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## This Month's Highlight

Inclusive local networks and local actions

### Building Bridges Across Cultures!

We are excited to share the latest developments in our Project, which have brought to life a vital initiative aimed at fostering connections between EU native and third-country national (TCN) parents. By establishing local networks, we created safe spaces where parents could come together, exchange ideas, share concerns, and learn from each other's experiences. These regular meetings not only provided practical support for TCN parents—offering insights into daily life and navigating complex systems—but also cultivate a spirit of mutual respect and cultural appreciation.

Through this initiative, EU native parents have the opportunity to become more aware of the unique challenges faced by TCN families, paving the way for stronger, more inclusive communities. This collaboration is a significant step forward in our mission to promote social integration and ensure that every family, regardless of origin, feels supported and valued!

### In Belgium

On May 28th, 2024, TurnUp Academy hosted a high-level dissemination event, gathering around twenty leading companies from the Turnhout region. TurnUp Academy is a weekend initiative aimed at empowering students and guest teachers to dream bigger, expand ambitions, and explore talents. Guest speakers from TAJO and TADA emphasized the importance of such initiatives, while they showcased how TurnUp Academy is becoming a local hub for future-making, connecting students, parents, entrepreneurs, and employers.



### In Greece

Innovation Hive has successfully established local networks of EU and TCN (third country national) parents in two schools in the Thessaly region of Greece. Their initial activities in May 2024 demonstrated the powerful impact of integrating fairy tales and art into education, fostering a deeper understanding of intercultural education and global citizenship. Through engaging activities such as storytelling and crafts, children learned valuable lessons about diversity, acceptance, and the importance of ensuring a safe and fulfilling life for everyone.

## In Slovenia

DRPDNM hosted the first group of local networks at the end of May. Ukrainian parents welcomed the workshop on integration and expressed the real need for such activities with nationals. They told us that Slovenians are a closed nation and such activities would help to break the ice between migrant's unknowledge of national habits and nationals' restraint to communicate and collaborate in everyday life.



## In Austria



InterAktion has successfully established local networks in Graz, the capital of Styria and Linz, the capital of Upper Austria, bringing together EU native and TCN (Third-Country National) parents. They've already organized four engaging events where parents had the opportunity to connect over brunch and discuss the joys and challenges of parenting. These gatherings foster a supportive community, encouraging shared experiences and cultural exchange.

## In Cyprus

One of the first networking actions of local networks in Cyprus happened in May 2024 in a local primary school in Limassol, where SYTHESIS had the chance to host an inspiring day of information and activities for the teachers! They discussed and highlighted the importance of intercultural education in teaching practices, especially in multicultural classrooms.

A first interaction with best practices and strategies teachers used in the classroom were presented and an inspiring discussion emerged on the ways these can be enhanced and developed. Teachers stressed the importance to be equipped with the skills and confidence to integrate intercultural education and other thematic that would make the classroom an inclusive, respectful and inspiring place for children to learn and flourish.

Stay tuned for the many more actions that will follow as we collectively act for a more inclusive and respectful community!



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