

Shaping the lives of migrants through the development of skills and qualifications for digital entrepreneurship– exciting new project, ABCD4ME takes on this challenge!

Since 2015, migration has risen high on the agendas of governments and development partners, following its historic inclusion in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the creation of economic opportunities for all, with the purpose of leaving no one behind and as a response to large flows of migrants and refugees that have occurred in different parts of the world. One mechanism to achieve this is thus through the promotion of entrepreneurship. In September 2016, governments adopted the New York Declaration, which calls for strengthening international cooperation on migration and forced displacement, emphasizing the issue of socioeconomic integration of both migrants and refugees, including through support to self employment and entrepreneurship. Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees (United Nations, 2018) also argues that entrepreneurship can be an effective way to include migrants and refugees in local economies, by sharing their knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit, and creating new market opportunities and cross-border networks. Providing them access to quality digital training throughout their careers also plays a vital role to achieve this goal. Therefore, The European Commission has proposed a Digital Education Action Plan to help make this happen.

This is why it is important, now more than ever, to offer support and assistance to migrants in the field of digital entrepreneurship across Europe. The ABCD4ME project looks to address this and provide opportunities to shape the lives of migrants so that they can continue to grow and develop to their full potential. The ABCD4ME project aims to increase the economic integration of migrants by supporting the development of digital entrepreneurship skills and qualifications.

The strategic actions planned in the ABCD4ME contribute towards a better understanding of the complex process of becoming a Digital Entrepreneur in the over-regulated economic context of Europe. ABCD4ME supports the uptake of innovative approaches and digital Technologies for teaching and learning and also contributes to disseminating learning outcomes through formal and non-formal learning activities as well as to making available tools and resources digitally. This includes;

- Online Digital Database For Migrant Entrepreneurship In A Digital Economy
- Theoretical Framework, Pedagogical Basis And Training Curriculum
- Digital Training Platform For Learning Via Apps For Migrant Entrepreneurship In A Digital Economy
- ABCD4ME Pedagogical Handbook

ODD aims to include a database of good practices and resources for potential Digital Entrepreneurs including best practices, projects, methodologies, and policy guidelines. **Theoretical Framework** aims to analyze European Qualification Framework and National Qualification Frameworks for migrant entrepreneurship in each partner country and it will define the Competence Framework for this profile, including a proposal of Learning Units for the Curriculum. **Training Curriculum** aims to provide VET teachers and trainers at national and European level, with a tool aimed to facilitate and enhance entrepreneurship competence of migrants in digital economy, the transfer and recognition of Learning Outcomes in the development of allied competences in digital entrepreneurship, as well as setting the basis for the future process of recognition, validation, and certification. **The Learning Apps in the Digital Training Platform** aims to be a useful digital resource for VET educators and trainers by addressing digital, gender, ethnic, linguistic and cultural diversity and also enhancing a culture of digital innovation and intercultural entrepreneurship. The APPs based learning also aims to provide flexible learning and

leverages the increased level of digital competence usually available among the younger migrants. ***Pedagogical Handbook*** aims to provide in depth information, basic concepts, definitions and methodological guidance to support transferability, replication as well as adaptation, and support APPs based digital teaching of migrant entrepreneurship education for interested VET teachers and trainers.

Notes to the Editor:

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