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New EU restorative justice project for migrant and refugees' integration

Today the [Restorative Justice for All \(RJ4All\) International Institute](https://www.rj4all.info/) is launching the European-funded Erasmus + Restoring Respect Project (RRP). Bringing together a partnership of 5 organizations from the UK, Greece, Cyprus, Italy and Spain, RRP wants to integrate migrants and refugees into their communities using the values of restorative justice. It will facilitate the recognition and certification of skills and competences of migrant and refugees in the Europe and facilitate their entry into the labor market.

Restoring Respect partners have identified that, in the EU, the unemployment rate for refugees/migrants is two times more than the number of jobless national citizens.

Many EU tools and policies are still not widely used, mostly due to gaps in a holistic approach, which would include skills identification, labor mapping, accreditation and employability skills training to refugees and migrants.

In this context, RRP will create innovative tools, which will act as an early intervention program for refugees and migrants, who cannot procure documentary evidence of their qualifications. At the end of the program, refugees and migrants will be empowered with new tools to better certify their knowledge and skills and capabilities.

The activities of RRP project will support innovation in the VET field by creating, piloting and disseminating an interactive **platform** and a **mobile phone application** tailored to the needs and realities of migrants and refugees' communities in the participating project countries (the UK, Cyprus, Greece, Spain and Italy) and across Europe. RRP will also design and accredit an e-course that will enhance the skills and

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knowledge of migrants and refugees boosting their employability and integration in our European societies.

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, RRP coordinator and Founder and Director of the RJ4All International Institute, which is coordinating the program said: "At a critical point for Europe, when nationalism, Brexit and unemployment are creating power imbalances, restorative justice comes into play to help us redistribute what is being lost in our modern societies"

Laura De Nuzzo, RJ4All project officer said: "I am excited to participate in such an impactful and important project which might leave an important legacy to help European migrants and refugees."

The consortium of the project involves the following partners:

- [RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR ALL](#) (UK) - Project Coordinator
- [EDRA](#) (GR) -
- [ALTIUS](#) (SP)
- [ICSE-Co](#) (IT)
- [CSI](#) - (CY)

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- Restorative Justice for All: <https://www.rj4all.info/>
- RRP project page: <https://www.rj4all.info/restoring-respect-project>
- RRP website: <http://restoringrespect.iinfo/>
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