

LISTEN AT A GLANCE

People who had to emigrate from their home countries involuntarily due to war or other violent forces, often have a hard time to start a new life in a place they never wanted to go to, to relate to the new cultural environment and to build personal contacts in the new environment. The Erasmus+ project LISTEN wants to help them by developing storytelling methods as learning approach that can be used to support refugees in language learning, but also to share their stories with others to make their experiences, hardships and resources known. The aim of LISTEN is promoting an intercultural dialogue and integrating refugees and other migrants who experienced forced migration in the hosting community by giving them the skills to tell and media to share.



WHAT LISTEN WANTS

LISTEN stands for Learning from Intercultural Storytelling. Although storytelling and related techniques are widely recognised as educational approach to improve competencies and language skills of adult learners, it is not yet established as a learning approach for adult migrants and refugees. LISTEN develops innovative learning tools and methods for storytelling and makes them available for trainers and multipliers working with refugees and migrants.

In addition the project offers trainers, counsellors and learners to validate their storytelling competences with the validation system LEVEL5. At the end of the day, LISTEN will encourage and support refugees and migrants to express themselves, to gain confidence to communicate and through the medium of radio, refugees and migrants will be able to share their stories with a wider public as precondition for better intercultural understanding and inclusion.

START LISTENING

The LISTEN kick-off meeting was held in Göttingen, Germany in the end of February 2017. Representatives of the seven partner organizations from Austria, UK, Sweden, Italy, Greece and Germany were present and ready to take the first steps. The meeting was a great opportunity for the partners to get to know each other and to discuss and share experiences with the power of storytelling and of radio broadcasting.





LISTEN'S OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

The main activities during the 2-year project (01.12.2016 – 30.11.2018) are:

- ① Research on storytelling methods and practices in education through an online survey;
- ① Interviewing and collecting the stories of refugees or migrants who experienced involuntary or forced migration to be published;
- ① Developing a comprehensive report on the state of the art using storytelling to empower refugees, including good practice examples;
- ① Developing training modules on storytelling and radio broadcasting with refugees for trainers and counsellors;
- ① Piloting the training course in Austria in January 2017;
- ① Validating competence developments of stakeholders in regard to storytelling with the LEVEL5 methodology;
- ① Creation of a story collection and a handbook to make the LISTEN approach accessible for others;
- ① Multiplier Events in all partner countries for networking and stimulating collaboration on local level;
- ① Publication of results on the LISTEN Website.

THE NEXT STEP – LISTEN ONLINE SURVEY

Right now the LISTEN partnership is in its research phase. We have created an online survey, addressing trainers and other educational staff working with refugees, about storytelling for education and existing practices and experiences.

We warmly invite you to participate and to support us through sharing your opinion. The survey is available in English, Swedish, Greek, German and Italian and consists of 27 questions that will take approximately 5-10 minutes to fill.

To participate in the survey, please visit

[HTTP://SURVEY.BUPNET.DE/INDEX.PHP/146289?NEWTEST=Y&LANG=EN.](http://survey.bupnet.de/index.php/146289?newtest=Y&lang=en)

At the top of the page you can select your preferred language. Alternatively you find the link on our website. The survey will be open until June 30th, 2017. The results will be published on the LISTEN website in August 2017.

LISTEN WEBSITE

- ① Find more information about the project and its partners on our website listen.bupnet.eu.



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