



UGAIN

Urban GARDens for the social INtegration of migrants

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Background:

More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggled to cope with the intime, and creating division in the EU over how best to deal with resettling people. In 2016, almost 390.000 refugees and migrants reached Europe. European countries such as Germany, Sweden, Austria and Spain are currently attempting to integrate refugees and migrants within their societies. Urban gardens in particular, community and intercultural gardens provide the opportunity for people from different cultures, to get know each other in a peaceful and active environment thus fostering the social integration of migrants within the local society and culture. With this project we aim to contribute to the given context, by providing NGOs, associations, municipalities, local government and citizens already involved, or willing to start, a urban garden initiative the training tools necessary to transform it in a meeting point for local citizens and migrants fostering social integration and cultural change.

UGAIN aims:

- To foster the use of urban garden initiatives as a meeting point for social integration and guidance of migrants;
- To share good practices in this domain;
- To provide a common ground for interaction between migrants and the local population thus improving the understanding of the receiving country's society and culture and fostering an intercultural exchange;
- To foster empowerment of migrants and provide them the possibility to aquire soft skills, that may allow them to encounter job opportunities, have better access to social services of the receiving country thus making an effective social integration possible.

Final products:

The main project product, which development will follow the OER approach, will be a web-based Training App compatible both with desktop and mobile devices.

The main elements of the training app will be:

- A Summary Report about urban gardens for social integration and guidance of migrants;
- 15 case studies gathering best practices related to social integration activities in a urban garden context;
- Training modules providing the knowledge needed to turn a urban garden into a meeting point for social integration and a career guidance handbook.

Partners:

- Asociación Cantabria Acoge (ES)
- Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (UK)
- Folkuniversitetet (SE)
- On Projects Advising SL (ES)
- Stiftungsgemeinschaft Anstiftung & Ertomis gemeinnützige GmbH (DE)
- Technische Universität München (DE)
- Verein Gartenpolylog (AT)



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