



**IMCAP**

**Improving Migrant Children's Academic Performance**

**1<sup>st</sup> Press Release**

**About the Project**

**IMCAP – Improving Migrant Children's Academic Performance** is 24-month Erasmus+ KA2 Project (Project number: 2020-1-UK01-KA201-079210) that started in November 2020. The IMCAP project aims to improve the migrant students' academic performance. Partners from four European Countries bring their expertise together to create a platform to tackle the education gap and mismatches by strengthening the profiles of educators. IMCAP's goal is to narrow the educational achievement gap between migrant and non-migrant peers by targeting key stakeholders and assisting them with tools; a cultural handbook, a capacity-building booklet, and an online networking platform.



Furthermore, the focus is on developing a three-way link between teachers, parent and pupil which plays a very important role in supporting children's education and improving their academic performance.

The project's **objectives** which will be achieved by carrying out a research on the migrant students' situation across Europe are:

- To prepare teachers to work in a culturally diverse classroom.
- To actively engage migrant parents in the education process and in the school system of the host country.
- To create a set of tools that will facilitate the academic success of migrant students.
- To promote entrepreneurship among the primary target group as a way of improving its social and labour situation.
- To boost cultural growth, enhancement of cultural heritages, social inclusion, and cohesion processes involving local communities.

The main **target groups** of the project are:

- English, Spanish, Slovak, Greek, or Turkish language teachers, regularly (> 9 hours per week) engaged in classroom teaching, experienced in teaching migrant children, and interested in upskilling themselves.
- Migrant or born to migrants 11-16-year-old students who face one or more challenges at school (adjustment, language barrier, social inequality).
- Migrant parents of 11-16-year-old children.





Due to the current pandemic situation IMCAP's Kick-off Meeting was held online on 02/12/2020. Partners were gathered to establish a common vision and understanding on the project's development, as well as to discuss about the three Intellectual Outputs. In addition, they agreed on the key roles and responsibilities, and decided on the focus of the IMCAP project and the next deadlines to be met. IMCAP's Second Transnational Meeting was planned to be held in Bratislava, Slovakia, but it was held online on 28/04/2021 due to travel restrictions. Partners discussed about the project's overall progress, the development of the first Intellectual Output: *Capacity Building Booklet for Teachers*, and established an action and responsibilities plan for the second Intellectual Output: *Cultural Handbook for Parents*.



### Project Progress

All partners have completed their tasks for IMCAP's Intellectual Output 1: *Capacity Building Booklet for Teachers* which is completed and available on the project's [website](#). Intellectual Outputs 2 and 3 (*Cultural Handbook for Parents* and *Networking Platform for Teachers / Schools*) are still in progress.

Each partner has undertaken different tasks. [Eurospeak](#), the project coordinating organization, created IMCAP's [website](#), and, currently, is elaborating the UK National Chapter for Intellectual Output 2, and preparing the templates for IO3: *Networking Platform for Teachers / Schools*.

[CSI](#), created IMCAP's branded material and Social Media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)), is preparing the Cypriot National Chapter for Intellectual Output 2, and maintaining their Dissemination tasks, as Dissemination leaders.

[Topcoach](#), the leader organization for Intellectual Output 1: *Capacity Building Booklet for Teachers*, has prepared IMCAP's evaluation plan and is, now, working on the project's second Intellectual Output.

[Indepcie](#) leads Intellectual Output 2: *Cultural Handbook for Parents*. They conducted Desk and Field Research for Intellectual Output 1, and prepared the Spanish National Report. Indepcie also created the template and guidelines for Intellectual Output 2, and currently prepares Spain's National Chapter for the same Output.

IMCAP's IO3: *Networking Platform for Teachers / Schools*, will be tested by teachers in the participating countries. If you are a teacher interested in participating in the platform's piloting, please contact the relevant partner organization [here](#).