

# EPSILON

# Implementation in Italy

Kick off meeting – London, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016



# About ANS

NGO located in Northern Italy active with various target groups (including **LGBT older persons and migrants**).

No specific previous experience with asylum seekers...

**but...**

# MigraBO

...we are closely cooperating with **MigraBO**, which is one of the few Italian NGO specifically working with LGBT migrants / refugees / asylum seekers

- ✓ Access to target group
- ✓ Expertise

# 01 – Background research - topics

Challenges of LGBT R&AS and  
consequent training needs  
concerning:

- Legal process to request asylum
- Support services
- Local LGBT communities
- Country-nationals in the hosting countries



# 01 – Background research - method

Literature review - Italy

Field work:

- Focus group users
- Interviews to professionals
- Social comfort questionnaire submitted to members of local LGBT center



## 02 – Face-to-face training (Lead partner)

As lead partner:

- Developing workshop “shells”
- Coordinating the implementation work (to be shared among partners or developed at country-level – TBC)
- Piloting in Italy (partnering with the NGO Caleidos – managing the only LGBT dedicated places in Modena Province SPRAR)
- Participation to C1



## 03/4 – E-learning Final report

- Contributing to the development of output 3 and 4 according to the requests of lead partners
- Piloting in Italy





# Dissemination (lead partner)

As lead partner:

- Development of project logo, website, leaflet
- Design of reports

In Italy:

- Dissemination of project outcomes and activities in the Italian context
- Organization of dissemination event





# LGBT Asylum seekers in Italy

Overview



# STATISTICS

- No official figures available
- According to the few NGOs active on the topic (located in Modena, Bologna, Milano, Verona / northern Italy and Palermo / Sicily) they are mostly **men** coming from **Maghreb** and **Sub-saharian Africa** followed by **Iran** and **Pakistan**. Since 2013/2014 there was a significant increase of **Russians**.



# CHALLENGES

- The asylum request process is no longer the biggest challenge
- There is a lack of dedicated places / projects in the SPRAR system
- Social integration, housing and employment seems to be still problematic