



To fully unleash the **potential of diaspora stakeholders as integration actors**, the NEAR project (Newly Arrived in Common Home) has developed **6 STRATEGIES** that can support the work of policymakers and civil society actors

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**Adopt a strategic definition of diaspora stakeholders** that not only includes migrant-led organisations but also looks at alternative profiles that are crucial in terms of network capillarity and reputation

### HOW

- Keep information, networking and training opportunities as open as possible
- Value the great diversity in terms of identity and rationales behind integration support among diaspora stakeholders

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**Centralise local integration services** to reduce the risk that scattered information ends up being outdated, incomplete or incorrect

### HOW

- Build the capacity of diaspora stakeholders to find, access and disseminate relevant information for their networks
- Centralise services and information by design through one-stop shops, websites and increased staff diversity

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**Value the contribution of diaspora stakeholders** as actors of integration and peers in policies and practices

### HOW

- Engage with them in an ongoing way through online and in-person opportunities
- Involve them in service/policy design, implementation and evaluation
- Professionalise them through funding, venues, employment and training

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**Transfer the right knowledge on aspects that migrants prioritise** for their independence and where major information gaps exist

### HOW

- Focus not only on work, housing, health and education but also on key skills such as self-esteem and confidence
- Build trust among diaspora stakeholders through transparent and ongoing consultation

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**Enhance social capital** through networking to help diaspora stakeholders create a safety net for newly arrived migrants entering local communities

### HOW

- Connect diaspora stakeholders with the institutions active on the territory
- Enhance social capital to ensure that services are thoroughly delivered to all or specific groups of migrants

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**Use innovative tools to promote formal and unconventional local services and actors** that can help newly arrived migrants build their life upon arrival

### HOW

- Co-create maps with diaspora stakeholders to promote key services while connecting the dots between different local actors and initiatives
- Develop unconventional maps offering information & personal hints on the most relevant places to orient newly arrived migrants and inform other local citizens