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The partners of the project from EU member countries are Four Elements from Greece, Scout Society from Romania, Cuiablue OÜ from Estonia, Pistes-Solidaires from France and FAJUB from Portugal.



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Active Citizenship in The New Homeland



In the 21st century, humanity is going through crucial tests. The pandemic, climate crisis, disasters and the tension lines of the political field reminded us that we are all refugees in the world we live in. Understanding that no place where we live, which we call our home, is permanent, leads to deep skepticism in terms of the individual, social, political and cultural aspects of our lives.

In this context, the Act New Home project offers a solution, albeit a small one, to the crises experienced by reconciling migration-refugee and active citizenship issues. Defining citizenship as an active experience, reconstructing the social space with refugees and asylum seekers, and incorporating public institutions and civil society serve to build a sociality based on rights and responsibility. Our project develops models that are integrative, solidary, and open to multiculturalism against discrimination, labeling and marginalization.

I am very happy and hopeful to work with a team that can produce both local, national, and regional approaches to a global issue for myself. Because hope is not a passive expectation, it is an active stance.

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ONLINE MEETINGS FOR OUR NEW ACT HOME PROJECT



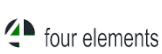
The Act New Home project team carried out another monthly meeting on the 15th of January 2023. The University of Marmara gave the team important guidance and advice as to how to develop the learning material for professionals, aimed to assist them in helping refugees learn about their rights and responsibilities.

Stay tuned to see our e-learning platform for ACT NEW HOME!

Soon we will be starting with the implementation of the project, aiming to develop an e-learning module in order to raise awareness of asylum seekers and refugees about their rights and obligations and to enable them to be active in their host country.



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WE WERE IN ISTANBUL



1st International Meeting Organized In Istanbul

The starting meeting of the “Active Citizenship in The New Homeland / ACT-NEW HOME” project was held on 16-17 June 2022 in Istanbul Salt Galata with the participation of the project partners)



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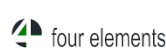


The “Active Citizenship in the New Homeland” project is an innovative project in terms of bringing a new perspective and interpretation to the integration of asylum seekers and refugees in the country they live in, in the dimension of “Active Citizenship”. Active Citizenship is the ability of individuals to determine the problems of the city, country, and the world they live in, to struggle with them and to increase their quality of life, and to use their right to participate. The importance of active citizenship stems from the fact that individuals have the power and potential to create a better society by making a direct and positive contribution to the society they live in. With the project, it is aimed to develop the "Active Citizenship for Asylum Seekers and Refugees" e-learning module.

Each institution, which is a project partner, attended the opening meeting hosted by Marmara University with two representatives. Partner institutions made their presentations at the meeting. Project management and implementation process was explained to the partners by project coordinator Assoc. Dr. Sezgi Durgun. Information on project management, communication tools, reporting process, financial management, responsibilities of partners was given. Then, the activities to be carried out until the second transnational meeting were underlined. The most important of these activities were desk research that included the analysis of current studies and current policies on asylum seekers and refugees in the project partner countries, as well as the realization of experience sharing workshops with the participation of adult educators and asylum seekers and refugees in each partner's own institution. All Partners completed their literature research on the specified date and uploaded them to the project platform.



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EXPERIENCE SHARING WORKSHOPS (ESW)



Within the scope of Experience Sharing Workshops, focus group meetings were held with the participation of academics, administrators, adult educators, NGO representatives, asylum seekers and refugees. The total number of participants in these focus group discussions conducted by each partner was 115. In all focus group interviews, pre-developed semi-structured interview forms were used to enable the participants to reveal their experiences. Conversations were deciphered. Then, descriptive and content analyzes of these qualitative data were made. Thus, data were collected from the field so that the content of the e-module to be prepared is oriented to current needs and expectations.



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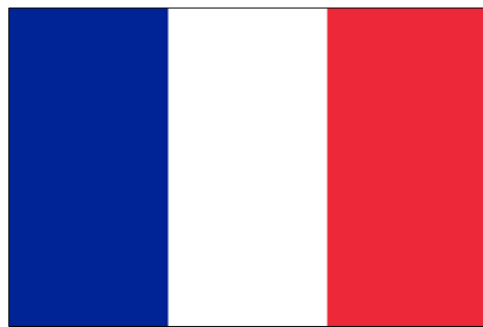
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2. MEETING IN PAU

2st International Meeting Organized In Pau

The second Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) of the Active Citizenship in the New Homeland Project (Act New Home- 2021-1-TR01-KA220-ADU-000028291) supported by the Turkish National Agency within the scope of Erasmus+ Adult Education Program was held in the city of Pau, France on 18-19 January 2023 and hosted by one of its partners, Pistes Solidaires.



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The partners presented the reports they prepared based on the data obtained at the 2nd TPM hosted by Pistes Solidaires, one of the project partners, in Pau, France.



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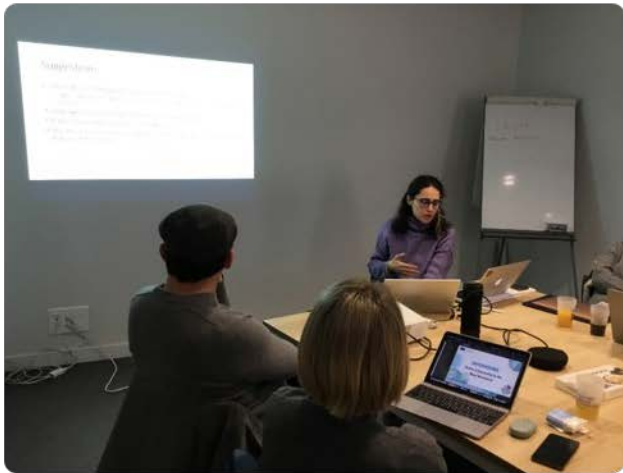


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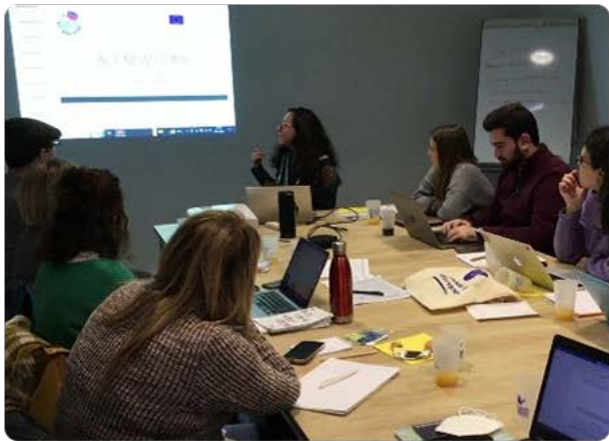
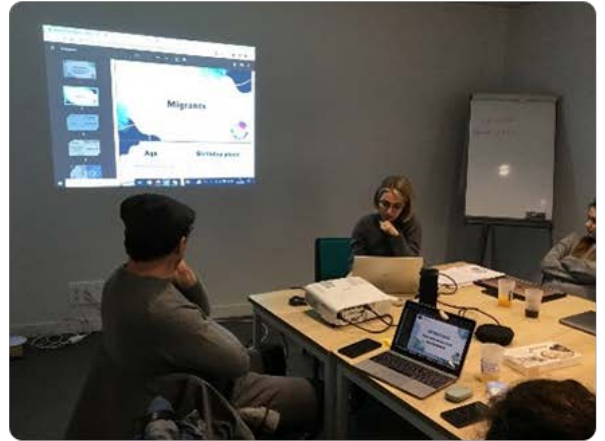




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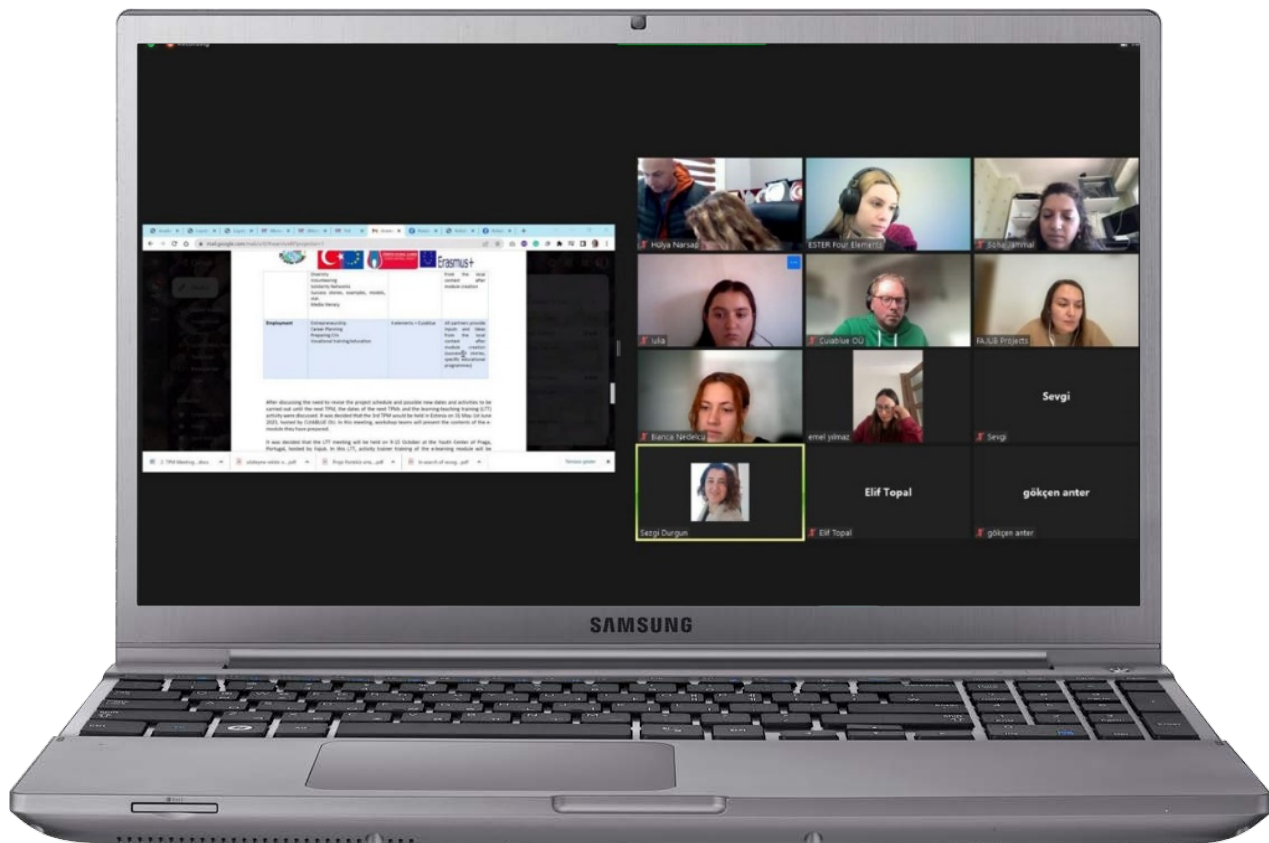
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Online meeting



Online meeting, a brainstorming was conducted for the content of the e-module. In the meetings held, a title system was created. In the 2nd TPM held in Pau, an online workshop team consisting of two people from each partner was also determined. The workshop team is working to create the module content by holding online meetings. Four Elements, one of the project partners, prepared a standard template to be used during the preparation of the module content and submitted it to the partners. Thus, the workshop team members working simultaneously will transfer the content they have created to this template.