

# *IARS PRESENTATION FOR EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROJECT ERASMUS + EPSILON*

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# About IARS

- **IARS** is a leading, international think-tank with a charitable **mission to give everyone a chance to forge a safer, fairer and more inclusive society**. We achieve our charitable aims by producing **evidence-based** solutions to **current** social problems, sharing best practice and by supporting **young people and the community** to shape decision making. IARS is an international expert in **criminal justice, restorative justice, human rights and inclusion, citizenship and user-led research**.
- IARS was founded upon the principles of; user & civic participation; restorative justice & dialogue; and individual empowerment & responsibility
- **The IARS International Institute has stayed true to its founding values and been striving to achieve its mission and vision officially for the past 10 years**



# About IARS continued

## **Current Equalities Projects:**

- Erasmus+ Move On
- Gender and Justice Empowerment
- Evaluation of Anne Frank Trust Schools Ambassador Programme
- Epsilon

## **Current Justice Projects:**

- Detention Action Evaluation
- MOPAC Pan London Restorative Justice Service
- St James St Partnership

## **Current Youth Projects:**

- Erasmus+ Care 2 Work
- Erasmus+ Abused No More
- Southwark Youth Now
- Affinity Sutton Community Ambassadors Programme



# Project Management

- Development of a work plan
- Creation of the Theory of Change
- Qualitative evaluation survey with beneficiaries
- Development and maintenance of the project Risk Register
- Coordination of the Partners' Steering Committee
- Face to face meetings every 9 months
- Recruitment and coordination of the User Advisory Group
- End of year Surveys

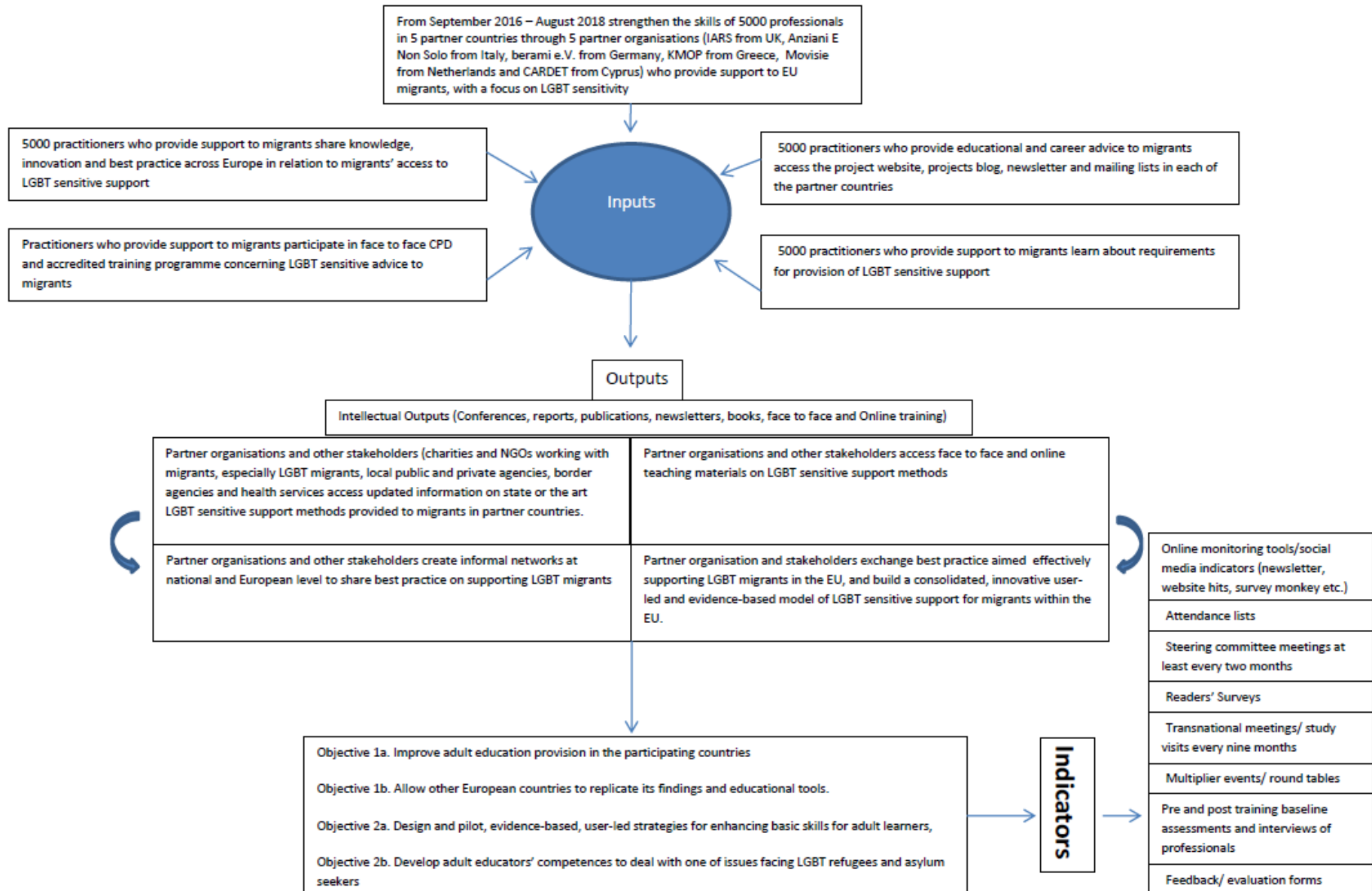


# EPSILON: EQUIPPING PROFESSIONALS FOR SUPPORTING LGBT MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	M19	M20	M21	M22	M23	M24	
<b>Project activity*</b>																									
O1 - Phase 1 report (Evidence base)																									
O2 - Face to face training (design and delivery)																									
O3 - E-course (design and delivery)																									
O4 - Concluding publication																									
E 1 - Launch Int Conference - GR																									
E2 - Closing Int Conference - UK																									
E 3-4- 5 (Closing national seminars IT-CY-NL)																									
C1 - Training event CY																									
A1 - PROJECT WEBSITE																									
A2 - E-NEWSLETTERS																									
M1 - ITALY																									
M2 -GREECE																									
M3 - HOLLAND																									
M4 - UK																									
A3 - MONITORING/ USER ADVISORY GROUP																									
A4 - EVALUATION WITH SURVEY X 2																									



# Theory of Change



# Epsilon Project Outputs

- **Output 1** – Building the evidence-base: Phase 1 E-book led by **IARS**
- **Output 2** – Face-to-face adult education programme – led by **ANS**
- **Output 3** – Open educational & training e-resource led by **CARDET**
- **Output 4** – The Epsilon Educational Resources: Final eBook - led by **KMOP**

# Work Stream 1 – Theoretical Development (Months 1-6) + Output 1

- Literature desk research on the state of art of training on LGBT refugees related issues in the different countries
- Field research including interviews and / or focus groups with LGBT refugees and/or key-stakeholders in all participating countries.
- A report of known (existing) best practices for understanding the specific situation and requirements of LGBT refugees / asylum seekers and to avoid violence against them For example good practices such as dialogue meetings or buddy project.
- Production of Phase 1 report whose aim is to identify the needs which will be matched with the training package



# Work Stream 2 - Implementation, (Months 7-21) + Outputs 2,3

- Recruitment of professionals and volunteers working with asylum seekers and refugees, particularly to support the project.
- Design of a face-to-face training, for professionals and volunteers to better understand the specific situation and requirements of LGBT people and to avoid violence against LGBT people.
- Design a CPD accredited e-learning course gathering the educational materials
- Delivery of face-to-face training for participating organisations to roll out to professionals working with refugees and asylum seekers
- Publication of final project report with outcomes and lessons learnt

# Workstream 3 - Dissemination, (Months 1-24)

- A project website
- An opening international conference
- Regular e-newsletters to at least 5000 organisations and individuals in Europe
- Publication of a book integrating the findings and all results from the project and make available online for wider dissemination
- Present the findings and practical results of the project at one multiplier event of European wide significance

# Workstream 4 - Evaluation (Months 12, 24)

- Ongoing evaluation of the impact of the adult education for professionals and volunteers working with asylum seekers and refugees on the issue
- Set up a Steering and Evaluation group consisting of LGBTI, users, experts, researchers and frontline professionals from various countries including participating countries.
- The Steering Group will be coordinated by the IARS International Institute and they will receive regular updates on project activities as well as opportunities to contribute to the project.

# Output 1: Building the evidence-base: Phase 1

## E-book

- Summary of qualitative data
- Review of best practices
- Data from fieldwork with LGBT refugees and asylum seekers.
- 5 country chapters written in partners language and executive summaries written in English.
- A comparative chapter written in English

# Output 1 Building the evidence-base: Phase 1 E-book

- Desk research on the state of training on LGBT refugees/ migrant related issues in the partner countries
- Field research including interviews and / or focus groups with LGBT refugees and/or key-stakeholders
- A report of known (existing) best practices for understanding the specific situation and requirements of LGBT refugees / asylum seekers and to avoid violence against them
- Production of Phase 1 report identifying the needs which will be matched with the training package
- IARS will lead on the editing Output 1

# Output 1 Building the evidence-base: Phase 1

## E-book IARS approach

- Build a database of organisations working in the LGBT or migrant field (currently at 120 organisations)
- Develop a simple online questionnaire about the services they offer and how migrant/LGBT aware are they
  - How aware of the issues facing LGBT Migrants is their organisation
  - Do they offer any specific services
  - Have staff been trained on LGBT/Migrant issues
  - How many service users fit into the Epsilon target groups
- Focus groups with LGBT migrants recruited from the organisations identified above
  - Record LGBT migrant experiences
  - What support has helped/would have helped
  - What needs to change

# Time line for Output 1

Activity	Date
Desk based research	December 2016
Fieldwork completed	December 2016
Country reports submitted	Mid January 2016
E-Book to be published	February 2017

# Recruitment of User Advisory Group

- The User Advisory Group will comprise of:
  - Users
  - Professionals from LGBT organisations
  - Professionals from refugee organisations
  - Academics and researchers

Activity	Date
Development of a Database of refugee and LGBT organisations	October 2016
Invite organisations to join the steering group	November 2016
First steering group meeting	January 2017
Regular steering	Every 3 months from January 2017