

PRESS RELEASE

TITLE: THE FIRST YEAR OF THE AMIF-funded PROJECT RaCIP IN RETROSPECT

The RaCIP project (Raising Capacity for Including People engaged in private sponsorship), funded by European funds of the AMIF programme in 2019, is designed to foster informal pathways that support the integration of migrants and refugees.

The project intends to demonstrate, following training courses for different categories of supporters, families, university students, employers, institutions and other civil society actors, that integration paths are favored when we create an informal support network around the migrant, managed by citizens, who are engaged in private sponsorship of the person, building bonds of mutual trust with them.

The project intends to involve families that host one or more migrants, families who support them, workers and employers who introduce the migrant(s) to the local working culture, university students who support young migrants in their studies, and finally CSOs and citizens.

















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Within one year of activity, not easy due to the ongoing pandemic, the project has produced, during a first phase, an analysis of the already existing private sponsorship paths and of the benefits they bring to people, to migrants, but also to those who support them¹, and a study of the good practices implemented by the different partners, detected during the study visits set in the different partner countries.

Two national trainers have now been identified by each partner and will take part in a training session in February 2022 to train the different categories of sponsors we intend to involve.

Each trainer will be trained to offer private sponsors a 10-hour course that will provide them with the necessary tools to effectively support the integration paths of the beneficiaries.

There will be 5 paths, divided by specific category of sponsors: host families, supporting families, workers, university students, stakeholders².

At the end of each course, each category of citizens will accompany the migrants in their integration pathway, supporting them in the aspects of housing, work integration, study support and, in general, integration into society.

² You can see the pathways on the project website at <u>www.racip.eu/results</u>

















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¹ You can see the research on private sponsorship projects already implemented by the partners at www.racip.eu/preparation-for-the-actions

Some numbers:

- 9 partners (from Italy, France, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus)
- 18 national trainers
- 14 supporting families trained (Italy and France)
- 10 social entrepreneurs (Italy and Cyprus)
- 50 supporting families trained (Italy, France, Greece, Cyprus and Portugal)
- 50 University students trained
- 80 stakeholders trained (Italy, Cyprus, France, Greece, Portugal)
- about 180 beneficiaries among migrants (individual or families)

The RaCIP project also includes a phase of evaluation of the impact of private sponsorship on the social level, both for the migrants themselves and for the host population.

















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