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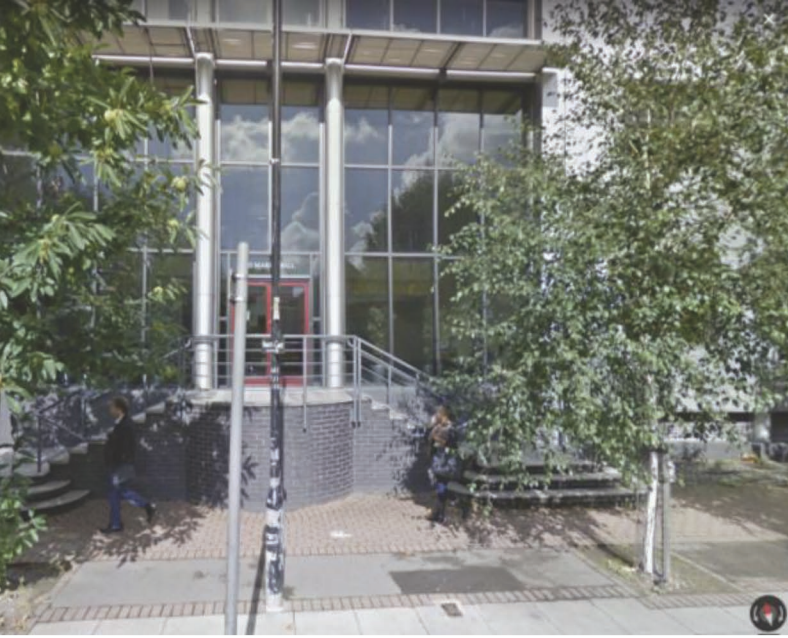


## REFUGEES' ENHANCEMENT THROUGH VET FOR AN INCLUSIVE EUROPE

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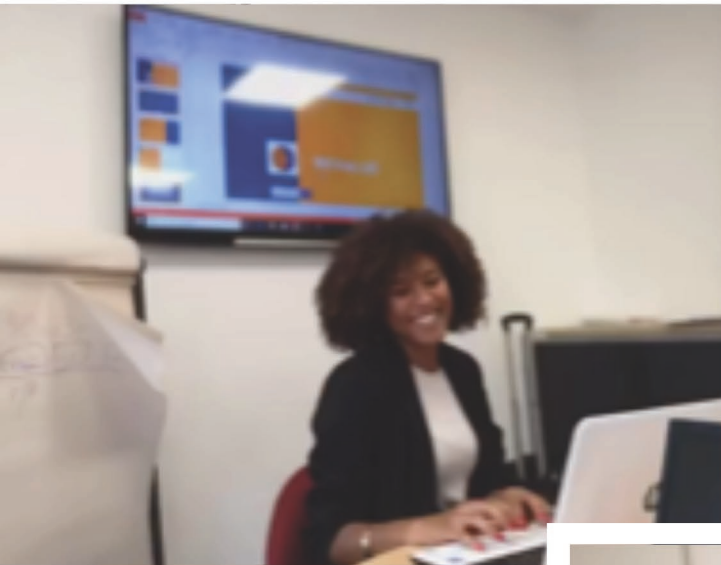
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# A LOOK BACK AT OUR PARTNER MEETING IN LONDON

**3RD TRANSNATIONAL MEETING  
ON 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN  
LONDON**

Our REVaLUE partnership meeting in London was both hard work and an opportunity to share good conversation. A big thank to our hosts Rinova Ltd for their hard work and planning and hospitality that helped to make our meeting a great success





**IN LONDON, OUR HOST RINOVA LTD GREETED US WITH A WARM WELCOME IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY. WE HAD A TWO-DAY MEETING WITH A PACKED AGENDA. THE KEY TASKS FOR OUR MEETING ARE SET OUT IN THE ILLUSTRATION BELOW:**

## INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

<b>IO 2</b> Report "Who migrates to Europe? Educational and professional profiles of refugees in EU countries"	• Country report grid: an overview
<b>IO 3</b> Migrant Service Provider Curriculum Handbook	• Presentation of the current status of the design and development of the course material
<b>IO 4</b> Social Enterprise Manager Curriculum Handbook	• Presentation of the current status of the design and development of the course material
<b>IO 5</b> Mobility Welcome Service Management Toolkit	• Group discussion on the selection criteria of participants
<b>IO 6</b> Guidelines for the Implementation and Assessment of Work-Based Labs	• Overview on next tasks and setting of the deadlines

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT

<b>Dissemination</b>	• Homepage, Facebook • press releases • Multiplier events
<b>Quality management</b>	• Check of achievement of quality indicators • Planning of medium/long term evaluations
<b>Financial and administrative management</b>	• Project Final Report
<b>Evaluation</b>	• Recapitulation • Next steps



## INSIGHT INTO THE PRACTICAL WORK OF THE PROJECT

### EXPERIENCES OF THE PROJECT PARTNER ASHLEY COMMUNITY HOUSING IN TRAINING REFUGEES TO BECOME BUS DRIVERS

ACH is using REVALUE as a foundation for several other innovative projects seeking to support refugees into sustainable, well-paid employment. One such project is working to support refugees to become bus drivers. First West of England has teamed up with Bristol-based ACH to help refugees in the city find work and build new careers.

ACH is a leading UK provider of resettlement services for refugees and has launched a new scheme with First to give local refugees the opportunity to become bus drivers through a special training programme.

The two-week course, which is funded by First, will see a group of 12 candidates complete employment masterclasses with ACH, which cover a range of customer service skills, before getting behind the wheel at the First Bus training depot. First has guaranteed interviews for all 12 participants and successful candidates will then go on to complete the formal six-week training to become bus drivers in the region and operate both single and double decker buses across all service routes.

Julia Palmer, Career Advice & Employment Manager at ACH, said: "Working in partnership with employers is paramount for helping skilled individuals get started in not just a job, but a career."

ACH are already working with Starbucks to provide vocational training for refugees and have helped over 1500 learners gain new skills across Bristol and the West Midlands in the last academic year.

James Freeman, Managing Director of First West of England, added: "Through our partnership with ACH, we hope to provide refugees and vulnerable members of the community with a life-changing opportunity to develop real workplace skills and build a new life in the city.

ACH is proud to report that 9 out of 11 learners have secured full time bus driver jobs with First West of England following our training programme - decent salaries, not just entry level jobs!





## **INSIGHT INTO THE WORK OF OUR PROJECT LEAD ERIFO IN ROME**

Over the course of the last year, ERIFO pledged itself to the definition of a general strategy to spread knowledge over the most interesting achievements of REVALUE. These achievements could be divided between intellectual outputs, as the RESTART toolkit, or in terms of fundamental information concerning the way to allow the labour inclusion of refugees.

In order to diffuse knowledge of REVALUE as much as possible, ERIFO activated its network through a series of activities carried out with regular timing over the course of the past years: for instance, it provided interesting information during the various APERIJOB, meetings periodically held at the ERIFO headquarters with a number of participants interested in knowing more about the organization's national and international activities.

Moreover, a series of dissemination events were organized in the second half of 2018 to provide to a number of interested stakeholders useful information concerning the mechanisms of labour-market inclusion and the differences between the various international contexts. The first one was organised in September 2018. This was the opportunity to explain to a general public the aim of the REVALUE project, its partnership, and the goals to be achieved.

The meeting was organised as a frontal lesson, aimed to introduce a general public to the REVALUE project

Another session of presentation of the project was held in November 14th 2018.

This meeting was attended by interested stakeholders, coming from different backgrounds, which were interested in the REVALUE project results. This session was more interactive, and participant were positively engaged, considering that they have posed several questions. These two meeting were attended by more than 50 people.



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# Jövőkerék

## INSIGHTS INTO THE WORK OF OUR PROJECT PARTNER JÖVŐKERÉK IN HUNGARY

Hungarian government communication in recent years, together with public discourse, has been determined primarily by the issue of migration. In 2018, only a few thousand asylum seekers received state protection. One of the reasons for this was the tightening of the asylum system according to international standards, and the other was that Hungary was never the destination country for refugees.

The proportion of immigrants is only 2% of the total population, and they are predominantly Hungarian citizens from neighbouring countries. It is estimated that there are no more than 5,000 refugees in the country. Nevertheless, almost 500 million euros were spent last year to combat "mass immigration" in order to provide no incentive to come to Hungary. In addition, much money has been spent on state anti-refugee campaigns to highlight the dangers of receiving refugees and why one should be afraid of them.

In these difficult circumstances, Jövőkerék is pursuing the goal of our REVaLUE project to integrate people into the labour market, value their skills and train them as social entrepreneurs to help other refugees and migrants.

The overall objective of Jövőkerék is to promote and support the development and use of autonomous initiatives and programmes for local communities, civil organisations and citizens, which are indispensable for the strengthening and enforcement of European values following Hungary's accession to the European Union. The Foundation intends to support the civil partners in maturing and implementing their various ideas for concrete development projects. It would like to highlight the methods and tools of common understanding, thinking and interaction, as well as open communication and information exchange.





## INSIGHTS INTO THE WORK OF OUR PROJECT PARTNER IRIV CONSEIL IN FRANCE

The last act concerning Migration and Asylum in France was definitively adopted last September 2018 (reference is made to the loi n° 2018-778 du 10 septembre 2018 « pour une immigration maîtrisée, un droit d'asile effectif et une intégration réussie », published in the Official Journal Journal officiel de la République française du 11 septembre 2018). Its detailed name is « For a mastered immigration, an efficient asylum right for a successful integration » (« Pour une immigration maîtrisée, un droit d'asile effectif et une intégration réussie »). It has been discussed since January 2018 with a first text submitted by the Government-prepared by former Minister for Internal Affairs (M; Gerard Collomb) to the Parliament.

Many associations and NGOs involved in support to migrants have organized work force in order to suggest some proposals to the members of Parliament (such as the GISTI an association aiming at defending migrants' rights). A parity commission (composed of members of Parliament representing different political opinions) was created but due to high disagreements on the text was unsuccessful in July 2018. Nevertheless, after the adoption of the law in August, some members of Parliament and associations have decided to submit the law to the Conseil constitutionnel (a public body meant to check whether the law respected the Constitution and the main French legal principals). It confirmed in September that the law respected the French law, including the "highest one" (the Constitution).

The main changes in the law are the following. There some new rights such as the increase up to 4 years for the authorization to stay for foreigners without the status of refugee but benefiting by a "subsidiary protection" from the OFRA (the public body responsible for refugees and asylum seekers). Family gathering for minors with the status of refugee s extended to the brothers and sisters. The principle of solidarity is reminded especially after the decision of the Conseil constitutionnel but for undocumented migrants. Mainly the law mainly aims at providing means to the administration to reduce the administrative process for asylum and to facilitate deportation of migrants who are denied the status- the duration is reduced from 90 to 45 days (for the retention).

A series of measures denounced by associations remain: the judge for freedom is delayed, the increasing use of video-interview, a more demanding process for the migration for health reasons. The right to be considered as French for children born in Mayotte is also limited in order to limit immigration from the Comores.

Sources: Nathalie Birchem, La Croix,

<https://www.la-croix.com/France/Politique/loi-immigration-votee-definitivement-reste-tournee-vers-fermete-2018-08-01-1200959060>

& GISTI, an association defending the rights of migrants

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# WHAT'S NEXT?

## MULTIPLIER EVENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

Two Multiplier Events will be hosted. The events will be duplicated in all partner countries. That includes: France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary and Italy. In this way, participants to the event can fully comprehend the European dimension of the project.

### The 1st Multiplier Event

presents the project as a whole and raises awareness around the issue. Furthermore, the Event informs about the VET courses: "Migrant Service Provider" and "Social Enterprise Manager".

Background to the courses/ Why were these topics selected?

As migrant service providers are increasingly seen as an emerging profession within the VET sector, the need to develop an official training programme and at the same time describe a common job description across the EU, as well as the definition of a recognised professional role entitled "migrant service provider", is becoming increasingly important.

Studies show that migrants are more inclined to engage in entrepreneurial activities than native-born people. One of the reasons is lack of other employment opportunities. Indeed, migrants face various barriers such as language, lack of foreign credentials recognition, little or inexistent contacts in the domestic market and discrimination (Oecd). As a result, they resort to entrepreneurial activities and self-employment.

For the entrepreneurial experience to be successful, refugees' need to acquire specific skills and knowledge. Therefore the Project REVaLUE designs a training course focused on these specific skills and with a specific focus on social entrepreneurship with the aim of creating effective "Social Enterprise Managers".

The final output of these courses will be a Curriculum Handbook, containing a Course Plan and the Didactic Manual. These materials will be published at the end of the project and made available for free use.

### The 2nd other Multiplier Event

will disseminate the results of the Report "Who migrates to Europe? Educational and professional profiles of refugees in Europe". Based on the experience of qualification assessment, the project will produce this report on the average level of education and professionalisation of refugees coming to Europe to seek humanitarian protection. The report will include an overview of the situation in Europe and case studies of the countries where the assessment was carried out. The aim is to provide a picture of who is migrating to Europe under the current refugee country and to provide policy makers with useful information for designing labour integration policies that better respond to the real conditions and needs of refugees. The report may also be useful for schools, universities, vocational training providers and migrant associations to take more effective action.

For whom will it be interesting?

Migrant associations, VET providers, social enterprises representatives, adult education providers, and representatives of public institutions, all other stakeholders and interested persons and institutions.



# REVALUE IN PRACTICE

## THE TRAINING COURSES WILL BE PILOTED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

REVaLUE seeks to promote the labour inclusion of refugees, subsidiary protection holders and asylum seekers. Therefore it will design, develop and validate two VET courses that will be specifically designed to respond to refugees' needs, by providing, along with vocational skills, also basic, key and transversal skills.

One course will be directed to "Migrant Services Provider" and the other to "Social Enterprise Manager".

The two courses will be implemented in Italy, France, UK and Hungary with the participation of minimum 8/10 migrants in each country. Each course will have a duration of 2 months consisting in 32/40 hours of face-to-face classrooms (8 hours for each module) and 40/50 hours of individual study



# TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING IN PARIS

**THURSDAY 27TH & FRIDAY 28TH OF JUNE 2019 AT THE CITÉ DES MÉTIERS**

So far, 3 transnational meetings have taken place in the project, which were hosted by the project partners: In Rome. Budapest and London. In these meetings the partners coordinate their work progress.

The 4th and last transnational meeting will take place in Paris at our partners iriv and FISPE. Its aim is to assess the outcome of the final products and plan the measures that will ensure project's sustainability after its conclusion.





# INFORMATION

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# THE PROJECT PARTNERS



## ERIFO (ITALY)

ERIFO is a research center within the National Research Register of the Italian Minister of Education, University and Research. They are an experienced agency of Project Management specialised in EU projects and work as VET provider, regional promoter for VET business partnerships, training provider, regional agency for job brokerage and for the assistance to business creation and self-employment, they provide career guidance. Furthermore, ERIFO is the Project Lead at REValUE.

## PROGRAMMA INTEGRA (ITALY)

Programma integra is an integrated social cooperative founded in 2005 and dealing with innovative projects for social inclusion of migrants and refugees. Its activity relates to encourage paths of sustainable and durable autonomy and contribute to the welfare and development of the Community.



## IRIV CONSEIL (FRANCE)

The Institute of Research and Information on Volunteering (iriv) is a free private institution, non profit, independent of public administrations and economic interests, with the aim to enrich the public debate and inform on volunteering issues.

## FISPE (FRANCE)

The Association "Français pour l'Insertion Sociale et Professionnelle en Europe" is a private, non - partisan, non - profit organisation, Independent of administrations and economic interests. Its purpose is to contribute to the social and professional integration of migrants from Europe and moreover by an introduction to the French language in a holistic approach.



## RINOVA (UK)

RINOVA is a training, development and management services company, that supports their partners to design, deliver and improve the services that they offer in the areas where RINOVA have worked for over 30 years, namely: Employment, Skills and Learning, Arts & Culture, Social Action and Enterprise

## ASHLEY COMMUNITY HOUSING (UK)

Ashley community Housing provide safe, secure and comfortable housing combined with culturally sensitive support and employability skills training. Their unique approach focuses on building individuals resilience in the labour market, up skilling and supporting them into sustainable, higher level employment in order to develop their independence and ease their integration into UK life.



## JÖVŐKERÉK (HUNGARY)

JÖVŐKERÉK KÖZHASZNÚ ALAPÍTVÁNY (Wheel of Future Public Utility Foundation ) was established in 2005, after the EU accession. The main objectives of Jövőkerék are: Decrease cultural and economic polarization in society; Support underprivileged groups, especially migrants and roma people and environmental issues.

## GSUB MBH (GERMANY)

Gsub mbH was founded in 1991 with the purpose of implementing labour market policies in reunified Berlin and has evolved over the following years into a service provider in the public sector. Gsub mbH is now active in the following fields of employment and labour market policy, education policy, economic policy, children and youth policy, integration policy and inclusion and participation policy.

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