PHOTO EXHIBITION ON INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE EU

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The Photo Exhibition presents pictures of projects related to the integration of refugees and migrants in the EU that were co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

The process of organising this exhibition took about nine months. It started with identification of relevant projects from across the EU. A selection was made and photoshoots commissioned. From the resulting photographs, a selection was taken for printing.

The result of this work you can see today. The pictures present activities related to the integration of refugees and migrants of eight projects from the following Member States: Austria; Estonia; Finland; Germany; Italy; Sweden (two projects); and United Kingdom.

The project activities shown in the photos cover a large range of approaches to the integration of migrants and refugees, working on themes including cultural heritage, social interaction, food and cooking, networking, education, training, and employment.

Overall, the shared objective of these project activities is to offer a perspective for the future.

Cover photo: Pheona assists asylum seekers finding a job
Project: GrowBiz – Location: Blairgowrie, Scotland
Author: Kelly McIntyre
AUSTRIA

‘Homeland.Sharing’

The main focus of the project is cultural initiatives to bring communities together, generate dialogue and foster intercultural exchange and tolerance. The aim is to better include immigrants in the cultural development of the Traunvierteler Alpenvorland region in Upper Austria.

The project is particularly encouraging local volunteers working in libraries, support groups or local heritage clubs to work together with migrants.

The first initiative facilitated by ‘Homeland.sharing’ was a weekly meeting of the creative group ‘Goldhaubengruppe’ in the village of Garsten. The meetings bring together local people, volunteers and migrants to work together on the creation of fashion accessories, such as handbags, shoes and jewellery for the Garstner Christmas Market.

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About photos
The pictures were taken by Daniela Weissensteiner during the weekly ‘creative workshop’ in Garsten.
ESTONIA
Learning about refugees’ daily life

The main aim of this project was to work more closely with refugees and learn more about their daily life with a focus on culinary traditions and gardening.

Two main activities were launched:

1) A national food workshop, where refugees from Ukraine, Pakistan and Egypt prepared their national cuisine in order to encourage learning about other cultures. Their dishes were sold at the regional ‘Pandivere’ Day and also at special events;

2) A gardening workshop in which, together with flower specialists, migrants plant flowers near the Refugee Centre and also take care of existing plants.

Project owner
LAG PAIK

Fund
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

Programming period
2007-2013

Measure
LEADER

Budget
€ 400

About photos
The pictures were taken by Kistina Litvjak at a food workshop held in Väike-Maarja and a Food festival in Tallinn.
The rural municipality of Punkalaidun implemented an integration project assisted and supported by the Local Action Group. It centred around the hiring of an ‘integration coordinator’ who acts as the primary point of contact for immigrants throughout their time in the area.

The integration coordinator is dedicated to helping new arrivals to solve everyday problems, to access work and public services, and to connect with local residents through sport clubs, churches and other local associations. A variety of events were organised with local stakeholders, including blueberry picking, a fishing day, playing football and a Christmas party.

An initial project has led to a continuation project in the new programing period. This project aims to spread Punkalaidun’s integration practices to the municipalities of Huittinen, Hämeenkyrö and Sastamala.

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About photos

The pictures were taken by Seppo Lahtinen presenting different types of project activities in Punkalaidun.
GERMANY

My community – make yourself at home

The core idea of this project was to provide volunteers with guidance and information through a network, so that they can learn from professionals and also each other. The project mobilised more than 1,000 volunteers in Oberallgäu and 400 in Kempten to help with inclusion activities. It developed an online platform to collect and communicate examples of services, projects and other activities working with migrants across the territory. The platform provides details on the benefits of inclusion, as well as on specific activities, job and training offers, and contact people.

With support from the LAG, the project brought together representatives of existing boards, advisory committees and local government into inclusion working groups. These groups ensured coordination of the activities, guidance and advice.

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About photos

The pictures were taken by Ralf Lienert in several places of project activities, such as Seltmans, Burgberg and Wengen.
ITALY
Lands and communities

This project aimed to prepare immigrants and local young people for entry into the rural labour market. It provided training and work placements to unemployed people in Frosinone, central Italy focused on horticultural and agricultural skills.

The project activities saw the initial training, for 100 hours, of 46 unemployed young people, of which 19 were immigrants from various African countries. Ten trainees then benefitted from a work placement in a local organisation.

One outcome of the project was the creation of a new association – ‘Rise Hub’ – working in close cooperation with the local asylum centre to provide new opportunities to young immigrants. It aims to encourage social innovation at local scale, spreading a culture of solidarity and going beyond the essential, primary reception of immigrants.

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About photos
The pictures were taken by Silvia Di Passio in several places of project activities such as Villa Latina, San Donato, Campoli Appennino, allowing to discover different realities within the territory.
SWEDEN
Bread in Bergslagen

The project used the activity of baking bread in traditional wooden ovens to create a new meeting place for locals and immigrants. Many old ovens that had not been used for decades were restored and made fully operational.

Through a shared love of baking, the local community and arrivals, new and old, came together. Intercultural exchange was facilitated by trained volunteers who found that the activity was an excellent forum for starting conversations and building connections.

Local and immigrants learned more about each other’s lives and traditions and many non-native speakers improved their language skills. The idea is spreading to other parts of Sweden.

About photos
The pictures were taken by Kristina Litvjak during one meet-up to bake bread together in Björsjö.
SWEDEN

Introduction course for immigrants in green enterprise

The project created a new seven-month training course for immigrants focused on practical skills in agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and gardening. It operated in collaboration with a local agricultural college. Each trainee receives tailored instruction building on their existing skills.

The project beneficiary continues to support trainees beyond the duration of the training course, in particular, with job applications and workplace introductions.

The main purpose of the project was to support immigrants in finding work or think about microentrepreneurship, in order to start a farm of their own. The course also allowed newcomers to learn Swedish in a practical way.

### Project owner
The Macken cooperative association of Växjö

### Fund
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

### Programming period
2007-2013

### Measure
312 - Development of Microenterprises

### Budget
€ 74 000

**About photos**
The pictures were taken by Åsa Nyhlén in 10 000 m² field called Ekobacken in Växjö.
UNITED KINGDOM

GrowBiz

The project supported a model of ongoing sustainable support activities for anyone in the community who wants to start or grow a business or social enterprise in rural Perthshire, Scotland. The initial network was based on a volunteer board of people from the community and an enterprise coordinator. As well as one-to-one expert advice and mentoring, GrowBiz developed peer-support meetings, helping individuals meet others facing similar challenges in setting up or running their own business.

The project proved particularly beneficial to women, young people, and migrants who can find themselves further from the labour market. The project even offered interpreting and translation support for migrant workers looking for guidance and support.

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The pictures were taken by Kelly McIntyre in Blairgowrie, Scotland and present several individuals personally involved in recent GrowBiz activities.
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AUSTRIA
1. Making a necklace
Project: Homeland.sharing in the Traunviertler Alpenvorland
Author: Daniela Weissensteiner
Location: Garsten, Austria

2. Embroidering handbags
Project: Homeland.sharing in the Traunviertler Alpenvorland
Author: Daniela Weissensteiner
Location: Garsten, Austria

3. Working table
Project: Homeland.sharing in the Traunviertler Alpenvorland
Author: Daniela Weissensteiner
Location: Garsten, Austria

4. After workshop
Project: Homeland.sharing in the Traunviertler Alpenvorland
Author: Daniela Weissensteiner
Location: Garsten, Austria

GERMANY
1. Homework
Project: My community – make yourself at home!
Author: Ralf Lienert
Location: Seltmans, Germany

2. Our vegetable garden
Project: My community – make yourself at home!
Author: Ralf Lienert
Location: Burgberg, Germany

3. Ukrainian acrobat & tradition
Project: My community – make yourself at home!
Author: Ralf Lienert
Location: Wengen, Germany

ESTONIA
1. Smile for me
Project: Learning about refugees’ daily life
Author: Kristina Litvjak
Location: Tallinn, Estonia

2. Afeez cooking
Project: Learning about refugees’ daily life
Author: Kristina Litvjak
Location: Tallinn, Estonia

3. It is cabbage pie!
Project: Learning about refugees’ daily life
Author: Kristina Litvjak
Location: Väike-Maarja, Estonia

4. Family from Donetsk, Ukraine
Project: Learning about refugees’ daily life
Author: Kristina Litvjak
Location: Väike-Maarja, Estonia

FINLAND
1. Studying: it is important to be punctual in Finland
Project: Migrants to Villages
Author: Seppo Lahtinen
Location: Punkalaidun, Finland

2. First day in the job
Project: Migrants to Villages
Author: Seppo Lahtinen
Location: Punkalaidun, Finland

3. in the hut
Project: Migrants to Villages
Author: Seppo Lahtinen
Location: Punkalaidun, Finland

4. The future for Tasnim is here!
Project: Immigrant Villages
Author: Seppo Lahtinen
Location: Punkalaidun, Finland

ITALY
1. Educational forest
Project: Lands and communities
Author: Silvia Di Passio
Location: Villa Latina, Italy

2. New vegetables, new recipes
Project: Lands and communities
Author: Silvia Di Passio
Location: San Donato, Italy

3. Everybody’s Land
Project: Lands and communities
Author: Silvia Di Passio
Location: Campoli Appennino, Italy

4. Production results
Project: Lands and communities
Author: Silvia Di Passio
Location: San Donato, Italy

SWEDEN I
1. Anna from Chile
Project: Introduction course for immigrants in the green enterprises
Author: Åsa Nyhlén
Location: Växjö, Sweden

2. Johannes from Eritrea
Project: Introduction course for immigrants in the green enterprises
Author: Åsa Nyhlén
Location: Växjö, Sweden

3. The couple from Syria
Project: Introduction course for immigrants in the green enterprises
Author: Åsa Nyhlén
Location: Växjö, Sweden

4. Ingemar and Rifat in front of their shop
Project: Introduction course for immigrants in the green enterprises
Author: Åsa Nyhlén
Location: Växjö, Sweden

SWEDEN II
1. Laughing together
Project: Bread in Bergslagen – Meeting-place among the baking trays
Author: Kristina Litvjak
Location: Björssjö, Sweden

2. Cooperation
Project: Bread in Bergslagen – Meeting-place among the baking trays
Author: Kristina Litvjak
Location: Björssjö, Sweden

UNITED KINGDOM
1. Blairgowrie’s berry picking industry
Project: GrowBiz
Author: Kelly McIntyre
Location: Blairgowrie, Scotland, United Kingdom

2. Darek, harvest supervisor at Euan McIntyre farm
Project: GrowBiz
Author: Kelly McIntyre
Location: Blairgowrie, Scotland, United Kingdom

3. Edyta from Poland started her business
Project: GrowBiz
Author: Kelly McIntyre
Location: Blairgowrie, Scotland, United Kingdom

4. Edie from Albania exploring ideas for a business
Project: GrowBiz
Author: Kelly McIntyre
Location: Coupar Angus, Perthshire, Scotland, United Kingdom
European Network for Rural Development

The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) is the hub that connects rural development stakeholders throughout the European Union (EU). The ENRD contributes to the effective implementation of Member States’ Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) by generating and sharing knowledge, as well as through facilitating information exchange and co-operation across rural Europe.

Each Member State has established a National Rural Network (NRN) that brings together the organisations and administrations involved in rural development. At EU level, the ENRD supports the networking of these NRNs, national administrations and European organisations.

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