Sharing good practices: Insights into PlurAlps – a project on integration in a pluralist society

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Lakes
EUSALP Perimeter
NATIONAL borders
NUTS 2 boundaries
NUTS 3 boundaries
Alpine cities
> 50,000 inhabitants
Cities
> 100,000 inhabitants

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In a nutshell

• PlurAlps – Enhancing capacities for a pluralistic Alpine Space
• **Budget**: 2,7 Mio. EUR
• **Duration**: 11/2016 – 10/2019
• **Lead**: Regional Development Vorarlberg (AT)
• **Target groups**: local public authorities, regional public authorities, SME, business support organisations, interest groups including NGOs
What is Pluralism?

→ Idea of togetherness of cultures with binding agreement on basic values across all cultures – focus on individual rights

• First, pluralism is not diversity alone, but the energetic engagement with diversity.
• Second, pluralism is not just tolerance, but the active seeking of understanding across lines of difference.
• Third, pluralism is not relativism, but the encounter of commitments.
• Fourth, pluralism is based on dialogue.

Source: Diana L. Eck (2006), The Pluralism Project, Harvard University
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PlurAlps
Pilot regions


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Share of foreign population

- Pilot regions
- Country boundary
- National percentage of foreign population
- NUTS 2 boundary
- Perimeter of the Alpine Space Programme


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South Tyrol (IT)
Pilot activities in Mals/Malles and St. Ulrich/Ortisei

- “Jobcoach”
- “Housing coach”
- “Language café”
- Videomaking, documentary filming
- …and more!
“This is where the actual ‘welcoming‘ takes place and where offers can/should ensure that immigrants are prepared in a target group-oriented manner for a life in Germany.” (BAMF 2011)
Inspiring practices
Alpine Pluralism Award – winner categories

A. **Manage social change** brought by migration with benefits for migrants and local societies
B. **Labour market integration** and entrepreneurship
C. Build on migrants’ skills to improve *land use, nature protection* and *regional development*
D. **School/work transition** of migrants and promotion of dual educational path
Inspiring practices
Good-practice collection

Overview of social planning and welcoming projects | REPORT

Many inspiring welcoming practices are found across the Alpine region. We examined 34 examples to filter the key issues and target groups they address. These gave us an idea of what to consider in social planning at the municipal and regional level, e.g. the need to include newcomers in the economic, cultural, social and political-legal spheres of community, the relevance of language skills of newcomers/migrants, the training of administrative staff in making contact with newcomers/migrants, the need to make available housing for all community members, to name just a few.

While a large part of the projects targets all community citizens, many aim at forced migrants (refugees, asylum seekers), volunteers, social workers, but also at voluntary migrants, public institutions, the business sector, operators of the creative and cultural sector, and so on. Check the report to find out more!
Inspiring practices

Good-practice collection – success factors

- Labour market integration
- Language skills
- Communication & positive framing
- Common ground of trust
- Balance between target groups
Inspiring practices
Good-practice collection – key thematic issues

Language, awareness raising (inequality/diversity issues), cultural events and performing arts a tools, focus on political-legal measures, focus on social-political strategies, inclusion in society, integration in the field of culture and customs, community activation and participative methods, promoting personal and social competences, focus on labour market integration, training of employees dealing with newcomers/immigrants, integration into the school system, focus on amplifying housing capacity
Razkrite roke/Revealed Hands
Jesenice, Slovenia

Connecting women of diverse backgrounds, making them communicate and cooperate without speaking the same language, transferring knowledge, skills and attitude

Source: Humanitarian Charity Society Up Jesenice
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INTER-KUL-TUR-ISTRA
Istria, Slovenia

Valorizing multiethnic cultural heritage through including national minorities and migrants in society, transferring knowledge and skills to strengthen their employability

Source: Humanitarian Charity Society Up Jesenice
Multilingual tourguide
Videomaking
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