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The context

Transnational migration refers to people who migrate with the purpose of “temporary” labor migration. People leaves their country for economic, political and educational reasons for longer or shorter period of time nevertheless they maintain strong linkages with their homeland and family.

Transnational family is characterized by one or both parents moving in another country leaving the child with family members or caregivers in the country of origin but also it could be characterized by young people leaving the country looking for the first job.

At family level several challenges arise, children left behind may be psychologically affected by the separation; the caregivers may be grandparents that are in need of care themselves. Migration is an influential social, economic and political phenomenon and it touches upon the lives of people both in sending and host societies. It affects family networks, shapes family relation, modify community development and influence social services and policy choices.

The project

The project, founded by European Commission's lifelong learning, Grundtvig Programme, involves organizations working in the field of migration in Italy (Fondazione L'Albero della Vita and Soletterre - Strategie di Pace Onlus), Romania (Alternative Sociale Association), Bulgaria (Partners Bulgaria Foundation), Poland (Polish Migration Forum), France (Accompagnement, Lieux d'accueil, carrefour éducatif et social), Portugal (Teia Amiga Associação) and Turkey (Afyonkarashisar Barosu).

The project aims to improve the quality of the support for transnational families creating a new educational opportunity.

For two years a group of EU experts travel in Europe to meet public and private stakeholders and to share experiences, methodologies, good practices during national meetings organized by each partner.

The project analyzes critical factor related to transnational families and identify skills and competences required to professionals working with transnational families: social workers, social-cultural mediator, teachers and school workers, psychologists, NGOs representatives, police man and legal practitioners.

The final output is the production of an advanced modular training available at EU level.

The Advanced Training Programme

The project intends to address the need of transnational family by providing public and private stakeholders with adequate tools and improved competences to support transnational families. Experts from partner organizations visited different national contexts sharing experiences and methodologies. As a result, they develop an Advanced Training Programme on transnational families support, dealing with all aspects and psycho-social needs of different actors affected by negative effects of migration.

The objectives of the training are:

- to analyze different impacts of migration on the family unit
- to asses particular social problems for sending and receiving countries regarding the transnational families
- to outline basic questions of European policies on migration and integration of the transnational families
- to conceive an innovative approach to provide assistances to the migrant

The Advanced Training Programme is conceived to deliver a comprehensive knowledge on transnational families in Europe, embracing a wide view on the needs that migrants parents and children, might face. It has been divided in training paths:

◆ training A SENDING COUNTRIES.

It addresses the needs of professionals working with migrant families in sending countries.

◆ training B RECEIVING COUNTRIES

It addresses the needs of professionals working with migrant families in receiving countries.

The Training course is organized in seven modules and an introduction on transnational families:

- families and migration: an introduction
- psycho- social assistance to children left behind in the country of origin
- parenting for families separated by labor migration (preparation, distances parenting and return)
- economic and emotional impact of young migration on elder people
- integrated support service in reunification process
- legalization through marriage
- migration, maternity and trafficking: improvement of the assistance programs held for parents, victims of trafficking, in receiving countries
- the role of remittances in the dynamics of transnational families.

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