

Welcome to the 3rd Blend-In Newsletter!

In this issue, you will find all recent updates about our project "BLEND IN: Language, Cultural and Social Orientation for Young Refugees"!

3rd Transnational Partners' Meeting

The 3rd Transnational Partners' Meeting took place in Nicosia, Cyprus on February 27th, 2018. It was a great opportunity for the partners to meet and discuss the preliminary results of the small-scale piloting of the completed BLEND-IN App held in December 2017. The partners also agreed on the final contents of the Refugee Orientation Handbook for Operators and discussed on some final improvements on the contents of the App, so that it can be pilot-tested on a larger scale in May/June 2018. The next partner meeting will be held in Athens, Greece in October 2018, where partners will tackle the dissemination and exploitation of all final outputs of the project.

Refugee Orientation Handbook for Operators

The partners have published the refugee Orientation Handbook of Operators, which is a practical guide on how the social and community workers can use the BLEND-IN mobile application for assisting Users (young refugees and asylum seekers) in their integration process in the host countries. It is addressed to social workers, community workers, migrant community leaders, cultural mediators and counselors/ mentors – in other words, persons who interact on a daily basis with refugees and asylum seekers – who can facilitate the introduction of the BLEND-IN mobile application to the potential end users and facilitate its application to real life questions and situations.

You may download the Handbook [here](#)

Piloting of the BLEND-IN App

After the completion of the technical design and the content development of the BLEND-IN App, all project partners conducted a large-scale pilot testing in May and June 2018 to 48 participants, namely 42 new asylum seekers and 6 professionals from relevant institutions. The usefulness and usability of the App was rated as "very useful" by 77 % of the users and as "useful" by 23 % of the users respectively, which proves that the final BLEND-IN App for Mobile Android devices is a very practical tool for refugees, asylum seekers and professionals. The BLEND-IN App can be downloaded from Google Play store by using the QR code below:



What's next?

During the period from September to November, project partners will organize National Exploitation Events in Italy, Greece, Malta and Cyprus with the aim to raise awareness to 100 stakeholders in total on the project and the developed innovative refugee orientation mobile application and its potential and benefits, and capitalize on the project results and outputs advocating for their further exploitation and adoption.

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