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INTEGRA: DevelopINg Tailored comprEhensive services for younG migRAnts

INTEGRA National Events / Info Days

During the summer the three HEIs in India and Pakistan (RKU, LUMS, IIUI) each hosted a one-day National Promotional Event / Info Day to promote and raise awareness about the project's results and objectives, as well as to highlight its transferability among a number of stakeholders, such as academics and university staff, ICT and psychosocial care professionals, educational and training institutions and authorities, refugees and migrants, ministries, etc. The events had significant turnout and were very well received from the participants and local communities.

INTEGRA INFO DAY @ RK UNIVERSITY, INDIA

RK University held its National Promotional Event on **July 8th, 2023, at the Psychosocial Support and ICT Centre**. The event was a big success, with more than 90 attendees getting informed about the INTEGRA approach, the Psychosocial Support Structure Manual, ways of integrating and supporting migrants and refugees and enabling their access to higher education and the labour market. A number of esteemed professors and professionals had the chance to present the project and its approach to the participants, with the latter finding themselves very satisfied with the event and the project's results.



1. Snapshot of the Info Day @ RKU



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INTEGRA INFO DAY @ LUMS, PAKISTAN

Lahore University of Management Sciences in Pakistan held its Info Day on **July 21st, 2023**, at the Programming Studio of the Department of Computer Sciences. Distinct professors, along with ICT and Psychosocial Support professionals had the opportunity to talk to over 70 participants about the project, the challenges refugees/migrants face in Pakistan, psychosocial support, and ICT careers, as well as the sustainability of the project and its integration in LUMS. Participants' feedback was very positive, as the event was characterised as informative, motivating, and encouraging, with everyone expressing their wish that the project and its results will be sustained in the daily operations of the university.

INTEGRA INFO DAY @ IIUI, PAKISTAN



2. Snapshot of the Info Day @ IIUI

The **International Islamic University in Islamabad** conducted its Info Day also on **July 21st, 2023**, at the university's Faculty of Computing and Information Technology. As with their counterparts in RKU and LUMS, 15 target group representatives (academics and university staff, ICT and MHPSS professionals, NGO members) attended the event and were informed about the project and its developed approaches to integrating migrants/refugees in higher education and the workforce.

The INTEGRA Monitoring Visits

Throughout the pilot implementation phase of the ICT course and the psychosocial support structures, regular support has been provided by the EU partners to the HEIs in the form of online **hands-on advice and guidance**. To aid in this coaching/mentoring process, **two monitoring visits were organised in July 2023 in LUMS (Pakistan) and RKU (India)**, aiming to observe the pilot operation of the INTEGRA approach in these two universities and to offer assistance and feedback towards their enhancement.

MONITORING VISIT @ LUMS, PAKISTAN

Between **July 17th to 21st**, two representatives from **Symplexis** visited the **Lahore University of Management Sciences** in Lahore, Pakistan. During their stay, they not only had the chance to observe the pilot implementation of the ICT course and the psychosocial support centre, but also to learn more about the country's culture and customs, visit cultural sites, walk around the university campus, and attend the University's INTEGRA Info Day. The visit served not only to monitor and assist in the implementation of the INTEGRA approach at LUMS, but also to strengthen the cooperation between the partners.



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3. Symplexis at LUMS

MONITORING VISIT @ RKU, INDIA

Symplexis and Harokopio University from Greece also attended a **monitoring visit in RK University** in Rajkot, India, from the **23rd to the 28th of July 2023**. RK had planned a number of activities for the EU representatives; apart from the project related ones, such as observation of ICT courses implemented and the psychosocial support structures, meetings with project managers, university staff, and representatives from Marwadi University, cultural activities, such as yoga exercises, Bollywood film nights, and city tours were also envisaged. The monitoring visits presented an excellent opportunity for the EU partners to monitor the implementation of INTEGRA at RKU, as well as to meet with their Indian counterparts for an exchange of expertise and knowledge.



4. Monitoring visit at RKU



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5. Welcome at RKU

The INTEGRA Final International Conference

The **Final Conference of INTEGRA** was held on **July 28th** at **RK University** and was a big success! **More than 200 people** attended it in person and online, with representatives from academia, ICT and psychosocial care professionals, refugee and migrant students, higher education stakeholders, along with a strong presence of international partners.



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Attendees had the chance to learn about upskilling migrants in Pakistan and India, the developed set of Curricula as part of the INTEGRA approach, the Psychosocial Support Structure Manual, lessons learnt from the implementation of ICT courses and the psychosocial support services in HEIs in India and Pakistan, the integration of migrants and refugees in the local labour markets, and about the accreditation of the INTEGRA courses and the next steps to be followed.



Apart from that, attendees in the Conference had the pleasure to see traditional dances and to participate in mind-and-body exercises, as well as network after the conclusion of the speeches and presentations. Certificates were given to all who attended, whether in person or online. Participants remarked on the excellent organisation of the event, the clear presentation of the INTEGRA approach, and their high satisfaction with the project results, with the majority wanting to learn more about them and their implementation in the HEIs.



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Project conclusion – What next?

The INTEGRA project has officially been concluded, but its effects have been of great importance for the participating South Asian HEIs. As the road of integration of migrants in higher education and the workforce, along with their psychosocial support, is a long one, the partners will strive to sustain the project results beyond the funding period and fully integrate the ICT courses and the operation of the psychosocial support structures into their curricula and day-to-day activities.

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