



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES

INVOLVIM OPENS THE DOOR TO A FUTURE WHERE WORK-BASED IMMIGRANTS, OFTEN OVERLOOKED, RECEIVE VITAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES THAT HELP THEM THRIVE AND INTEGRATE MORE FULLY.

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The partnership of 6 partners unites five European regions, cities, and an educational institution.

INVOLVIM KICK-OFF: SHAPING POLICY FOR IMMIGRANT SUPPORT

The INVOLVIM project focuses on influencing local policies to improve the lives of work-based immigrants by enhancing support services. It launched with a Kick-off meeting in June 2024 in Finland, where partners set the stage for collaboration and shared strategies for creating more inclusive communities.



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INTERREG INVOLVIM PROJECT KICK-OFF IN SEINÄJOKI, FINLAND

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The INVOLVIM project kicked off in Seinäjoki, Finland, bringing together partners from five European regions to collaborate on improving local policies for supporting work-based immigrants. The event highlighted best practices and strategies to enhance informal and voluntary services for immigrant integration. Discussions focused on how regions can tailor their policies to better support inclusion, with the goal of creating more welcoming communities. The Finland meeting set the foundation for future activities within the project.

These best practices highlighted the importance of informal and voluntary services in immigrant integration. The discussions served as a foundation for influencing local policies, aiming to create more inclusive communities across all partner regions. The organizations represented at the INVOLVIM kick-off meeting in Seinäjoki included local partners like SIMHE (University of Vaasa), Moni-info and Wiise Association, who shared their expertise on supporting work-based immigrants. These organizations play a key role in providing voluntary services and integration support, serving as examples for other European regions in the project. Their best practices, particularly in the areas of informal support and community engagement, were central to the learning and collaboration during the event.

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"The stakeholders pointed out areas that require improvement in the field of providing support for immigrants, and also emphasized the importance of diagnosing needs in this area."
Louth County Council
(Ireland)

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FIRST LOCAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

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Local stakeholder meetings were held across Europe to introduce the INVOLVIM project's objectives and partners, as well as the challenges the project aims to address. The meetings emphasized the vital role of stakeholders and clarified their participation in shaping policies for immigrant support.

Key meetings took place on April 11, 2024, in Płock, Poland; July 5, 2024, in Louth County, Ireland; July 8, 2024, in Fundão, Portugal; and September 2024 in Finland and Slovenia. These meetings established strong collaboration and engagement among local partners and stakeholders.

These local meetings not only provided an opportunity to present the project's goals but also encouraged active involvement from stakeholders. By gathering local perspectives and insights, the INVOLVIM project seeks to tailor its approach to the specific needs of each region. The stakeholders will play a key role in influencing policy changes and ensuring that the project's initiatives are effectively implemented to support work-based immigrants. This collaborative approach is essential for the project's success in creating inclusive communities across Europe.

We invite all those interested in the INTERREG INVOLVIM project to stay updated by following our regularly updated webpage. Here, you'll find the latest news, upcoming events, and key insights from our partners across Europe. Stay informed about how we're working to improve support for work-based immigrants and shape inclusive policies. Visit us frequently to see the progress of our collaborative efforts and be a part of this important initiative!

Visit the INVOLVIM webpage for more information:
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