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International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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ABOUT IOM

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading international organization in the field of migration.

IOM is committed to the **principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society**. IOM acts with its partners in the international community to:

- Advance understanding of migration issues;
- Assist in meeting the growing challenges of migration management;
- Encourage social and economic development through migration;
- Uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.



IOM MEMBER STATES



From 67 in 1998 to 173 today (with a further 8 as observer states)

GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION

- Adopted in **December 2018** by UN Member States. It is the **first inter-governmentally negotiated agreement, covering all dimensions of international migration** in a holistic and comprehensive manner;
- Member States committed to cooperate internationally to **facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration**;
- **Guided by the 2030 SDGs.**

Objective 15: Provide access to basic services for migrants.

(f) “Provide *inclusive and equitable quality education* to migrant children and youth, as well as *facilitate access to lifelong learning opportunities*, including by strengthening the capacities of education systems and by facilitating non-discriminatory access to early childhood development, formal schooling, non-formal education programmes for children for whom the formal system is inaccessible, on-the-job and vocational training, technical education and language training, as well as by fostering partnerships with all stakeholders that can support this endeavor.”



IOM's ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION



IOM is not an education-specialized organization, but a number of its activities are related to education and training, within the scope of larger goals such as **integration, reintegration or social cohesion.**



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The project **TandEM – Towards Empowered Migrant Youth in Southern Europe** - aims to **build a bridge between migrant and local youth** to promote dialogue, mutual understanding and cohesion. TandEM focuses on local and migrant youth currently enrolled, or interested in enrolling, in **higher education** institutions.

A large component of the TandEM project is dedicated to **encouraging young southern Europeans to actively contribute to the integration of young migrants** through, for example, peer-to-peer student mentorship schemes and youth campaigns.



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- The project is funded by the **EU Commission, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs – Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)**
- **2 years** duration
- Implemented by **IOM Italy** and 2 Partners: **EUA** and **CO.RE.IS**.
- **6 Countries:** Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Spain
- **11 Universities** involved





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Why Universities?

- Education as a **key of inclusion**
- Fostering the **active engagement of young students** promoting integration
- **Diversity and intercultural awareness** as values
- Places where **enhancing dialogue and communication** among youth
- **Interreligious understanding**

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4 components and related objectives:

- **Regional Social Media Campaign** (all 6 Countries): Contributing in changing the narrative on migration and demystifying stereotypes
- **Mentorship in Universities** (Italy and Spain): Supporting the integration of students with migratory background in Universities
- **Interreligious Dialogue** (Italy, Malta, Spain and Croatia): Encouraging inter-faith and intercultural dialogue
- **Cross-country Regional Study** on access-related needs and barriers of migrants in Higher Education: Promoting inclusive education



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**Towards Empowered Migrant Youth
in Southern Europe**



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