



# EU actions in support of linguistic integration

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# Integration policy in the EU context

Primary competence of Member States, including regions and cities

Non-harmonised area

EU support and incentives through

- Monitoring, benchmarking
- Exchange of knowledge and experience
- Financial instruments

Link to legal framework on migration, equality law and many policy areas (employment, education...)

# Legal basis

## *Article 79(4) TFEU*

- *“... measures to provide incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals*
- *residing legally in their territories,*
- *excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations”*

# Common Basic Principles (2004)

## Including

- two-way process of mutual accommodation
- access to employment
- knowledge of **language**, history, institutions
- efforts in education
- equal access to institutions, goods and services
- interaction between migrants and MS citizens
- migrants' participation in the democratic process
- mainstreaming of policies and practices
- indicators and mechanisms for monitoring

## Common Basic Principle 4

Basic knowledge of the host society's **language**, history, and institutions is indispensable to integration; enabling immigrants to acquire this basic knowledge is essential to successful integration.

# Council conclusions on integration

- Adopted in June 2014
- Reaffirming the validity of the Common Basic Principles ten years after their adoption
- Recognising that concrete actions should be taken to promote education, **language learning**, employment and migrants' access to public and private goods and services

# Commission work on integration

- Coordinating knowledge exchange – Network of National Contact Points on Integration
- Ensuring dialogue and consultation – European Integration Forum
- Financial support to projects – Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- Information on policies and projects – European Web Site on Integration
- Intra-service coordination



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# Common Agenda for Integration (2005)

To put in place Common Basic Principle 4,  
at EU level

- Trans-national actions, e.g. adaptation of good practices to different contexts, exchange of personnel, joint development of programmes, common dissemination of results should be stimulated; and
- Innovative integration programmes or models incorporating **language** and communication training, and the cultural, political and social characteristics of the host country should be supported

# European Agenda for Integration (2011)

## A. Integration through **participation**

Acquiring **language knowledge** identified as critical for integration. Enhanced **language skills** lead to improved job opportunities, independence and migrant women participation in the labour market. **Language training** should be accessible both financially and geographically.

# European modules

Common European modules to support national or local integration policies and practices

Negotiated recommendations and a flexible reference framework based on best existing evidence. Areas:

- introductory courses and **language classes**
- strong commitment by society
- active participation of immigrants in all aspects of collective life

Available on the European Web Site on Integration:

[http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/UDRW/images/items/docl\\_40802\\_75022\\_9173.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/UDRW/images/items/docl_40802_75022_9173.pdf)

# Module 1: Introductory courses and **language classes**

## Components

- 1. Pedagogic schemes for **language tuition****
- 2. Effective introductory courses**
- 3. Incentives structures**
- 4. Evaluation and quality assessment**

# European indicators

- Common indicators in four areas: employment, education, social inclusion and active citizenship
- Increase comparability and enhance European learning process
- Monitoring of results of policies
- Benchmarking in relation to European targets
- Formulation of recommendations
- Eurostat Pilot Study, June 2011
- Analysis project, January 2012 – March 2013
  
- Regular updates by Eurostat
- Cooperation with the OECD

# Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

Immigration and pre-departure measures (AMIF Regulation Art. 8), including

- comprehensive civic orientation courses and **language tuition**;

Integration measures (AMIF Regulation Art. 9), including

- measures focusing on education and training, including **language training** and preparatory actions to facilitate access to the labour market;