

# Community Center “Stavrodromi”

A GOOD PRACTICE ON INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS

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# The Area

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Karditsa is a small city (around 50.000 habitants), located in the Region of Thessaly, in Central Greece.

Since 2017 Karditsa Municipality (through ANKA, the development agency of the Municipality) is an implementing partner of UNHCR on ESTIA project funded by the Asylum, Immigration and Integration Fund of the European Union.

ESTIA project in Karditsa is hosting and supporting 423 asylum seekers and recognized refugees (as long as they are eligible to program according to the Greek legislation), during their first steps in Greece.



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# Timeframe of the practice

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The Intercultural Community Centre “STAVRODROMI” established on 12th of April 2019

It is operating under a contract with UNHCR and the funded by the Asylum, Immigration and Integration Fund of the European Union. It is estimated that it will be funded as long as ESTIA project will implemented in Greece.

It aims to be a permanent space for the communities that are hosted in our city and the optimum plan is for the communities to be able to operate it themselves with the support of the Municipality of Karditsa.



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# Need of the practice

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The newcomers in the country, especially when they are coming from a different cultural and social background, have a need of a refer point as to feel safety and confidence in order to start building a new life plan.

Intercultural Centre STAVRODROMI is a constant a reference point for newcomers in the city and provides them the safety and confidence they need.



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# STAVRODROMI, a constant reference point

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- ❖ Provides all necessary information they need to them in order to continue their social life, such as to enroll their children to public schools, to have access in the health system, to have access in employment, to learn Greek etc.
- ❖ Activates the communities to act in order to cover the needs of their communities.
- ❖ Collaborates with local associations, NGOs and other structures, with the support of the Municipality of Karditsa, organize common activities among hosted communities and the local society. Bring all communities in touch and in this way oracism and xenophobia can be faced up.



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# STAVRODROMI, how does it work!

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STAVRODROMI provides the case management for the beneficiaries of ESTIA program, as well as basic information about local life.

Furthermore, STAVRODROMI implements a number of other activities that meet the needs of the communities.

In order to meet the needs of the community and engage them, the team has established regular meetings with the representatives of the communities, with committees that have been formed for different activities or with volunteers, based on the Age Gender and Diversity approach.



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# Activities implemented in the Center - 1

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1) Regular info-sessions, organized sometimes in collaboration with other actors, according to the interest that the communities expressed to be informed on, such as: medical issues, operation of public education system, access to employment etc.

2) In collaboration with other organizations, (Doctors of the World, Health Visitors of the State Hospital of Karditsa, etc.) preventive free examinations were organized for various target groups of the population (vaccination of children, PAP tests for women, etc.).



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# Activities implemented in the Center - 2

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3) In collaboration with volunteers of the communities we provide educational activities. UNICEF supported us to find educational material in order to establish a school for Arabic and French language, in which the children have the opportunity to learn their mother tongue.

In addition, UNICEF provided us with a lot of books in all languages, so that STAVRODROMI can operate as a small library.



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# Activities implemented in the Center - 3

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4) In collaboration with local associations and actors organized a lot of cultural activities, such as: visits to local museums, attend two theatrical performances, a “food” music and dance festival organized in the Central park of the city and others.

5) Individual and ad-hoc support to link the skills and abilities of the community members with the labor market.



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# Activities and more....

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In the Center “STAVRODROMI”, a P/C room operates. All members of the communities have access to it, for personal use in specific hours of the day.

Additionally, a small size lending library is operating.



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The Strategic Plan Team of the Municipality of Karditsa, was set to plan, monitor and discover grants in order to implement the Strategic Plan for immigrants and refugees in Karditsa.

A result of that is the support of the operation of The “Intercultural Center, STAVRODROMI”, through a constant collaboration with it’s Services (Welfare Service, Bank of clothes, Social market etc.) and its structures (Women Center of Karditsa, Directors of Education etc.).

STAVRODROMI is part of the Strategic plan and is the tool to implement integration opportunities for the communities.



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# Activities & Services in Numbers....

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The basic results we have achieved during 2019 according the monitoring indicators are as following:

- ❖ 196 per month requests submitted and carried out.
- ❖ 12 training courses on formal and non-formal education
- ❖ 11 recreational activities
- ❖ 18 info sessions - focus group discussion meetings and health prevention actions
- ❖ 8 beneficiaries find job (5 in 2019 and 3 in 2020)
- ❖ Provided services to 517 beneficiaries in 2019



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# webpage & online material

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<https://www.anka.gr/index.php/el/programa-stegasis-ellada>

<https://www.anka.gr/index.php/el/ypati-armosteia-ellada-6/diapolitismiko-kentro-stavrodromi-2>



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