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# Strengthening Municipal Structures to Promote TCNs' Integration

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# Legal framework

Law 3852/2012 and Law 4555/2018: The Council for Integration of Migrants (ΣΕΜ) are established as an advisory mechanism of the Municipality for the promotion of integration of migrants in the local societies. The Council consists of 11 members (6 members of the municipal council and 5 representatives of migrant/refugee communities)

Law 4368/2016 and Joint Ministerial Decision Δ23/OIK. 14435-1135/2016: The Community Centers are established. Under the community center a Center of Integration of Migrants is also foreseen, but as of now only 8 are created, due mainly to lack of funding. The Centers are staffed with a Social Worker, a Cultural Mediator, a Lawyer and a Psychologist.

# Councils of Integration of Migrants Integration (ΣΕΜ)

To identify and investigate issues faced by migrants and refugees permanently residing in the Municipality in regards to their integration to the local society, their contact with the local Authorities.

To submit suggestions to the municipal council for the development of local actions to promote the smooth integration of migrants and refugees and, in general, to solve problems they face, in particular through the organization of counseling services by municipal services

To organize, in cooperation with the Municipality, events with a view to sensitize the local community and enhance social cohesion

# Centers of Integration of Migrants (KEM)

To organize and implement activities to integrate migrants and refugees, record data, record and evaluate social needs of the targeted population, receive and manage cases, refer cases where and when needed, develop/use volunteer support, promote social work, act in order to activate the Council of Integration of Migrants, legal counseling, refer cases to the Children's Ombudsman and other relevant authorities for victims of human trafficking and violence, support and counseling for the creation of associations of migrants/refugees

To receive and manage and refer cases with psychological problems, conduct psychological evaluations and provision of psychological support, detect trauma caused by forced migration, human trafficking especially of women and minors (and other types of violence), creation of life projects for UAMs, support and refer persons with addictions, record the psychosocial profile and needs of migrants/beneficiaries of international protection

# Political developments

- Network of Municipalities for Integration:

Athens, Thessaloniki, Trikala, Tripoli, Livadia, Karditsa, Herakleio, Larisa, Piraeus, Nea Philadelphia, Ioannina

- New National Integration Strategy

# Support to the Network of Municipalities for Integration

- Needs assessment
- Development of Integration plans, Coordination Groups, Shared monitoring mechanisms, Joint Position papers
- Ad-hoc studies for Policy design and Project development
- Facilitation of Local-National Communication
- Common Website and Information management
- Support of trainings of Municipality staff for Community engagement and two-way communication with TCNs
- Training of Municipality staff by IOM experts
- Attendance to international fora

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## Visions and Objectives

Further strengthen the capacity of local social service providers in existing cities and extend training activities to new cities, developing new tools to support them

Enhance political commitment and support coordination to improve socio-economic integration services

Promote the exchange of municipal experiences across the EU, document and disseminate best practices



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## Training Thematic Areas



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