

“PreQual Steps”

*European dimensions within the intercultural qualification
for migrant women entering the health and care sector*

Report on dissemination activities and valorisation/sustainability of the project:

Throughout the project, the following dissemination activities took place:

In order to contact all relevant stakeholders of northern Greece, Antigone made a list of all organisations, N.G.O.s and stakeholders related to the migrant community, sending them e-mails in order to invite them all participate in the national workshops. Along with this, personal meetings were held with more than 50 representatives of self-organisations or key persons that were highly involved. During these meetings, Antigone disseminated brochures and leaflets that had prepared regarding the project, targeting to the information and acquisition of participants.

Also, brochures and information material (in Greek, English and Albanian –the latter being the biggest migrant community in Greece) were distributed in meeting points of migrants and refugees, in places where they could easily be reached and collected. Posters and announcements were put on bulletin boards of places where migrants gather, go by or meet. Furthermore, there was dissemination of the information material on various seminars and meetings that concerned other subjects in various Greek cities and, in that way, Antigone was able to reach a lot of different groups.

In addition, Antigone participated in two very important events that take place every year in Thessaloniki and concern migrant people: the Food Festival organised by the International Women Organisation in Greece, an active organisation counting numerous migrant women as members and the Antiracist Festival, a major event that gathers all organisations, associations etc that deal with migration, as well as individuals. In both events, Antigone participated actively and had the chance to disseminate information material regarding the PreQual steps project.

Apart from the contacts made in Thessaloniki, emails were also sent to a big range of stakeholders in other cities, especially in Athens, in case they had any contacts of people interested in Thessaloniki where the courses would be held.

Along with this, Antigone came in contact with the local authorities (members of the Municipality Council of Thessaloniki), as well as with the Greek Manpower Employment Organisation informing about the project and trying to achieve an approval and recognition of the PreQual course certificate, as well as a subsidy granting for the participated to the course women -the latter goal was not achieved.

Throughout the whole course, all press releases and newsletters were disseminated via mail or the project’s website to all stakeholders to inform in regards to the progress of the PreQual course.

Regarding the sustainability results of the PreQual steps project:

The direct beneficiaries were the migrant women who participated and successfully concluded the PreQual training course which was based on a high level of competency and

capacity in order for the course participants to meet to the labour market's needs. Apart from this, some of the participants who were highly motivated, by the end of the course, expressed the desire and had the chance to subscribe in other training courses offered by the State regarding the acquisition of an official diploma in the Greek language or to have computer lessons in order to empower their skills (both of these courses were taught during the PreQual course).

In addition to this, these women keep bonds with Antigone as they have the opportunity to meet with an Antigone expert/counsellor who is responsible for their follow up.

Furthermore, by the time the PreQual courses concluded, Antigone came in contact with its extensive network of organisations, individuals etc, as well as with the local authorities (the Municipality Council), to inform about the successful conclusion of the project, disseminating the press release and newsletter that was conducted by the partnership regarding the course conclusion, as well as to acquaint all the above with the capacity and skills that the participants had developed during the courses, asking also to key persons to be in consideration of the PreQual participants regarding any future related job vacancies.

Judging from all comments, feedback, as well as the positive reception and acceptance that the PreQual course had, Antigone is able to affirm that it succeeded an informal approval and recognition of the training courses, something that was achieved as a consequence of the high quality that was being offered throughout the training courses.

Also, Antigone has been repeatedly asked on whether will develop a new course series by several organizations, and mostly by the course participants who have a great number of friends, as well as acquaintances interested in participating in a future similar like course. However, so far, no such thing is being anticipated but, apart from anything else, this intensive demand is also indicative to the course success that was achieved.

Finally, it should be noted that Antigone continues the dissemination of the projects results and is also distributing the PreQual steps booklet, an output of the project, by distributing it in various events and, also, by including it in the outputs (reports/dvds) of other European projects that concern the inclusion of migrant people and in which Antigone is a partner.