

# eurac research

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# About Eurac Research

- Private non-profit research centre, founded in 1992
- Based in Bolzano in South Tyrol, Italy
- 11 research institutes and one center for advanced studies:
  - Minority Rights
  - Comparative Federalism
  - Regional Development

**Interreg**  
**Italia-Österreich**  
European Regional Development Fund



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Euroregions, Migration and Integration

# EUMINT - key facts

- **Interreg V-A Italy-Austria: Call for proposals 2017**
- **Specific target:** Strengthening cross-border institutional cooperation in key areas of the programme area
- **Duration:** January 1, 2018 - July 2, 2020 (30 months)
- **Funding:** European Regional Development Fund, Interreg V-A Italy-Austria program 2014-2020

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## Main research question

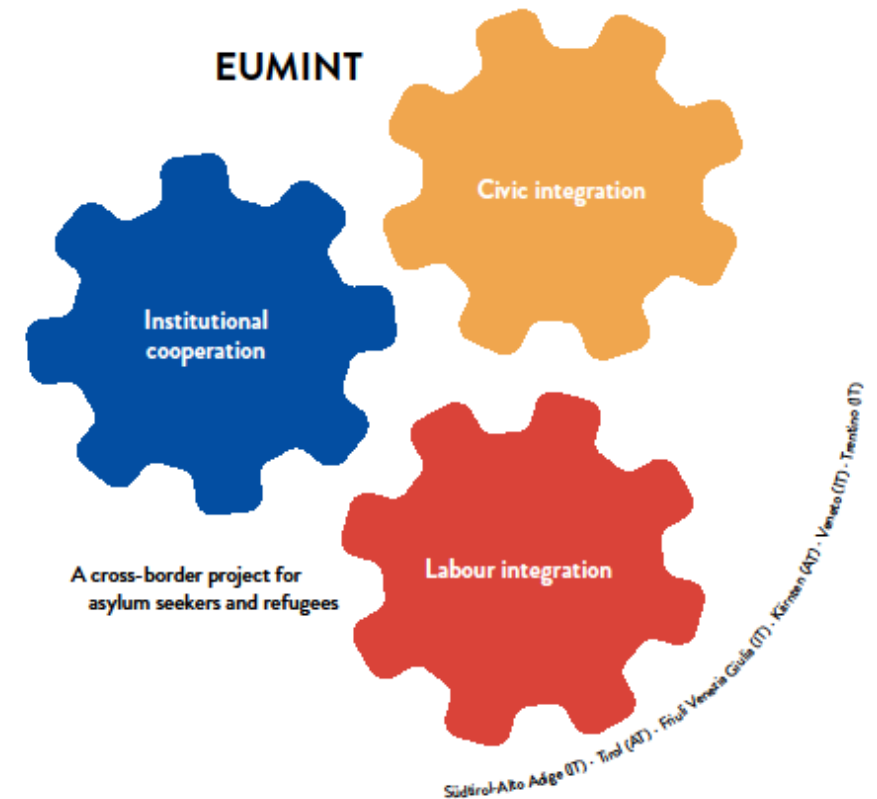
- How to strengthen institutional cross-border cooperation between Italy and Austria in the territories of **South Tyrol** (IT), **Tyrol** (AT), **Friuli-Venezia Giulia** (IT), **Carinthia** (AT), **Veneto** (IT) and **Trentino** (IT) in order to tackle the social, economic, political and cultural challenges connected to migration?

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## Project goals

The project will involve municipal, provincial/regional and euroregional institutions in 3 different areas:

- **Institutional cooperation**
- **Civic integration**
- **Labour integration**



## Project goals

- ❖ **Institutional cooperation:** promote the **exchange of experiences** between project partners
- ❖ **Civic integration:** **promote awareness** of European common values among asylum seekers and refugees
- ❖ **Labour integration:** design **long-term measures and instruments** for a better integration of asylum seekers and refugees in the labour market

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## Beneficiary Partners

- ❖ Eurac Research (lead partner)
- ❖ ZeMiT - Center for Migrants in Tyrol
- ❖ Institute of Geography, University of Innsbruck
- ❖ EGTC - Euregio Without Borders
- ❖ Regio Wipptal
- ❖ ARLeF - Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia
- ❖ Administrative Districts of: Burggrafenamt, Salten-Schlern, Eisacktal, Vinschgau



## Associated Partners

- ❖ Autonomous Province of Bolzano - Department of social affairs
- ❖ Cinformi - Autonomous Province of Trento
- ❖ *Land* of Tyrol
- ❖ Municipality of Innsbruck
- ❖ EGTC - Euroregion Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino
- ❖ Autonomous Province of Bolzano - Department of education, German culture and integration
- ❖ Municipality of Bolzano - Department of services to the local community

## Project Funding

- In total the project has a funding of approx. 1 million €
- Eurac has the most funding with approx. 650.000 €

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What is the benefit of this project?



## ❖ Institutional cooperation

### Activities:

- **Interviews** with integration policy actors at different levels to discuss the status quo of integration measures and possible future perspectives
- Organisation and monitoring of cross-border **local visits** by representatives of integration policy and relevant institutions at various levels
- **Ideas workshop** to exchange ideas between all actors involved

### Objective:

- The **interview results, best practice examples, additional inputs and methods** are made available in a **handbook** as a basis for the cross-border exchange of experience

# ❖ Civic integration

## Activities:

- **Development of innovative and interactive teaching methods** on common European values together with working groups, migration experts and people working in the social sector
- **Preparation and training** of “civic educators” who have to offer didactic-informative training for asylum seekers and refugees
- Through these pilot test **feedback** and comments from the target groups as well as from the operators are collected and evaluated
- **Further trainings** to reach more multipliers

## Objective:

- To elaborate **teaching materials** (texts, comics, video and audio) and a **handbook** for civic educators

## ❖ Labour integration

### Activities:

- **Research design and identification of pilot projects** through targeted workshops and meetings with partners and communities
- **Implementation and validation of 3 pilot projects** on the basis of the necessity on the territory by testing their transferability to other territorial contexts
- **Organisation of training courses** according to the principle of "Train the Trainer"
- **New method** is tested through carried out **pilot projects**

### Objective:

- **Long-term measures** are developed and a **database for the visualisation** of best practices through a geographic information system (GIS) created as well as a **platform**

## ❖ Learning points

### Less complicated:

- **Cooperation** with partners that had a **major role**
- **Feedback from refugees and asylum seekers** was so far very positive

### More complex:

- **Cooperation** with partners from the public administration
- **Coordination** with so **many partners**

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How can everybody here benefit of this project?





## Best practices dissemination

- **Handbook** "Migration, Integration and Institutional Cooperation" on integration policies in the two European regions based on all projects results
- **Recommendations and material** for the integration-relevant institutions at various levels. For instance the game of values

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