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A competence-based approach to improve the social inclusion of migrant women



**Competence Portfolio and Pedagogical Tools to Identify, Recognize, Validate
and Improve the Competences Acquired by Migrant Woman in Formal,
Non-Formal and Informal Learning**

Contexts

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We're on the web!

<http://forwardproject.eu/>

What is Forward?

Forward was an exciting two year (2011-2013) transnational project funded under the Grundtvig action of the EU Lifelong Learning Programme.

The Forward project developed a competence portfolio for the self-recognition, development and validation of competences gained by migrant women in all learning contexts— formal, non-formal and informal.

Our focus: the competences of migrant women

Migrant women are one of the most disadvantaged groups in the EU in terms of labour participation and social inclusion. However, their high competence capital is severely unrecognised in the EU host countries. The Forward project is based on the potential of competence-based methodologies to promoting the social inclusion of migrant women.

What have we achieved? Main results of the project

- We have widened **research** in 6 EU Member States (Austria, Finland, Italy, Lithuania, Romania and Spain) on the specific situation of migrant women, focusing on their competence capital, employability, experiences of competence assessment and validation, and participation in the labour market and adult education. **All national research reports and a European comparative report are downloadable in English at the project website.**



- We have developed, pilot-tested and validated a **new competence-based methodology** specifically adapted to migrant women in the EU. This innovative methodology will help professionals supporting migrant women in the process of self-recognition, validation and development of their competences.
- We are transferring and promoting the use of the FORWARD publications among career guidance and adult learning professionals. **Capacity-building workshops and national conferences are being organized in 5 EU countries, as well as a final European conference in Rome.**

Final publications: the Forward Handbook and Toolbox

The final publications of the Forward project are two pedagogical materials (a more theoretical Handbook and a practical Toolbox) in 7 languages (English, Finnish, German, Italian, Lithuanian, Romanian and Spanish). The English version includes a common framework based on the experiences of the project in all countries, while national versions are adapted to the specific needs in each local context. **All documents are downloadable at the project website.**



The Forward Handbook and Toolbox include:

- An innovative **list of competences** key for the social inclusion of migrant women.
- A competence **portfolio** based on Europass.
- An innovative **questionnaire** for migrant women to self-recognise their competences, based on common real-life situations.
- More than **50 tools** to support migrant women in the identification, transference and development of competences.
- An introductory **conceptual basis** of the Forward competence-based model: gender, migration and competence-based methodologies in the EU context.
- **Methodological guidelines** to apply the Forward tools in learning and career guidance programmes with migrant women.

What can I do?

As a stakeholder or professional...

- You can participate in training programmes, workshops and events organized in your country
- You can adapt the Forward approach and use its products in your daily work. Contact the coordinator of the project: SURT. Women's Foundation. Private Foundation C/ Guardia 14, Baixos – 08001 Barcelona, Spain surt@surt.org

