

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



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## NEWSLETTER 2

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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).

### Transnational partners Meeting Thessaloniki 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

On 11th June, the transnational partners' meeting took place in Thessaloniki and was hosted by OECON at WEHUB. The meeting marked an important milestone, bringing together partners from Cyprus, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, and Greece to network, discuss the project's progress, and discuss the next steps. A date has also been set for the next transnational partners' meeting in Spain, ensuring continued coordination and collaboration across the partnership.



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## Partners Organise National Focus Groups to Validate Research Findings

Project partners are currently organising and hosting two national focus groups, each involving 10 participants, bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders. The focus groups include migrants working in the tourism and hospitality sector, professionals from the tourism and hospitality industry, representatives of NGOs, and vocational education and training (VET) providers.

These sessions provide an opportunity to gather different perspectives on the challenges, needs, and opportunities related to the integration and professional development of immigrant workers in the sector.

The primary aim of the focus groups is to validate and explore in greater depth the findings of each partner's national needs assessment and labour market analysis. The valuable insights gathered from participants will help ensure that the project's training programmes are tailored to the real needs of both migrant workers and employers, making them practical, relevant, and responsive to current labour market demands.

By engaging key stakeholders throughout this process, the partnership is taking an important step towards developing high-quality training resources that support inclusion, skills development, and employment opportunities within the tourism and hospitality sector.

Several partners have already completed their first focus group, with the second session planned for July. Once all focus groups have been carried out, the findings will be compiled into national reports from Cyprus, Portugal, Greece, Spain, and Sweden, providing valuable insights into the needs and challenges identified across the partner countries. The results of these discussions will contribute to the continued development of the IMMiNTE project, helping to create training programmes that better support the inclusion of immigrants in the European tourism and hospitality sector.

On the following page, you can read highlights from the first focus groups organised by our partners in Spain and Sweden.



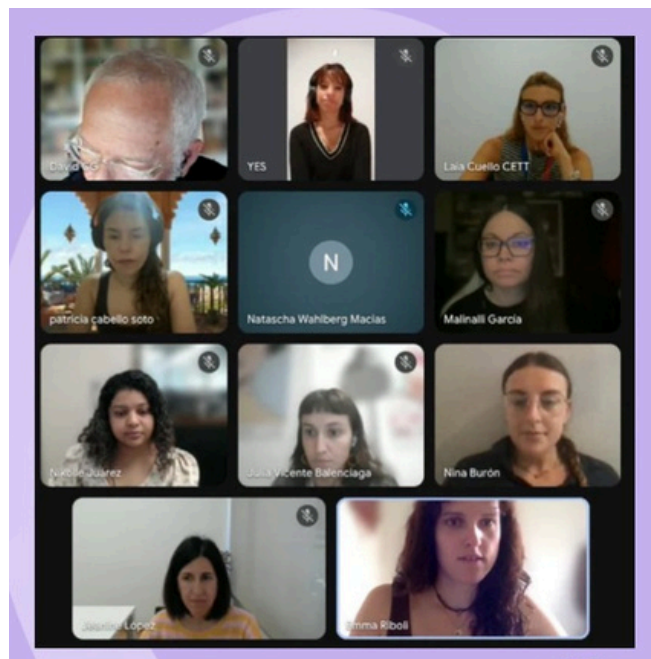
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## Spain- AETHNIC Focus Group

On June 5th, AETHNIC organised their first focus group as part of the IMMiNTE project, which brought together different perspectives on a single topic: migrants working in the sector, professionals from the tourism and hospitality industry, NGOs and vocational training centres.

The focus group concluded with a presentation of best practices, including Migrantour, Projeta't, Acredita and the Barcelona Tourism Sector Committee, as well as the training programmes available in the sector.



## Sweden- SENSUS Focus Group

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sensus studieförbund in Sweden conducted their first focus group with Ukrainian immigrants, trainers and teachers in Sweden to explore opportunities and barriers for entering the tourism and hospitality sector.

The discussion showed strong interest in roles such as receptionist, conference host, guide, cook, cleaning staff, restaurant service and event staff.

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