

# LGBT

Refugees & Migrants:

the situation in GREECE AND in EUROPE

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# EpsiLon Project Overview

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# EpsiLon is a 2 year Erasmus+ (KA2) co-funded programme being delivered in partnership with 5 EU partner countries



- IARS International Institute - the UK;
- Anziani e non Solo - Italy;
- Kentro Merimnas Oikogeneias kai Paidiou (KMOP) - Greece;
- Movisie - Kennis En Advies Voor Maatschappelijke Ontwikkeling – The Netherlands;
- Centre for Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology LTD – CARDET –Cyprus.

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# Motivation for the EpsiLon Project



a) the rise in migrant and refugee numbers

b) the persistent inequality and persecution of Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-gender groups (LGBT).



# Project Aims



The EpsiLon project aims to increase the knowledge, skills and awareness of all those adult professionals who come in contact with LGBT refugees and migrants by:

- Sharing, developing and transferring innovative practices in education targeting professionals and volunteers working in services for LGBT asylum seekers, refugees and migrants;
- Developing innovative, evidence-based, user-led educational tools in order to raise adult learners' awareness and sensitivity to the needs of LGBT asylum seekers, refugees and migrants;
- Design and pilot, evidence-based, user-led effective strategies for enhancing basic skills for adult learners;
- Helping target groups to challenge their own biases and improve their skills in providing tailored and culturally sensitive services.



# Project Expected Impacts



- LGBT refugees/migrants from all participating country will be directly involved in the design, delivery and monitoring of this project;
- Participating organisations will fundamentally change their internal knowledge and experience in the project area and increase their own infrastructure and organisational knowledge;
- Organisations and adult professionals and volunteers working with LGBT refugees and asylum seekers will raise their awareness by being trained through the e-learning portal and pilots will be completed in each country for the face to face training;
- Through its trainings, multiplier events, books and policy recommendations, it is expected that policy makers and decision makers will increase their knowledge;
- Better and more responsive policies and practices are to be developed reflecting real needs and wants of LGBT migrants and refugees.



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# Project Outputs

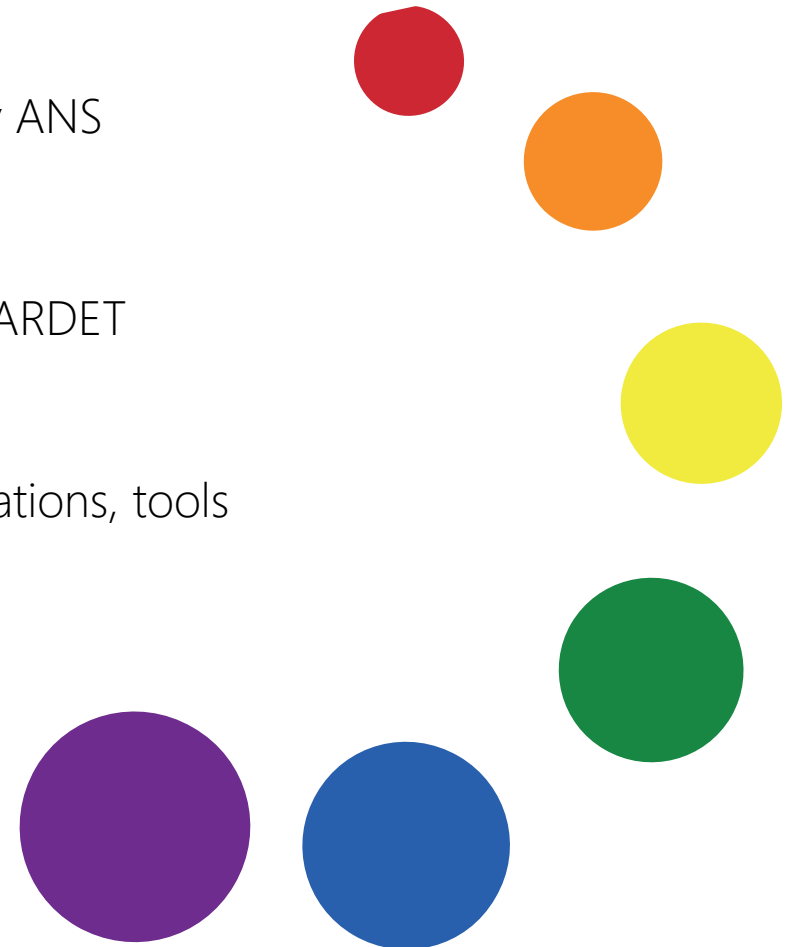


**O1** - EU Report published in the form of an e-book led by IARS

**O2** - Design and piloting of a Face-to-face CPD accredited Training led by ANS

**O3** - Design and launch of a free CPD accredited Online training led by CARDET

**O4** - Final project report, peer review edited book with policy recommendations, tools and best practices led by KMOP



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# LGBT Advisory Board



**The group is expected to input in every phase of the project:**

## **Phase 1: Research**

Advise on the questions asked during the field research  
Review and feedback on the country chapters for Output 1

## **Phase 2: Training Development**

Advise on the topics that should be covered in the training  
Review the training materials during the production stage

## **Phase 3: Dissemination**

Where appropriate support with the dissemination of the training through helping to recruit and deliver the training materials

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