



Equi Health Project: Public and Occupational Health Training of Workers Dealing with Migrants

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THE EQUI-HEALTH PROJECT

Aim: Better quality health services for migrants



- launched in February 2013 by the Migration Health Division of the Regional Office for Europe of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

MIGRANT

→ any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence regardless of the person's legal status, whether the movement is voluntary or involuntary (IOM)



3 SUB ACTIONS

SOUTHERN EU BORDERS

Bulgaria, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Italy, CROATIA

MIGRANT HEALTH

ROMA HEALTH

Croatia - Training Rollout

Trainers:

Occupational and sport medicine specialists (CIHPSW)
Infective disease specialists and epidemiology (CHPI)
International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Trainees:

Police, customs officers, medical staff, health inspectors

Workshops



MODULE I

Migration Health

- Global and European trends of Migration
- Migration Health
- Public Health Ethics

MODULE II

Occupational Health and Well-Being

- Communicable and non-communicable diseases, socioeconomic and cultural factors
- Occupational Health: well-being at work place
- First aid
- Psychosocial Aspects of Migration
- Caring for vulnerable groups

MODULE III

Intercultural competence

- Introduction to Intercultural Competence
- Communication Skills
- Intercultural Mediation in Health Care



ZAGREB

- 22nd to 24th October 2014
- 19 trainees
- work problems in open/closed type centers
- prolonged contact with immigrants and asylum seekers



VINKOVCI

- 5th to 7th November 2014
- 19 trainees
- the busiest border crossing in Croatia, named Bajakovo
- 7.5 million passengers per year



DUBROVNIK

- 17th to 19th November 2014
- 12 trainees
- „Dubrovnik case”, first-hand accounts of the event
- special attention to ebola crisis



ZAGREB ToT

- 9th to 11th December 2014
- at each workshop 3-4 trainees were selected according to their skills and knowledge to undergo a local Training of Trainers (ToT)

CONCLUSION

The national Project was fully and successfully implemented. The groups throughout Croatia had a valuable opportunity to meet their peers and representatives of other authorities involved in migration and health topics. The workshops have raised awareness of the importance of a multisectoral approach in improving occupational and public health as well as quality of migrant health care services. To ensure further capacity building and future sustainability of the action the four pilot workshops yielded a total of 12 local trainers from different parts of Croatia.

- the project is co-financed under the 2012 work plan, within the second program of Community action in the field of health