

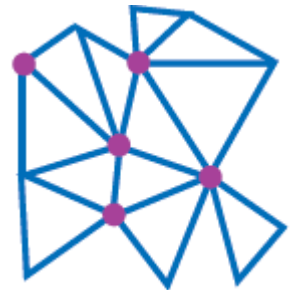


Action Plan on the Integration of Third-Country Nationals

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Main features of the Action Plan

- **General policy framework for integration**
- **Support Member States' efforts with concrete tools**
- **Encompassing several policies and areas**
- **All third-country nationals (special focus on refugees)**





Five priority areas

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- 1. Pre-departure/ pre-arrival**
- 2. Education**
- 3. Labour market integration and access to vocational training**
- 4. Access to basic services**
- 5. Active participation and social inclusion**

1 - Pre-departure/Pre-arrival measures



- Projects supporting pre-departure and pre-arrival measures for local communities (e.g. private sponsorship for resettlement)
- Strengthening cooperation with selected third countries on pre-departure measures

2 - Education



- Online language assessment for newly arrived migrants (Erasmus +)
- Promotion of inclusive education (peer learning events / school education gateway)
- Promotion of upgrading of skills of TCNs (Skills Agenda)
- Promoting removal of barriers for participation of migrant children in early childhood education

3 – Labour Market integration & vocational training



- Support projects for labour market integration through "fast-track" insertion and vocational training
- Support validation of skills and recognition of qualifications (Skills Agenda)
- Pilot projects to support migrant entrepreneurship
- Promotion of best practices for labour market integration

4 – Access to basic services



- Strengthen cooperation with EIB to fund temporary accommodation/ health facilities/social housing
- Develop training modules for health professionals to upgrade capacities to deal with TCNs-specific health issues
- Promote exchanges between Member States and cities on housing issues
- Support best practices in care provision for vulnerable TCNs (women, children, old persons)

5 – Active participation and social inclusion



- Promote intercultural dialogue, cultural diversity and European common values
- Promotion of social inclusion through youth and sport (Erasmus +)
- Promotion of participation in social and cultural life
- Promotion of actions to combat discrimination, racism and xenophobia



Guidance to Member States included in 5 priority areas

- Non-binding recommendations
- Encourage Member States to take action on certain key aspects (e.g. validation/recognition of skills; ensure an integrated approach on access to services)
- Encourage Member States to make use of the tools of the Action Plan (e.g. funding, tools under the Skills Agenda)



Tools to support integration

□ Strengthen policy coordination

- Involve all stakeholders
- Setting up the European Integration Network
- Optimal use of existing tools, mechanisms and networks (e.g. European Semester, EU Work Plan for Youth 2016-2018, PES)
- Partnership for EU Urban Agenda on Integration



Tools to support integration

□ Strategic use of EU funding for integration

- Use EU funds to maximise support to MS for integration (AMIF and beyond)
- Use partnership mechanisms to involve all stakeholders, particularly local/regional
- Increase EU funding for integration



Next steps

- Continue mainstreaming integration across all relevant policies (UE and MS levels)
- Keep monitoring of integration indicators (OECD studies; European Semester)
- Update and strengthening of MS policies on integration
- Better use of EU funding (synergies)
- Regular review of the implementation of the Action Plan by the Commission