

# INTEGRATING IMMIGRANTS INTO THE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR IN THE EU (IMMiNTE)



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## NEWSLETTER

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### ABOUT PROJECT:

The IMMiNTE (Integrating Immigrants into the Tourism and Hospitality Sector in the EU) project aims to address labour shortages and skills mismatches in the European tourism and hospitality sector by supporting the social and professional integration of immigrants through innovative vocational education and training (VET).

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. Foster new digital tools and VET trainings to facilitate cultural diversity and inclusivity of immigrants to address market needs of the hospitality and tourism sector.
2. Empower and reskill immigrants with vocational skills to thrive in the HORECO sector.
3. Equip HORECO sector with necessary skills to create a diverse workforce by enhancing service quality and ensuring cultural transition.
4. Raise awareness among decision-makers about the value of a diverse workforce.

### Project partners

- **Instituto Politécnico do Porto (Portugal)** coordinates the project, bringing strong expertise in hospitality education, vocational training, digital innovation and inclusive learning.
- **OECON (Greece)** contributes its experience in VET, stakeholder engagement and training for immigrants and SMEs, with a strong focus on diversity and social inclusion.



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- **ETHNIC Sustainable Tourism Association (Spain)** is a non-profit organisation promoting responsible and sustainable tourism, with extensive experience in immigrant integration, training and advocacy.
- **Sensus Stockholm-Gotland (Sweden)** is an adult education organisation specialised in vocational training, language learning and labour-market integration for migrants and disadvantaged groups.
- **DEKAPLUS Business Services (Cyprus)** is a certified VET provider supporting skills development in the hospitality sector, with strong links to SMEs and industry stakeholders.

## Kick off Meeting – Porto, Portugal 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

On 13th January, the project officially kicked off during the transnational partners' meeting held in Porto and hosted by P.Porto at Vila do Conde. The meeting marked an important milestone, bringing together partners from Cyprus, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, and Greece to network, align on the project's objectives, and discuss the next steps. Partners will maintain regular contact through monthly online meetings, sharing updates and progress until they meet again at the next transnational partners' meeting.



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