

Training group 1

Academy on the integration of migrants and refugees in the Baltic countries

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GOOD PRACTICES IN MIGRANT INTEGRATION, PART I

March 13-14, 2025

NGO House (NVO nams), Ieriķu street 43a
Riga, Latvia

DAY 1

March 13, 2025

Registration and coffee	09:00-09:15	<i>All participants meet in the large room upstairs and later split into their assigned training group in the breakout rooms.</i>
Session 1 INTRODUCTIONS & INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE	09:15-10:15	Introduction, course objectives and principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of participants and trainers - Training plan and approach - Course expectations, questions
Coffee break	10:15-10:30	
Session 2 DESTINATION EUROPE and discussion about the situation in Baltic municipalities	10:30-12:45	Setting the scene with Destination Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interactive training tool developed by the European Migration Network (EMN) addressing migration and integration at the EU, national and municipality level <p>Discussion Migrants and refugees in our municipalities: Experiences, challenges, lessons and good practices</p>
Lunch	12:45-13:45	
Session 3 INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS & MAPPING OF EXISTING RESOURCES	13:45-15:15	Institutional and legal frameworks governing the integration and protection of migrants and refugees in the Baltic states and internationally. Mapping of existing resources at the local level
Coffee break	15:15-15:30	

Session 4 WELCOME AND ORIENTATION, CULTURAL, LINGUISTIC AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION	15:30-17:00	Welcoming policies and orientation for new residents Presentation and group discussion about orientation, language and integration courses, referrals when facing difficulties: types and examples of activities in Baltic municipalities and relevant cities in the OSCE area.
DAY 2 March 14, 2025		
Reflection on Day 1	09:00-09:30	Key take-aways, surprises, wishes for the day
Session 5 EDUCATION AND INTEGRATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH	09:30-11:00	Measures to support education and integration of children and youth with migratory experience The roles and activities of actors outside the formal education system for education and integration of migrant and refugee children and youth
Coffee break	11:00-11:15	
Session 6 ACCESS TO THE LABOR MARKET AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES	11:15-12:45	Barriers and legal restrictions to labor market access Labor market integration tools - good practices and group discussions
Lunch	12:45-13:45	
Session 7 INTERSECTION OF INTEGRATION SUPPORT AND ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS	13:45-15:15	Exploring the intersection of integration support and anti-trafficking efforts: Mitigating and addressing the risks for migrant and refugee communities
Short technical break	15:15-15:20	
Session 8 GROUP CONCLUSION AND EVALUATION	15:20-15:50	Feedback survey and training certificates
Coffee break with overall conclusions and final exchanges	15:50-16:30	Both groups move to the big room upstairs for coffee with joint conclusions, exchanges, reflections and brainstorming about future activities

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