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Empowering Migrants and Refugees through innovative ICT tools and the values of restorative justice

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The **Restoring Respect Project (RRP)** is successfully developing the professional **Digital Multifunctional and Interactive Platform** to assist migrants and refugees in gaining recognition for their qualifications, enhancing their employability and streamlining their integration into foreign job markets.

To this end, the Erasmus Strategic Partnership is currently working to create the digital environment to provide the innovative package of tools for trainers, educators and employers in order to assess, validate and recognize the skills acquired that beneficiaries would acquire through the courses.

The RRP [website](#) is already making available all the project outputs, sharing resources and preparing the ground for the open educational & training e-resource.

RRP has already delivered [the e-book](#), forming part of the project's result and the first step in developing the evidence-based learning [tools to find here](#).

The e-book titled “**Restoring Respect in Migrants**” has been published by **RJ4All Publications** and is the outcome of the partners' collective effort presenting the main findings from the desk and field research conducted in **Greece, Italy, Spain, Cyprus and the United Kingdom**. It draws some key recommendations about migrants/refugees' skills and their needs for VET in order to improve employability.

The most common finding is that the **main obstacle** in the recognition of migrants' knowledge, skills, and competences is the **language barrier**, along with the **discrimination faced because of cultural and religious factors**. Moreover, in most cases their current occupation is not relevant to their studies, skills and competences along with the difficulty of having their qualifications or experience recognized.

Therefore, the need for designing and implementing new tools and methods of recognition of migrants' transferal skills is more evident than ever.

This comparative evidence created the solid ground to generate the subsequent output: the elaboration of a **training format for migrants and refugees** aimed at developing basic employability skills such as developing a CV, undergoing an interview, networking and making a new business.

This intellectual output, featuring in the form of a curriculum and an **online Toolbox** will be soon hosted on the RRP online interactive platform.

Founded on the values of restorative justice, including power-sharing and involvement in decision-making, the RRP project has worked with the **migrant community to pioneer an educational platform and mobile application** tailored to the suit needs, and realities faced by **refugees and migrants across Europe**.

In collaboration with all the partnership, ICSE & CO has been engaged in the elaboration and implementation of a dissemination plan and contributed to the research phase for the Intellectual Output IO2.

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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