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## INTRODUCTION



CARDET has designed a newsletter (NL) template in English containing updates and news on the first six months of the project's activities. This template has been used as a model by each partner when creating their own newsletter. These 5 newsletters have been disseminated via each partners' mailing list.

## THE NEAR NEWSLETTER 4

### Content

- NEAR project aims to foster integration of newly-arrived migrants (adults and children) by helping them in settling into the host country. It also aims to support a process of mutual trust, knowledge exchange and intercultural exchange between migrants and local communities, thus creating a sense of belonging under a «new common home»
- BENEFICIARIES: Newly arrived migrants (adults, minors and university students), diaspora members, diaspora organizations, volunteering organizations, local communities and authorities, local citizens, European and national organizations

### How to enable diaspora stakeholders in the development and provision of local integration services

In response to the large-scale refugee arrivals in 2015 and 2016, a flurry of initiatives has been launched at the local level—partly intensifying and upscaling already existing practices, partly leading to various innovations in terms of new tools and approaches. Networking and peer exchange initiatives have sought to foster connections between different actors working in policy and service areas relevant for migrant integration while also supporting transnational learning and transfer of practices.

The response to the arrival of new migrants has also drawn in a wide range of new actors with possibly lasting impact, including a new generation of refugee and migrant leaders acting within and beyond their diaspora community. While the added value of these actors in ensuring the quick and effective deployment of integration services has become clear to local stakeholders, the degree of their involvement varied considerably across cities and posed different sets of challenges.

In February 2023 NEAR will organise a workshop aimed at European and local stakeholders to present its results and reflect on how diaspora stakeholders can be involved at local level in developing, implementing and evaluating integration services for newly arrived migrants.

The event will be a valuable opportunity for networking, peer-learning and coordination between cities, practitioners, civil society organisations and diaspora stakeholders at local and European level

## Building the capacity of diaspora stakeholders

Diaspora stakeholders, when provided with the correct support and tools can facilitate integration for newly arrived migrants. During the NEAR project, the team worked alongside community agents and diaspora stakeholders at a local level in Milan, Perugia, Nicosia and Lisbon. Our latest reports highlight the distinctive traits and lessons learnt from our work with community agents for the integration of newly arrived migrants.

NEAR partners developed and implemented a number of activities directly addressed to diaspora members in the four target cities. The practice developed was eventually modelled into a number of tools under the NEAR National Stakeholder Reports, a set of publications taking stock of a year-long outreach, training and engagement of diaspora stakeholders. In doing so, they aim to facilitate the transfer of experiences, tools, knowledge and practices for organizations, practitioners and other interested groups to build the capacity of and empower diaspora communities as actors in the integration of newly arrived migrants at local level.

In this newsletter you will discover more about everything we learned throughout this period of carrying out all our activities and working closely with diaspora members and communities.

In Milan, the neighborhood around the Central Station became the place where new ideas, meetings and relationships came to life! This neighborhood at the Central Station has always been a place of exchange, symbolic for many of those who arrive in Milan for the first time. An interesting district, with a lot to discover, where through a series of activities in which we will involve citizens and newcomers, we aim to rewrite the narrative linked to the Central Station.

Read more:

<https://nearproject.eu/images/deliverables/reports/NSR%20ISMU%20EN.pdf>



Bairro das Galinheiras was the space where words such as integration, full citizenship, sharing, inclusion, equality and equity took place. NEAR is the project through which AIDGLOBAL contributed to accomplish that. Newly arrived immigrants are living there, is from Portuguese-speaking African Countries (PALOP). Through the activities carried out, helped in the integration process to find themselves and feel it as their own.

Read more:

<https://nearproject.eu/images/deliverables/reports/NSR%20AIDGLOBAL%20EN.pdf>



The city of Perugia is a medium-small city. In this outer urban Laine which was our main field for the development of all the activities developed by NEAR.

The decision to embrace the entire territory in which the city extends and continues to develop, constituted a privileged observatory and a field for experimenting with the change of vision and narration of the relationship between the citizens of Perugia with the people who have recently arrived in the city.

Read more:

<https://nearproject.eu/images/deliverables/reports/NSR%20TAMAT%20EN.pdf>







The neighborhood of old Nicosia has turned into the place where the last 2 years developed ideas, events and relationships! This neighbourhood was chosen because it is the center of immigrants where many integration activities take place. There are also organizations and services that support newly arrived immigrants in the place where all immigrants gather and find their future home.

Read more:

<https://nearproject.eu/images/deliverables/reports/NSR%20CARDET%20EN.pdf>

NEAR Documentary!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OkqIAo5RII>



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## ANNEX

## Building the capacity of diaspora stakeholders

Diaspora stakeholders, when provided with the clearest support and tools can facilitate integration for newly-arrived migrants. During the HORIZON project, the team worked alongside various groups and diaspora members at a local level in Milan, Bergamo, Monza and Lecco. Our latest report explores highlight the distinctive traits and lessons learned from our work with community agencies for the integration of newcomers.

HORIZON partners developed and implemented a number of activities directly aimed to diaspora members in the four target cities. The practice developed was eventually moulded into a number of practical outreach, training and engagement of diaspora stakeholders. In doing so, they aim to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and skills among diaspora practices, for organisations, communities as actors in the integration of newly-arrived migrants at local level.

In this newsletter you will discover more about everything we learned throughout this period of carrying out all our activities and working closely with diaspora members and communities.

In Milan, the neighbourhood around the Central Station became the place where new ideas, meetings and relationships came to life. This neighbourhood at the heart of the city has become a place of exchange, symbolic for many of those who arrive in Milan over the fixed time.

An interesting district, with a lot to discover, where through a series of activities it was possible to establish connections between newcomers, we aim to rewrite the narrative linked to the Central Station.

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<https://migration.ec.europa.eu/images/files/casestudies/reports/HORIZON%20EN%20MIL.pdf>

Rivero das Galloinhas was the space where winds such as integration, fair coexistence, sharing inclusion equality and equity took place. HORIZON is the project through which ALCOBAC contributed to accomplish that. Newly-arrived immigrants living there come from Portuguese-speaking African Countries (PALOP). Through the activities described in this integration package we facilitated to find themselves and feel the city as their own home.

[Read More:](#)

<https://migration.ec.europa.eu/images/files/casestudies/reports/HORIZON%20DGR.pdf>

The city of Perugia is a medium-sized city. In this context while Italy -which was our main field for the development of all the activities designed by the project-

The decision to enhance the entire territory in which the city is located was a strategic choice, allowing us to participate observatory and a field for research concerning the social, political vision of migration and its impact on the territory. The results of the study carried out in the recently arrived in the area have been shared with the city authorities and the integration package was subsequently gained and find their future home.

[Read More:](#)

<https://migration.ec.europa.eu/images/files/casestudies/reports/HORIZON%20MONZA.pdf>

NEAR Documentary!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80kqIAo5R1I>



The collage consists of nine screenshots from a video. The central screenshot shows the NEAR logo with the text 'NEAR' in large letters and 'NATIVE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH' below it. Surrounding this are eight other screenshots: top left shows a group of people in a park; top right shows a person jumping over a hurdle; middle left shows a person holding a smartphone; middle right shows a person in a yellow shirt; bottom left shows a person waving; bottom center shows a large group of people in a field; bottom right shows a person in a blue shirt; and bottom middle shows a person in a green shirt.

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