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Organizations providing social and health services: field of intercultural counseling for tackling stereotypes and prejudices

With a view to strength legally residing third country nationals, OLYMPIC TRAINING AND CONSULTING Ltd. (coordinator) and the HELLENIC OPEN UNIVERSITY-HOU (partner) are implementing the project entitled 1.2.a / 13 "Promoting Intercultural Mediation in organizations providing social services to vulnerable groups of migrants, and in units for drug treatment in the country " of the European Integration Fund.

Intervention areas constitute the seven (7) Greek regions with the highest population concentration of immigrants, namely the regions of Attica, Central Macedonia, Central Greece, Peloponnese, Crete, Thessaly and Western Greece.

Surveys have shown that foreigners rarely use health services in hospitals and health centers (31% vs. 45% of the indigenous population).

As a result, special intercultural counseling is needed to fight against stereotypes and prejudice.

To meet this need, health and social care providers would form the basis for the 1.2.a/2013 project, while selected intercultural mediators provide mediation services in person, by phone and online. Recording of mediation cases contributes to highlight good practices and to draw conclusions on possible future improvements of the service.

In order to achieve maximum synergies, the project will be included to the Registry of Intercultural Mediators and transnational online platform SONETOR.

This interface will be enriched and is a dynamic, open process of cooperation with relevant institutions, NGOs and associations, including associations of immigrant communities and Councils for Migrants' Integration.

The project is implemented under Action 1.2 / 2013: "Raising awareness of the host society on issues concerning the integration of immigrants - empowerment of legal residents third countries nationals", Priority 1 of the European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals in Greece "Implementation of Action for Application of the Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy in the European Union".



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