

TAS MIGRATION LABS – ANTITHESIS II NARRATIVES ON MIGRATION AND THE MEDIA

FIGHTING fake news...

The way migrants are portrayed by the media has an impact on people. It is necessary to change the discourse and narrative on migration, as well as to combat stereotypes associated with migrants.

Furthermore, fighting fake news, sensationalist and incorrect information has never been so relevant. This was the motto of 4th series of the TAS Lab workshop – Antithesis II.

SERBIA

Terraforming (www.terraforming.org)

Terraforming from Serbia organized its WorkLab "Fake News About Migration and Migration Issues" on 22nd February 2021, with guest speakers: **Aleksandra Niksic**, The BBC News Serbian Editor,

Milan Kuzmanović, The Center for Social Stability and Italian organization COPE Cooperazione Paesi Emergenti, represented by **Chiara Wieben**, as well as **Misko Stanisic**, director of Terraforming and **Ljiljana Cumura**, as moderator.

PORTUGAL

IMVF (www.imvf.org)

The WorkLab "Narratives on Migration and the Media" took place on 25 February 2021. It was facilitated by **Rita Santos** and **Sílvia Roque**, members of the (De)Othering project team from the Centre for Social Studies of the Coimbra University and the Belgian NGO Vocal Europe, represented by **Felix Dejaiffe**.

ROMANIA

ACTA (www.actacenter.ro)

"Awareness about migration through the media" was topic of WorkLab organized by ACTA from Romania on March 5th 2021. The guest speakers were: **Ricardo Ribeiro** - Newspaper Fumaça, reporter and journalist from Portugal, **Flavius Ilioni Loga**, LOGS Group of Social Initiatives from Romania, **Andreea Iosub**, volunteer at LOGS Romania and **Mujib Bassim** from Afghanistan. **Anca Mile** from ACTA Center was moderator.

ITALY

Co.P.E (www.cope.it)

On March 15th 2021 Italian organization Co.P.E. held its WorkLab **“Deconstructing Stereotypes and Prejudices”**. Workshops was led by Co.P.E. team: **Gianluca Scerri**, **Chiara Wieben** and **Barbara Sociale**. Guest speaker was **Milan Kuzmanovic** from Terraforming, Serbia.

BELGIUM

VOCAL (www.vocaleurope.eu)

“Underrepresentation of Migrants as Legitimate Voices in Europe” was title of WorkLab done by VOCAL from Belgium on March 17th 2021 with guest speakers: **Ebubekir Isik**, research director, Vocal Europe, **Clara Ohayon**, policy researcher, Vocal Europe, **prof. Koen Leurs**, Department of Media and Culture Studies at Utrecht University, **Jérôme Gonnot**, researcher, Migration Policy Centre and **Anca Mile**, ACTA Center from Romania.

MIGREC WORKSHOP:

APPLYING FOR RESEARCH FUNDING WITH EMPHASIS ON HORIZON EUROPE

Within the framework of the **Migration, Integration and Governance Research Center (MIGREC)** the South East European Research Center organized a training workshop in 3 parts.

The scope of the workshop is to familiarise researchers and other stakeholders with the EU funding mechanisms of research with special emphasis to the new HORIZON EUROPE program (2021-2027).

The workshop was held online on March 22,24 and 29, 2021.

More info: <https://migrec.fpn.bg.ac.rs>



HOUSING FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN THE UNECE REGION CHALLENGES AND PRACTICES

The study on the housing for migration and refugees was conducted in the period 2016-2020 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The report provides a collection of best practices and illustrates that adequate housing both assists migrant integration and helps foster local communities and economies.

Read more:

<https://unece.org/housing/publications/housing-for-migrants-and-refugees>



MINT PROJECT:

MENTORING METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

The framework document provides guidance to organisations setting up mentoring programmes for the integration of migrant children. The document is delivered by the Mentoring for integration of third country national children affected by migration (MINT) project.

Read more:

<https://childhub.org/en/child-protection-online-library/mentoring-methodological-framework-mint-project>





EU-LEVEL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEE-LED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

In the framework of the project “Training Kit for Empowering Refugee-led Community Organisations” ECRE has released a report based on data from existing studies, interviews with Refugee-led Community Organisations (RCOs) and relevant research from other stake-holders.

The report examines the presence and impact of refugee-led community organisations from the perspective of advocacy targeting primarily the EU institutions, and outlines opportunities and challenges for refugee organisations.

- While RCOs are considered an important player, acting as a bridge between refugee communities and host society and providing immediate support for their communities, they continue to be excluded from the decision making process defining the very policies that shape their lives and futures.

Read more:

<https://www.ecre.org/eu-level-report-on-the-status-of-refugee-led-community-organisations>



THESIS, ANTITHESIS, SYNTHESIS – MIGRATION LABS

Over the course of 18 months, the project partners from Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Serbia organizes WorkLabs, debates and roundtables with 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 envisage to raise awareness of EU policy-making processes, and to boost opportunities for participation and volunteering.

Read more on the official website: tasmigrationlab.eu