



REGIN

REGIONS FOR MIGRANTS
AND REFUGEES INTEGRATION

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What is REGIN?

In the context of a large number of arrivals of migrants and refugees in the last few years, many European regions are facing new challenges related to different areas of integration, such as education, housing, health or labour market inclusion, with no or little prior knowledge or practice in the field. Giving regional authorities the possibility to exchange and mutually learn from their diverse experiences seems essential to enhance integration policies and outcomes throughout Europe.

The Regions for Migrants & Refugees Integration - REGIN Project was therefore created to mainstream migrant and refugee integration within social cohesion policies at regional level, by building a common framework to facilitate, guide and improve the performance of regions through innovative tools.

Objectives of the REGIN Project

To achieve long-term impact, given the geographic coverage of the project and considering regional competences and multi-level governance challenges, REGIN aimed at:

- Establishing a network with regional authorities to cooperate on migrant integration by creating a forum to discuss, mutually learn and share integration policies and practices;
- Giving a voice to regions and emphasising their crucial role in social inclusion, as well as in promoting interactions between newly arrived people and host societies;
- Identifying integration indicators that will be used to enhance accuracy, liability, robustness and innovation of regional authorities' policies and outcomes, through evidence-based research and a comparative approach;
- Developing a set of tools that facilitates adaptability and sustainability of innovative integration actions through multi-lateral stakeholder engagement, capacity building, training and outreach.

Project Partnership

REGIN was led by a consortium of 10 partners, coordinated by the [Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions \(CPMR\)](#):



The CPMR, through its [Migration Task Force](#) and its network, coordinated the project and disseminated its results through its membership and the project's associated partners, which were the Centre for Social Innovation (Cyprus), the Migration Institute of Finland, Med Cities, COPPEM (Standing Committee for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities), the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (IcBSS) and L'Oriental Region (Morocco).

What did REGIN offer?

The REGIN Project drew on a variety of initiatives, such as:

✦ Regional Indicators on integration

The Project represented an opportunity to adapt the [Migrant Integration Policy Index \(MIPEX\)](#), previously produced by CIDOB and MPG, to the regional level as [MIPEX-R](#) - that stands for [MIPEX-Regions](#) - to measure the effectiveness of integration policies and outcomes at regional level.

✦ Regional Toolkit

The Project implemented an [innovative toolkit for regional governments](#), through [capacity-building for key stakeholders](#) in receiving communities and [tailored training](#) for regional staff to support them in strengthening integration services.

✦ Integration Actions

Within the REGIN Project, [pilot integration actions](#) were introduced in each participating region, building on regional policy and outcome indicators through results from MIPEX-R. An [evaluation framework](#) was developed and tested on these targeted actions.

✦ Case study on health and inclusion

As part of the REGIN Project, [Partnership Skåne](#), which addresses integration challenges by providing holistic support for newly arrived people in Sweden, conducted a [test-bed on health equity and social inclusion](#), providing individually adapted support to prevent risks of marginalisation.

✦ Integration Lab - Database and Interactive Map

The Project built on and enhanced an existing [migration visual mapping tool](#), previously developed by the CPMR: it created a [database of regional integration practices](#) with a search tool and used for mutual learning between regions based on **both successful and challenging practices** and for promoting regional integration actions, networking and identifying expertise in specific areas.

✦ Building an external network

Through strong partnerships in participating regions and beyond, the Project facilitated **transregional exchange** between newer and more experienced regions to identify and disseminate lessons learnt amongst key stakeholders. Communications activities, dissemination events and promotion through other channels, such as the [Cities and Regions for Integration initiative](#) led by the European Committee of the Regions and the [European Web Site on Integration \(EWSI\)](#), were also conducted in order to disseminate the project's findings to a wider audience.



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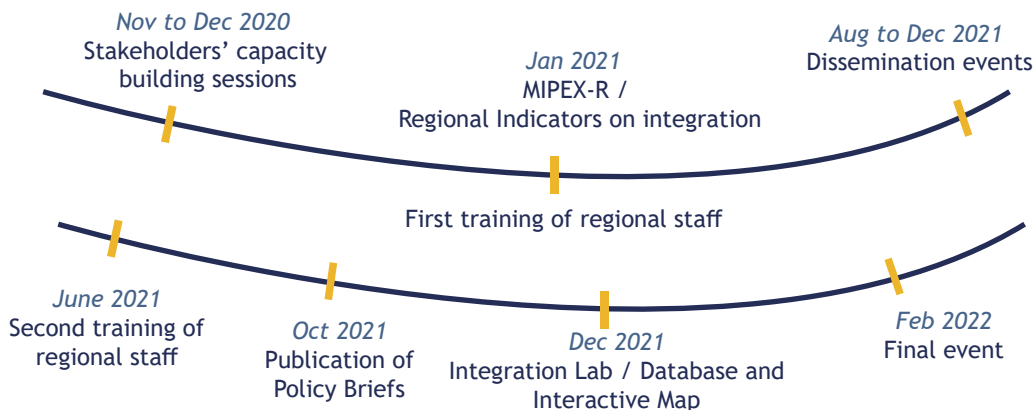
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Geographical scope



Project timeline



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