

Integration of Third-Country Nationals in the Construction sector

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Fifth Newsletter - Introduction

Dear readers,

This fifth In2C Project Newsletter includes the progress made from November 2020 to July 2021.

Among the topics we will address on this widespread document:

- Work Package 4: Pilot Training status and progress
- Work Package 5: In2C E-Platform launch and tests
 - Health and Safety
 - Labour Legislation
 - Technical vocabulary
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WP4: Pilot training status and progress

The Spanish and Sweden project partners successfully completed the enrollment of TCNs in their respective countries and developed the training curricula that were executed and assessed by the TCNs recruited. The Greece and Cyprus project partners are working on the recruitment and the training execution to complete it before summer break.

The training content given:

- Training material on Labour Legislation and its curricula
- Health and Safety at the workplace and its curricula
- Vocabulary

The final step of WP4 is the assessment of the tools and contents after the pilot training, using feedback from participants. The final conclusions and data are collected in a country report.

A previous figures compilation is as follows:

- Sweden: FU-UPPSALA has been achieved the target of 100 trained TCNs
- Spain: Documenta and FLC had gotten more than 100 TCNs trained in Cantabria, Canarias, Andalusia and Navarra.
- Cyprus: After the last online meeting, MMC and OSEOK reported that they get the recruitment of 100 TCNs but these are still in training process.
- Greece: Almost a 100 TCNs are enrolled and they are in training progress matching with the drafting of this text.

One remarked conclusion extracted from the national reports in Spain and Sweden is the great success in participation and the highly positive answers given by the participants through the assessment survey.





WP5: In2C E-Platform

The project consortium has developed an E-Platform which include all the project material.

You can find the tools below:

- Technical Vocabulary: <https://vocabulary.in2c.eu>
- Terminology Glossary: <https://glossary.in2c.eu/>
- The E-library may be found as a tab in our In2C website <https://in2c.eu> .

After the Pilot Testing of the In2C platform. The pilot trainings, as well as the online platform testing and the SOnAT (Skills Online Assessment Tool), have had a great success of participation and were valued very positively by the participants, emphasizing the importance of the topics covered and the usefulness of the applications designed by the project for the improvement of the Third Country Nationals (TCNs) labor insertion in the Construction Sector.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the In2C website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the In2C logo and the text "Integration of Third-Country Nationals in the Construction sector". Below the logo, there are social media icons for Facebook and LinkedIn, and flags for Denmark, Germany, and the UK. The main navigation menu includes "Home", "The Project", "News and Noteworthy", "Deliverables", "E-platform", "SOnAT", "Contact", and "Login". The main content area features a large image of construction workers holding a yellow hard hat and a black toolbox. Below the image, the title "Integration of Third-Country Nationals in the Construction sector" is displayed, followed by a paragraph of text: "TCNs wishing to enter the labour market as construction workers will be supported to overcome cultural differences and language barriers, familiarise with the local employment policies and be exposed to EU-wide occupational health and safety regulations applicable in their host countries thus improving their odds for employment." Below this, another paragraph states: "Construction work is more and more left to Third-Country Nationals (TCNs) workers who are hired for specific work tasks and for unskilled work by (sub-)contractors. For many TCNs, construction work is the entrance to the labour market. Because of cultural differences, language barriers and knowledge about national policies, these workers have a higher potential to be exposed to work-related risk factors and labour market exclusion."

WP6 & WP7

As far as WP6 is concerned, the consortium has already completed In2C Skills Online Assessment. In addition, the SOnAT (Skills Online Assessment Tool) guide is being developed. All material developed in WP4 has been uploaded to In2C E-Platform and can be tested through the In2C Skills Online Assessment. The material is available in:

- SOnAT <https://in2c.eu/en/sonat.html>

The next steps of WP7 were discussed during the last meeting. Following the research of the Spanish partner Fundación Laboral de la Construcción, on the availability of online tools for matching TCNs with construction employers, partners should implement workshops where the participants will interact and share their experiences in order to create a network between TCNs and employers. Also, partnership will held three seminars to inform stakeholders about the In2C project, tools and its progress

The final step will be the Final Conference scheduled for October 15th. The consortium is working on the invitation of the participants and in the agenda of this final dissemination event.





Next transnational meeting in Greece

We hope that the next transnational meeting of the project will take place in Greece. Since COVID-19 has affected traveling and, if necessary, the meeting will take place through the Zoom Platform. The programmed day is September 17th.



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