

TAS - Migration Labs

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THESIS, ANTITHESIS, SYNTHESIS – MIGRATION LABS

TAS -Migration Labs, a project under **Europe for Citizens Program**, is implemented during 18 months. The project partners from **Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Serbia** organizes WorkLabs, debates and roundtables with the aim to analyse past and current experiences, narratives, misconceptions and stereotypes about migrants and refugees, as well as local, regional, national and European policies related to migrants and migrations.

- Directed at young adults, decision-makers and other stakeholders from partner countries, the project envisages to raise awareness of EU policy-making processes and to boost opportunities for participation and volunteering.
- Read more on the project website: <https://tasmigrationlab.eu/>



What are WorkLabs in the TAS project?

During 5 WorkLabs: Thesis 1, Thesis 2, Antithesis 1, Antithesis 2 and Synthesis, the current narratives of migration and the model of different groups of migrants in Europe are analyzed. This analysis will allow us to know and deconstruct prejudices and stereotypes about migration and to debate current national and international migration policies.

- Of the young people participating in all WorkLabs, two per country will be selected for the final event in Brussels. This selection will be based on the following criteria: understanding the topic, participating in all 5 workshops and getting involved in them and the ability to communicate and argue their own ideas.

WorkLabs - Thesis 1 and Thesis 2

These two WorkLabs have already been organized in each partner country of TAS project and were attended by young people who want to take an active role in promoting the values of European citizenship and want to participate through civic and democratic actions in the European Union.

WorkLab - Antithesis Lab 1

During three months, from September to November 2020, all 5 partners of TAS project will organize the Antithesis Lab 1 workshop, which will lead the 21 participants from each country to deconstruct the stereotypes encountered during the first 2 Labs.

- The deconstruction will take place by presenting the youth with antinarratives from academia, politics, media, civil society and migrant themselves, along with a video-answer by a policymaker.
- The participants will be engaged in discussions and debates aimed at analyzing the counter-narratives



Italy of hate: xenophobia and discriminatory campaigns against migrants in the digital age

COPE organized the Antithesis Lab 1 on 29th October 2020 and addressed the subject of migration through anti narratives. The 3rd WorkLab was structured as an interview, during which the moderator and the participants had the chance to ask questions to a representative of civil society. This led to the deconstruction of the stereotypes encountered during the past Thesis WorkLabs. The participants

learned more about online hatred, discrimination campaigns against migrants and the role of communication in hate campaigns from the discussions with the WorkLab guest:

- **Luca Faenzi, communication manager of Mediterranea Saving Humans**

Serbia - Migration Policies: The Responses of Decision Makers to Questions by Youth

Terraforming organized, on Tuesday 10th of November 2020, the 3rd WorkLab, Antithesis Lab1. The main goal was to learn more about migration policies, challenges and good practices in the field of migration, refugees and asylum. The guest speakers were policy-makers and experts in the phenomenon of migration, refugees and asylum:

- **Prof. Dr. Natalija Perišić, FPN University of Belgrade, MIGREC project coordinator**
- **Radoš Đurović, Executive Director, Center for Protection and Assistance for Asylum Seekers**



Portugal - Narratives on Migration and how to fight fake news

IMVF will organize the third WorkLab of TAS project on 16th of November 2020 with new narratives about migrations will be presented. The analysis of new narratives is important, in the face of current speeches, in order to deconstruct spurious conceptions and work from a basis of the reality of facts, figures and testimonies. This WorkLab will be promoted by:

- **Ana Paula Costa, Casa do Brasil de Lisboa and Plataforma GENI**
- **Ricardo Ribeiro, from Fumaca**
- **Isabel Santos, Member of the European Parliament**, will answer to three questions posed by participants in previous WorkLabs.

WORKLAB - ANTITHESIS I

Narratives on Migration and how to fight fake news

16 NOVEMBER 2020 | 17H00 – 19H00 GMT | ZOOM



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Romania - Migrants and refugees - Realities versus myths and stereotypes

ACTA Center will organize on 19th of November 2020, its 3rd WorkLab, Antithesis 1, focused on the main goal - Migrants and refugees - Realities versus myths and stereotypes. Presentation of new narratives and stories and completed with anti narratives is a way of raising awareness about migration. The participants will benefit from the presence of our guests, policy-makers and experts in migrants and refugees phenomenon.

- **Flavius Ilioni Loga, coordinator of LOGS - Social Initiatives Group and TRAF** (Timisoara Refugee Art Festival) - the first art festival with and about refugees in Romania.



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Antithesis Lab 1

Migrants and refugees - Realities & myths and stereotypes

Thursday, 19th November 2020, 16:00 CET
Via ZOOM

Stay tuned for news!

After the completion of Antithesis Lab 1, in each partner country, the five partners of the **TAS project** will organize **the 2nd WEBINAR** with important guests in the migration phenomenon at European Union level. **Information on how to register and participate** <https://tasmigrationlab.eu/>



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