

ISIS, Institute for Social Infrastructure, is a private social science research and consultancy institute located in Frankfurt am Main (Germany). ISIS aims at facilitating the implementation of innovative social policy by bringing together the expertise of policy makers, practitioners and social scientists. Key themes are the qualification and employment particularly of women and the social participation of elderly people. ISIS is cooperating in this project with Dr. Sabine Hess, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Folklore Studies and European Ethnology, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.

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LAI-MOMO (Italy) is a non-profit co-operative, constituted in 1995 by a group of researchers, teachers and scholars in order to favour intercultural knowledge, particularly between Italy and Africa. Lai-momo undertakes different activities: publishing of the quarterly journal Africa and Mediterraneo; projects aimed at intercultural dialogue; European researches on immigration and North-South relations; organisation of conferences and exhibitions.

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The Filipino National Workers Association (Cyprus) is a non profit organization inaugurated in 1993 in order to help Filipinos who are employed in Cyprus. The association undertakes different activities: raising money to help Filipino workers when necessary, applying pressure on the Immigration to enforce certain governmental rules that are not always implemented, such as laws relating to deportation and in some cases providing temporary asylum premises to sexually harassed migrant female domestic workers.

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Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers

Strategies for employment and Civic Participation



The presence of immigrant women in recent migration flows in EU countries is becoming increasingly visible. Many of them work under precarious conditions as cleaners, house-keepers and care-givers. How can their integration into the labour market be fostered? How can their participation in society be facilitated?

Addressing these complex issues, the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) in Nicosia (Cyprus) in collaboration with Intercollege is coordinating a transnational project entitled “Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers: Strategies for Employment and Civic Participation”, co-funded under the INTI Preparatory Actions 2005 for the integration of third country nationals of the European Commission. Project partners are four socio-political and scientific organizations in Greece, Italy, Spain and Germany.

The project aims to develop recommendations for an integration model responding to the specific needs of female migrant domestic workers in the five participating countries.

The Aims and Objectives of the project are:

- To stimulate European teamwork involving a wide range of actors, including domestic workers themselves;
- To disseminate information and lessons learned, exchange of policies, best practices in integration methods and processes;
- To put forth strategies that can be adapted to the different contexts of the partner countries and other EU member states.

Project Activities

The project will encompass the following activities:

a) Five three-day study visits to each partner country in which all project partners meet in order to explore the particular situation of female migrant domestic workers in each country and for the exchange of information, best practices and strategies.

b) Two two-day meetings in Cyprus amongst the policy experts from each partner team during which best practices and lessons learned will be highlighted and evaluated, strategies for the development of integration models will be analyzed and the results from the mapping surveys will be compared.

c) One training workshop in each partner country to raise awareness on existing policies, best practices and strategies among key stakeholders including policy makers, governmental and NGO officials, and trade unionists and to provide a platform for female migrant domestic workers and employer associations to voice their views and experiences.

d) Parallel awareness campaigns using leaflets and posters for the dissemination of information.

e) Publication of a resource book which will incorporate the activities of the project including the best practices and integration models of each country and policy recommendations and strategies for the future.

f) Final conference involving the participation of all relevant stakeholders with the main theme that of developing an integration model responsive to the particular needs of female migrant domestic workers.

The Coordinating Institutes that are implementing the project are:

M.I.G.S., Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies is a non-profit organization, closely affiliated to Intercollege, the largest academic institution in Cyprus. The Institute aims to act as a main contributor to the intellectual, political, and socio-political life of the region as this relates to issues of gender and to do so using a multidisciplinary approach and in collaboration with other institutions. The Institute further recognizes the multilayered levels of discrimination against women and accepts that this discrimination takes different forms.

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The Partner Organizations that are implementing this project are:

ANTIGONE - Information & Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence is a Greek non-governmental organisation which is based in Thessaloniki and has offices in Athens. Since 1993, it has been active in the field of human rights, ecology, peace and non-violent conflict resolution. ANTIGONE is the National Focal Point of the European Union Monitoring Centre. It has been a member of EUMC's Racism and Xenophobia since 2001.

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CREA (Centre of Research in Theories and Practices that Overcome Inequalities) University of Barcelona (Spain). The CREA team includes university professors, researchers and professionals from different disciplines: anthropology, biology, communications, economics, engineering, history, pedagogy, political sciences, psychology, sociology, and more. One of the main objectives of CREA is to provide scientific evidence to overcome social exclusion from a social and educational perspective using a dialogic approach, such as dialogic feminism.

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