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MIICT final conference

Join us on the **26th of January 2022**, when we present our final project outputs!

The conference unites consortium members and external experts working in the field of migration, integration and digitalisation to present the challenges and solutions in relation to the co-creation of ICT solutions which aid the integration of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

Key note speakers include **Miguel Almario** (International Organisation for Migration), **Prof. Babak Akhgar** (CENTRIC) and **Hinano Spreafico** (European Commission).

The panels will focus on **co-creation**, evidence-based research and **field work** in Spain, Cyprus and Italy, **technological solutions** and their sustainability.

For more information consult our project website. Register here!

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Innovation Award

The MIICT consortium member **FUNDEA** received the Award "Andalusia for Migration" by the local government of Andalucía in the category "Social Awareness and/or Interculturality on the Internet" for the IMMERSE Platform.

The platform received the prestigious award due to its objective to promote the integration of migrants through information, dialogue and the use of technology.

Read more about the story in this article in Spanish.

Strategy for sustainability

In the final months of the project the consortium worked on a **general plan for sustainability and uptake** of the IMMERSE platform, as well as on **individual exploitation plans** for each of the partners of the consortium. Seven exploitable assets have been identified, which will be used, promoted and developed further after the end of the MIICT project: research outcomes; ethics framework; policies and practices; technical concepts, design and piloting; the IMMERSE platform; networks and partnerships; and manuals and guides. Each of the items has its own relevance to the technical partners, research partners and service providers represented in the MIICT project team.

Partners are currently working on a strategy to bring the IMMERSE solution to the market. **Two strategies** have been identified as promising: offering IMMERSE as a complete **software package** to service providers (such as NGOs and public administrations), or providing the IMMERSE platform in the form of a **software as a service**, which can be licenced by service providers but will be maintained by the technical partners of the MIICT project. If you wish to join in on the discussion, we welcome your participation in our final conference.

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2ND JOINT MIGRATION POLICY WORKSHOP - TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY AND ADOPTION

21-22 October 2021
9:00 to 12:00 CET

2nd Migration Policy Roundtable

21-22 October 2021

The MIICT project presented its privacy and data protection strategy as well as its plan for developing and implementing novel ICTs in a sustainable manner. The Policy Roundtable was organized jointly with the sister projects <u>EASYRIGHTS</u>, <u>MICADO</u>, <u>WELCOME</u>, <u>NADINE</u> and <u>REBUILD</u>.

The two-day event covered the topics of social service design and integration and sustainability of solutions and social integration.

In case you missed the event, all presentations can be downloaded from the EasyRights <u>website</u>.

Project Closing

As the MIICT project comes to an end we would like to take the opportunity to **thank all the collaborators** of the MIICT project and express our gratitude to all our local stakeholders that made it possible for us to reach our project goals through providing us with inputs and engaging with us throughout the project.

Furthermore we want to highlight the fruitful exchange with sister projects and thank local, regional and European policy makers for their interest in the project. We look forward to opportunities for collaboration in the future!

The MIICT Team

MIICT Policy recommendations

The results from the 2nd Migration Policy Roundtable fed into the drafting of a handbook which summarizes the main take-aways of the event. MIICT recommends that
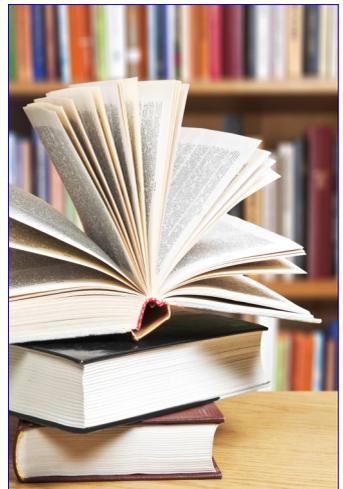
- the EC strongly encourages local governments and public bodies to **take ownership** of novel ICT solutions that have proven successful in the field and have garnered support from NGOs, service providers and migrants.
- the digital education of migrants and the breaking down of the digital barriers are recognised as **common goals** among all states in the European community.
- **trust in ICT tools** is fostered through targeted policy and legislation in the area of personal data protection, cybersecurity and cyber rights of migrants.
- the EC enables governments to **financially secure** the long-term exploitation of such successful digital social innovations.

Publication on ICT for migration

The edited volume titled „<u>Information and Communications Technology in Support of Migration - Security Informatics and Law Enforcement</u>" can be pre-ordered now!
The <u>book</u> covers a diverse set of topics on ICT-based migration management, tackling important debates concerning humanitarianism and securitization in the reception of migrants, as well as exploring the role of digital technology in aiding migrant integration.
The book is published by Springer and edited by Babak Akhgar, Karen Latricia Hough, Yara Abdel Samad, Petra Saskia Bayerl and Anastasios Karakostas.

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