

Social Welfare Division

«Access of minor asylum seekers (aged 15-18 years old) to the educational system in Europe – Meeting the challenges»

The Hellenic Red Cross implements a Programme entitled “Access of minor asylum seekers (aged 15-18 years old) to the educational system in Europe – Meeting the challenges” within the framework of **European Refugee Fund – Community Actions 2009**.

Its main objective are first to detect the current educational needs taking into consideration that the ever-increasing migration phenomenon renders imperative the adaptation of the education system to the changing realities, and secondly to provide a framework for continuous improvement in the education sector (at national and European level) in favor of minors asylum seekers, and through interrelated activities and methodological tools.

The specific objectives to be met are the following:

- Recording the current situation in terms of legislation on reception, accommodation, and education issues related to minors asylum seekers in Greece, Germany and Austria.
- Recording actions/programmes in each country proved to be “Best Practices” in the field of education for minors asylum seekers in Greece, Germany and Austria.
- Realization of interviews using structured questionnaires not only to depict minors asylum seeker’s educational profile but also to describe the problems they face as they enter the public education system of the host country.
- The collected data will be used in an organized and well controlled way so as to contact the competent authorities to inform them about specific propositions that must be supported in order to design an appropriate strategy, adopt suitable policies and implement the necessary innovations in the area of intercultural education that will take into consideration the existing conditions and needs of each country.
- Development of a methodological tool designed for assessing minor asylum seeker’s skills and competencies acquired through formal or informal education.
- Creation and reproduction of a DVD-R, which will include all of the original material, collected or generated during the course of the Programme.
- Dissemination of the gathered material at national and European level.

The national and transnational partners who will cooperate in implementing the current Programme are the following:

- ERGON KEK- Vocational Training Centre, *Greece*
- “ANTIGONE”- Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence, *Greece*
- ISIS Institute für Soziale Infrastruktur, *Germany*
- Diakonie Flüchtlingsdienst, *Austria*

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