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ARRIVAL REGIONS KICK-OFF MEETING AND PROJECT LAUNCH

The Arrival Regions Kick-off meeting sets the stage for *exploring social innovation approaches for the social and economic integration of non-EU nationals* within three years of transnational cooperation in Central Europe Area.

23 participants from 13 partner institutions took part in the kick-off meeting of the project Arrival Regions. This meeting was organized by the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (lead partner) and the District of Burgenland and took place on 9th and 10th of May 2019 in Leipzig and Naumburg, Germany. The kick-off gave an official launch to the project and initiated activities in several working packages.

The partners introduced activities that will take place in six countries (Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic and Poland), and defined the earliest actions to be realized in the next six months; during the meeting the members had the opportunity to review the work plan, the main objectives, the key activities and the outputs to be reached within the project.

Arrival Regions project is supported by European Regional Development Fund and has been approved in the third call of the Interreg Central Europe programme receiving 1.811.189,85 € ERDF funding.

Short Description

For rural areas of Central Europe, unprecedented recent levels of migration pose a long-term challenge. At the same time, it can also be an opportunity, if the integration of arriving migrants succeeds. Many rural areas in Central Europe are facing shrinkage and aging of the population as consequence of demographic change. A big number of talented young people left rural areas seeking for a better job, higher incomes and career opportunities in larger cities or abroad. Along with demographic change rural regions of Central Europe are dealing a number of additional challenges, as i.e. the need to reorganise services of general interest in shrinking municipalities and constant shortage of skilled and creative labour force in non-metropolitan regions.

ARRIVAL REGIONS promotes social innovation approaches to make integration in rural areas a success story. This is going to be achieved by enhancing skills and knowledge among stakeholders in the labour market on the one hand, and support of societal integration of non-EU nationals on the other.



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