

### INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

**Austria:** Austrian National Youth Council

**Czech Republic:** Ministry of the Interior

**Finland:** Youth Department, City of Helsinki

**France:** Ministry of Youth

**Poland:** Warsaw Municipality

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