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Dear Reader,

We are bringing you news from our activities on **Boosting Entrepreneurial Skills as Tool of integration of migrants to labour market**. The past few months have been busy for us, and we are preparing many exciting activities for the beginning of 2020!

BUSINESS BRUNCHES



In Graz, Zagreb and Udine we have organised the first business brunches. The idea of business brunches is to create synergies with external partners and stakeholders, as well as with similar projects that are already being carried out in the topic of entrepreneurship and economic migration.



In November, Centre for Peace Studies and Impact Hub Zagreb organised their first business brunch in the form of the World Cafe Forum, and Oikos Onlus organised their first business brunch in Udine in a beautiful co-working space. All of the business brunches aimed to



inform about the project BEST to different stakeholders, which included local businesses, SMEs, startups, NGOs and migrants. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss migrant entrepreneurship as well as the different obstacles related to the topic and ways in which local stakeholders can support it.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSES

FH Joanneum started the first training round on "Boosting Entrepreneurial Skills as a Tool for migrants" in Graz with 20 participants. The course on social entrepreneurship is free for third-country nationals and migrants and supports them in bringing their business idea to life and in integrating them into the labour market. The lead partner Gain&Sustain was welcoming the participants and Lisa Mahajan was leading the course.

Croatian partners closed the application process for the first training round. The first meeting and the official beginning of the training are scheduled for the 14 January. The training and the exchange of ideas and knowledge in a diverse



group of participants will be lead by Impact Hub's Helena Habdija.

Information sharing and cooperation

ZRC SAZU presented the BEST project at an important workshop organized by Slovenian Peace Institute with most of the actors that try to facilitate third-country nationals' inclusion to the labour market in order to spread the news about the entrepreneurship courses. They also made cooperation agreements

workers, and unaccompanied minors in order to get information about the needs of specific TCN groups in the field of social entrepreneurship. Furthermore, they discussed the topic with competent educators and cultural mediators, which helped to create a public tender for the selection of the competent trainer for the entrepreneurship course.



Early December, Oikos Onlus organized the round table "Integration through work. From needs to ideas." The participation and interest in the debate by all the stakeholders involved was high and positive, and the discussion wanted to address the issue of building effective integration paths, starting from the idea that only positive and shared actions can lead to avoiding the waste of human resources, indispensable to respond to the job market demand.

Except joining Oikos Onlus in the above-mentioned round table, Friuli Innovazione developed and defined the Methodology to enhance cooperation with external stakeholders which is intended to provide BEST's partners with a practical guide throughout the stakeholder engagement process. Furthermore, they focused on extending the existing network with new contacts and third sector organisations in order to involve them in the forthcoming activities.

As you can see, we are preparing much interesting news in 2020, so make sure to follow us on [Facebook!](#)



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