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Newsletter

Newsletter for friends and partners of the project Re-Turn:
Regions benefitting from returning migrants

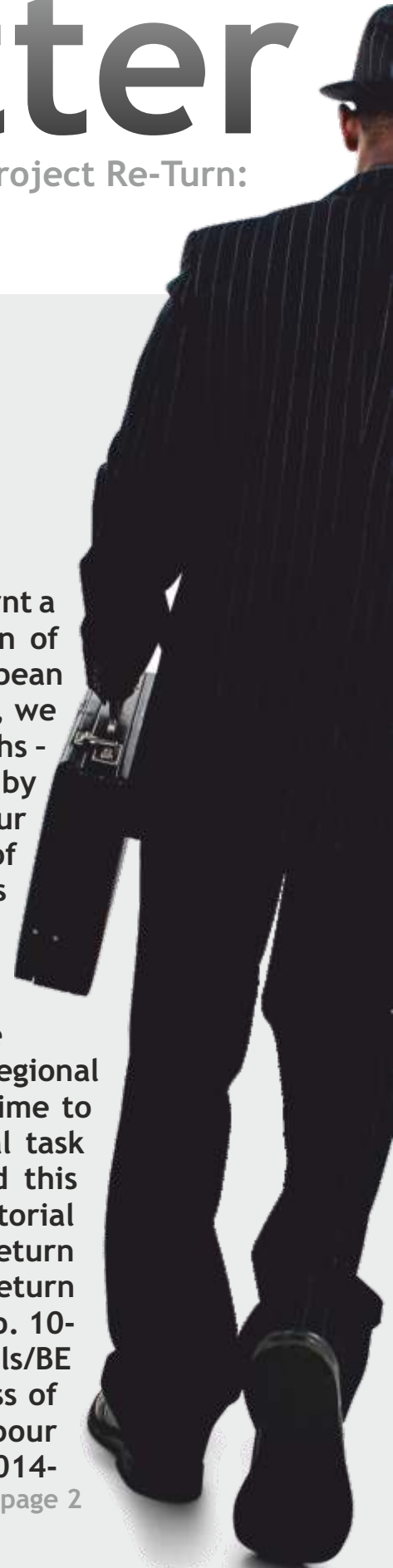
Editorial

Lessons learnt from Re-Turn

During this busy year 2013, project partners have learnt a lot. First, we have learnt that the implementation of pilots to support returning migrants in Central European countries is more challenging than expected. Therefore, we have extended the runtime of the project by three months - until 31 July 2014. This allows for a more robust testing by giving more return migrants the opportunity to use our pilots (see p. 2-6). We were also able to reap the fruit of our work: the Welcome Agency in the Harz Region was awarded with a demography prize by the government of Saxony-Anhalt (see p. 13).

Second, we have learnt that it is rather difficult to derive a transnational strategy and policy documents from regional pilots. Therefore, we will make use of the additional time to intensify the discussion on lessons learnt with regional task forces and policy makers (see p. 8). We have started this discussion during a conference on European Territorial Cooperation in Lodz on 10 June 2013, a conference on Return Migration at the Czech Senate on 30 September, and the Return Ticket conference in Budapest on 10 October 2013 (see p. 10-12). For the next year, the EU Policy Workshop in Brussels/BE on 2 April 2014 will be a major milestone in the process of presenting policy recommendations concerning labour mobility and new migration in EU in the time frame of 2014-2020.

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Third, we have learnt that transnational exchange is an essential condition for successful project work. Therefore, we took the opportunity to discuss our achievements and the challenges ahead during the project seminar in Kielce/PL on 11-13 September 2013 (p. 8-10). We will continue the transnational exchange in 2014 with our Final Conference in Prague/CZ, which will also be used to premiere the Re-Turn documentary film (p. 6-8).

We would like to thank project partners, associated partners, the members of the regional task forces and all others who helped to make Re-

Turn such a successful project. We invite you to follow the Re-Turn website (www.re-migrants.eu) for updates on the project.



Activities

Midterm Evaluation of Tools to Support Returning Migrants

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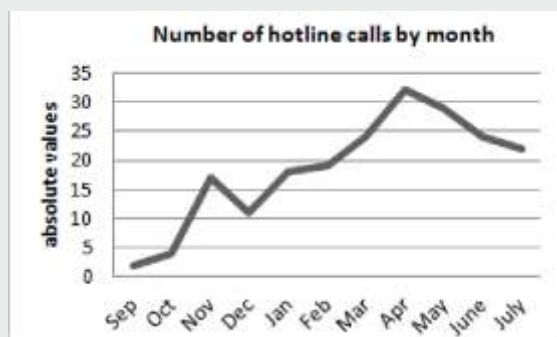
The Re-Turn Project is now more than half-way through and we are nearing the end of pilot actions in the eight case study regions across Central Europe. After several months of developing and testing new methods and tools to re-attract former emigrants, to re-integrate returning migrants and to assist returnees to become entrepreneurs, first data on the implementation of services have now been analyzed.

So far, 202 returnees turned to our Re-

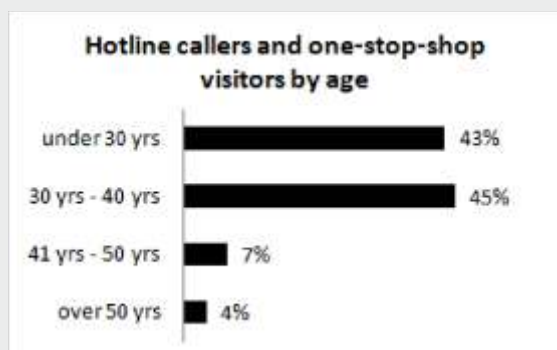
Turn hotlines for advice, 40 returnees were given personal reintegration assistance in one of our one-stop-shops and 21 returnees received extensive training and information on how to become self-employed. Further, 2226 people visited our online information platforms and 9 so-called ambassadors were found and trained to disseminate information about living conditions and employment opportunities in their home regions via social networks (e.g. Facebook).

The Re-Turn Hotlines & One-stop-shops

The telephone hotline and the one-stop shop are contact and service points where people turn to when they prepare their return or when they recently returned and need reintegration assistance and support. The Re-Turn hotlines are available on weekdays (e.g. between 8:00 - 16:00), free of charge for the caller. The one-stop-shops can be visited upon appointment.



In autumn 2012 project partners officially started the hotline. In spring 2013 promotional activities were organized: e.g. the number of the Re-Turn hotline was printed on the backside of public bus tickets in the Lodz Region (PL) or was promoted in free magazines of the municipality in the Central Transdanubian Region (HU). Evaluation data show a significant rise in hotline calls after these promotional activities.



Source: Re-turn monitoring data, own calculations, n=230

The majority of hotline callers and one-stop-shop visitors are relatively young. 43 % of hotline callers and one-stop-shop visitors are under the age of 30,

45 % are between 30 and 40 years of age. Further, slightly more women (52 %) make use of the Re-Turn consultancy services than men (48 %).

In general, hotline callers and one-stop-shop visitors most often ask for job opportunities in the region and potential employers. They are further interested in insurance issues, social housing opportunities as well as in the availability of different subsidies and their requirements. Therefore, the most frequent referral, which our local staff make, is to the local labour office.

Most frequent information asked for in our consultancy services



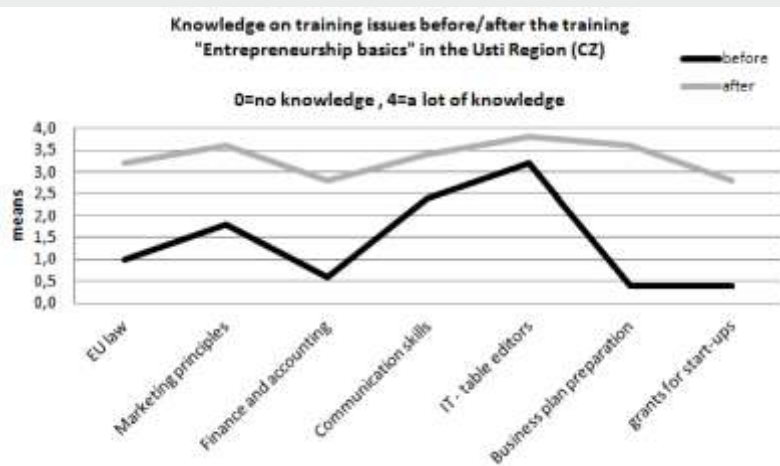
Source: Re-turn monitoring data

Challenges which our project partners, who are responsible for the implementation of these services, deal with are the relatively low number of people interested in returning in some regions, the international range of the hotlines as well as the integration of all relevant local stakeholders into the one-stop-shops.

The Re-Turn Training Courses

Training courses are offered to returnees to help them to become self-employed in the region.

So far, three training courses have been offered - one of them was an e-learning course. The trainings dealt with the following topics: the preparation of a business plan, legal aspects, funding options as well as financing and accounting.



Source: Re-turn monitoring data, own calculations

Training participants rated the trainings as very interesting and useful. The majority of training participants stated that all their expectations had been met. Chart above shows that training participants learnt a lot of new information, especially regarding legal issues, financing and accounting as well as business plan preparation and funding options.

Although most training participants believe that they benefitted from the training courses, a lot of them feel quite unsure regarding their own preparedness to apply the knowledge learned in practice

The Return Online Platforms

The Return Online Platforms are websites providing information regarding multiple topics such as social infrastructure, job seeking opportunities, social security, news of the home region and relevant contact addresses. The link to the platforms can be found on websites of local authorities and public institutions and is also promoted via social networks.

Website statistics show that people are interested in the information provided for returnees: so far 2226 people visited our online platforms; about half of them are returning visitors and look for updated information on our portals on a regular basis. Further, website visitors are quite satisfied with the amount of information provided as well as with the organization of information. Most of the website visitors found suitable answers to their questions and recommended the platforms to their friends.

The Re-Turn Ambassador Concept

The basic idea of the ambassador concept is that emigrants and remigrants act as “ambassadors of their home region”. Opportunities and advantages of the home region as well as information on infrastructure, cultural events and lifestyle are actively promoted and communicated by ambassadors in their social networks to increase the awareness of return migration and to implement a welcoming culture. The ambassadors receive up-to-date information about activities, events as well as policies and strategies in their home region by our project staff and disseminate this information via their social networks.

So far 9 ambassadors have been identified and trained. They have started to successfully disseminate region-specific information via facebook.

The sustainability of pilot actions

All pilot actions will come to an end by the end of this year. Thereafter, evaluation data will be used to determine, which activities were successful and should be maintained

and which ones were not successful and why. Further, based on this information, a sustainability concept will be developed, which will clearly

outline how the steady and ongoing practice of successfully evaluated activities can be guaranteed in future.

Re-Turn -pilot activities overviews

Pilot region Contact details	Re-attract	Re-employ/Re-integrate
Ústí Region, Czech republic Reskilling and Information Centr Ltd. Báňská 287, 43401 Most, Czech republic info@ric-most.cz www.ric-most.cz	Hotline 800-666-100 (for national calls) 00420-476-104-912 (for calls abroad) 9,00 - 16,00	Training course and service - Entrepreneurship basics http://eluk.cz/ric-most/
Görlitz Region, Germany VSBI e.V. Gotthardstrasse 4a, 06217 Merseburg, Germany info@vsbi-online.de www.vsbi.eu	Hotline 03576-365252 Ambassadors 5 ambassadors providing information about Re-Turn services and home region Website/application www.vsbi-projekte-lausitz.de www.oberlausitz-app.de	-
Harz Region, Germany Ministry of labour and social affairs Saxony-Anhalt Turmschanzenstr. 25, 39114 Magdeburg, Germany Julia.Mayer@ms.sachsen-anhalt.de www.ms.sachsen-anhalt.de	Hotline 0049-(0)3943-935808 8,00 - 17,00 Website www.zuhaus-im-harz.de	One-Stop-Shop Office Harz AG, Wernigerode, Germany 8,00 - 17,00 www.zuhaus-im-harz.de www.facebook.com/pages/Zuhaus-e-im-Harz/437389689681571?fref=ts
Mid-Pannon Region, Hungary Mid-Pannon Regional Development Company Zichy liget 12, 8000 Szekesfehervar, Hungary info@kprf.hu www.kprf.hu	Hotline 0036-80-205-368 (for national calls) 0036-22-310-308 (for calls abroad) 8,00 - 16,00	One-Stop-Shop T.I. Training and Research Institute, 123Seregelyesi Street, Szekesfehervar, Hungary 8,00 - 16,00 http://re-turn.kprf.hu
Piedmont Region, Italy UNCEN Via Gaudenzio Ferrari 1, 10124 Torino, Italy uncem@provincia.torino.it www.uncem.piemonte.it	Hotline 0039-(0)324-226-637 9,00 - 12,00 www.re-turn.it Ambassadors 4 ambassadors providing information about Re-Turn services and home region	-
Lodz Region Lodz Voivodship-Marshall Office, Al.Pilsudskiego 8, 90051 Lodz, Poland malgorzata.mastalerz@lodzkie.pl www.lodzkie.pl	Hotline 0-800-167-111 10,00 - 14,00	Training course/session - Setting up one's own business http://www.lodzkie.pl/wps/wcm/connect/lodzkie/lodzkie/uniaeuropajska/ewt2007-2013/wspolpraca_transnarodowa/re-turn/formularz_kontaktowy

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Pilot region Contact details	Re-attract	Re-employ/Re-integrate
Swietokrzyskie Region Swietokrzyskie Voivodship-Marshall Office Al. IX Wiekow Kielce 3, 25516, Kielce, Poland agnieszka.fuginska@sejmik.kielce.pl www.sejmik.kielce.pl	Hotline 800-888-998 (for national calls) 7,30 - 15,30 0048-22-19524 (for call abroad) 8,00 - 18,00 Website www.e-swietokrzyskie.pl/re-turn/pl/	One-Stop-Shop Marshal Office of Swietokrzyskie Voivodship, Sienkiewicza 63, Kielce, Poland 7,30 - 15,30 www.e-swietokrzyskie.pl/re-turn/pl/
Podravska Region University of Maribor Slomskow Trg 15, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia ales.strmecki@uni-mb.si www.uni-mb.si	Hotline 0802055 8,00-15,00 (Mo, Tu, Th) 8,00 - 17,00 (We) 8,00 - 13,00 (Fr) Website www.ess.gov.si	-

ReTurn - or never have left?



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Geronimo Carbono

A documentary by Geronimo Carbonò

In September 2012, our troupe from "Geronimo Carbonò" began to film for a documentary about the Re-Turn - Central Europe Project. The goal is to analyze, through audiovisual media, the perception of migratory phenomenon in European Union, in relation to a possible return to home regions, for those Europeans who left Central Europe for other cities inside the Union.

During a year, the troupe realized three sessions of interviews, following the three different frameworks in which this kind of migration happens. They met coming-back migrants in Hungary; migrants in the main epicentre of migration in the continent (London);

and people who decided to stay in a new city or region (Wien).

During those interviews, the target was composed by high-educated citizens. A forth session of interviews took place in Domodossola (Italy) and the topic was an inner reflection about the philosophical and political meaning of the Re-Turn Project. The troupe interviewed responsables and partners from the Project.



Analyzing the data from interviews, it came out the need of a general reflection about the sociopolitical perspectives which built European Union, and about the real citizens' feeling to this new common space. Following this perspective, it is important to understand how a whole generation - which was the first able to

move, study and work without barriers in Europe, and which was called by sociologists as “Erasmus Generation” - is now living in a sort of “suspended migration”. For many of them, the self-perception as “European citizens” is bigger than for elder people. At the same time, the experience of migration is giving a kind of second life to local, regional and national identities:

As first, when I moved here, I enjoyed living here, and I didn't contact my friends as often as I do now. As longer as I'm living here, homesickness is coming. So now I have to go back to Poland every 3 months, otherwise I don't feel comfortable, here. I think everybody here who I spoke to, of course, is feeling a little bit lonely, and they feel really homesick. So best time, actually, is when I jump on a plane, and I'm back. [Izabela, 33 years, Polish in London].



Analyzing the data from interviews, the commonality in space and time between European migrations is different than migration known in the past of Europe. The creation of a new identity - the European one - is much more advanced than the political process of creation of Europe as a true political entity:

I feel, personally, not that I've emigrated, because in this sense I have that feeling that we are one Europe, I don't need to ask for visa, I just could come here and live here, I'm working without need to ask for any paper [Angela, 29 years, German in London]
I check German news online, I read



newspapers sometimes, and I do stay in contact, I talk to German friends almost... every hour, so it doesn't feel I'm away, mostly because I work with Germans. [Senait, 29 years, German in London]

This can be considered a common perception which somehow deletes the experience of migration, in terms of traumatic experience which gives a new view to the world. As a consequence of this low perception of the “self as a migrant”, there is no more the absence of a home, but also this feeling is lost. The sociopolitical dimension of the main Western cities, together with the day-life of young European migrants, is giving a new meaning to common space.

Facing this reality, the troupe decided to name the documentary “ReTurn - or never have left?”, following a way in which the idea of “home” for the target interviewed is not so strong in terms of time and space.

The documentary is realized by Associazione Culturale Geronimo Carbonò, directed by Sandro Bozzolo and Alessandro Ingaria.

Both authors lived in their own skin the experience of migration for purposes of study and work, and the consequential return in their home region, where they founded (in Italian Alps) the Associazione Culturale Geronimo Carbonò.

Other contributors are Gianmarco Serra, film-maker and writer about anthropological subjects, Marco Lo Baido, musician and film-editor, and Maria Cecilia Reyes, journalist and film-maker from Colombia.

i *Return - or never have left?*
Is today in editing, and will be presented in March 2014.
The trailer is available at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1cNrfA4R-Y>

Transnational Strategy

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The Transnational Strategy for attracting and reintegrating migrants is one of the core outputs of the Re-Turn project. It aims to collect comprehensive measures for ongoing support with the findings of policy analysis, and results of initiatives implemented by the project. The strategy's target groups (decision makers and senior officers of regional public authorities, labour market organisations, intermediaries and business organisations, as well as migrant groups) will be able to use it in a practical way. Furthermore, the strategy is the base of the joint Memorandum of Understanding that will determine the main objectives and fields of support, and the regional Action Plans that will establish 'tailored' strategies for each regions of the partnership. The Transnational Strategy provides policy recommendations that could be considered in different ways. First of

all, the general recommendations suggest wider political, economic and social changes that might be essential for an ongoing return migration strategy. Additionally, four specific aspects are also evaluated, such as recommendations for economic and social policy relating to the importance of competitiveness and social re-integration; the priority of communication activities between different stakeholders (i.e. returnees, local/regional business actors or NGOs); and the required coordination activities in decision-making in migration and labour market policies. The strategy was drafted by the University of Szeged (PP08) and tested on policy makers in each country of the partnership. This method at the same time assures to receive direct inputs from the strategy's target group and enhances it to be materialized in the future.

Partners information

Świętokrzyskie Region - pilot actions and further steps

Mariusz Kowalski,
Świętokrzyskie
Marshal's Office,
PP11

The pilot actions that were implemented during the current operation of the project Re-Turn came to the final stages of completion. Collected observations and experience allowed us to determine that the

general concept of services for migrants was developed well - is effective and efficient. People interested have the opportunity of personal contact, telephone and electronic equipment. Website gained

the most popularity, which was in line with expectations. Additional support for the implementation of the concept of service is an electronic information panel, which was installed at the headquarters of the Marshal Office of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship. The specific way how visitors use it shows that the vast majority of people are interested in information about specific work positions. Therefore support for migrants focuses generally on providing the contact to the respective cells in specialized labor market institutions.



Previous experience in the service hotline, information panel, the website and the One Stop Shop, indicate that the tools are effective and recognizable by migrants. Tools of the project were approved by migrants, as evidenced by the available statistics. To achieve the indicators contributed to, inter alia, the promotion of support tools in regional meetings with migrants, entrepreneurs and intermediaries in the labor market, and the members of the Regional Working Group on supporting reintegration of migrants. Development of services is

continuously monitored by project staff. The website and the information panel contain more relevant information, handler procedure was developed for the One Stop Shop, promotional leaflets and posters, and toys for those who are interested. The hotline is operated in accordance with the requirements and procedures. These actions ensure the growing popularity of tools and services and achieving the desired results.

The biggest concern in the implementation of the concept of services for migrants is associated with risk of duplication of these services with similar existing in the market and the tasks of labor market institutions, such as: Regional Labour Office, Provincial Labour Offices, regional training institutions and employment agencies and specialized portals. It is stated that there are now measures and mechanisms to support a different range, intended for returnees, including: flyers and brochures, handbook entitled "Returner", call center, job fairs and workshops for specific target groups. A major challenge in the reality of the services is a mental barrier that still exists in society. It is linked to the fear of providing information that could be used in public.

During the regional meetings and workshops, specialists of intermediaries in the labor market gave their suggestions how to improve or enhance the resulting services. With knowledge and experience of these professionals objectives for development of the project and directions for the future work are defined:

- in the performance of this type of tasks they should involve the employees of the labor market institutions,
- need to prepare a precise offer for

entrepreneurs and migrants and the conditions that encourage migrants to return,

- need to diagnose the quality of the existing procedures and create a catalog of good practices,
- to support the creation of a central system of simple procedures and identify migrants move through the system of labor market,
- need to create specialized forms of activation for specific target groups,
- initiate discussion of socio - political and meetings with decision-makers at all levels, in order to introduce the topic and the issue of migration to existing strategies and policies,
- use of modern IM like Facebook, LinkedIn etc.

The most important factor that will



influence the future continuation of the service is to take over their handling by specialized institutions of the labor market that have access to a specific database, contacts and skilled workers. These include, among others: the Regional Labour Office, district labor offices, Voluntary Labour Corps, employment agencies, training institutions, specialized portals or NGOs.

Regional Skill development training sessions for intermediaries in Görlitz County, App turns in Welcome-Platform, Telephone-Hotlines

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The Toolkit and the pilot activities were presented to a large group of regional intermediaries at the regional training sessions in the county of Görlitz on 10th of July, 06th of September and 25th of September 2013. Together more than 25 participants were welcomed during these training sessions in Weißwasser, Boxberg and Görlitz. The developed and tested training-modules were very useful for building up more skills with the intermediaries and to help them by supporting the pilot activities in the region. With the choice of three different meeting places ReTurn could cover mostly the whole geographic dimension of the county.

Instead of an external APP the regional partner decided to install a Welcome-Platform with a wide database about the facts and the support structure in more than 35 municipalities in the

county of Görlitz. Each participating municipality can place a link to this database on their own websites as a welcome message for ReTurnees but also for new immigrants to the county. You can find the Welcome-Platform under <http://www.vsbi-projekte-lausitz.de/>.



During summer we could open a new ReTurn Telephone-Hotline in the municipality of Boxberg, two more municipalities are preparing also their own Hotlines in the town-halls.

Re-Turn discussed at the Senate of the Czech Parliament

The project was discussed during the conference „New emigration from the Czech Republic after the year 1989 and return policy“ and it was attended by almost one hundred participants. The conference co-organized by IOM Prague was held in the main hall of the Senate of Czech Parliament in historical premises of Wallenstein Palace.

On the first day of the conference September 30th different aspects of the Re-Turn were presented by four project partners. Jan Schroth from IOM Prague focused on Barriers of successful capitalisation of returning migrants and Tools and Methods for their elimination in the Czech Republic as well as in European context. Zoltán Kovács from the University of Szeged presented outputs of the project activities transformed to the Transnational Strategy for attracting and reintegrating migrants. Zuzana Bařtipánová from RIC - Requalification and Information centre in Most talked about practical experience from pilot activities for remigrants including hotlines and entrepreneurial trainings. Complex approach as well as future plans of the project were summarized by Robert Nadler from the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig.

The Re-Turn project was also mentioned in presentations of EURES,

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Representatives of these institutions are members of the Regional task force in the Czech Republic together with other presented bodies like Ministry of Education and Research Institute of Labour and Social Affairs. The foreign experts from Poland and Germany, France and Slovakia had presentations.

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Also during the second day of the conference there was discussion with other conference participants representing associations of Czechs from many countries around the world, representatives from academia and research, students, journalists as well as politicians. Senator Tomáš Grulich, who chaired the conference, talked about need to utilise outputs of the Re-Turn project in policy and communication with returnees.

Regional Conference "European Territorial Cooperation. Experiences and Perspectives", Łódź, 10 June 2013

The conference "European Territorial Cooperation. Experiences and Perspectives" was held on June 10 in the Lodz Regional Park of Science and Technology (Technopark Łódź). More

than 80 representatives of local government units in the Region of Lodz, Lodz Province organizational units, directors of Departments of the Marshal's Office in Lodzkie Region,

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representatives of universities and professional NGOs took part in this event.



The main objective of the conference was to promote and to inform decision makers in the Lodzkie Region about the European Territorial Cooperation and the opportunities offered by the international cooperation in the exchange of experience and implementation of joint projects. Moreover we wanted to encourage

local governments and institutions of the Lodzkie Region to apply for European Funds for implementation of the above mentioned projects.

Among the speakers we included representatives of the Ministry of Regional Development and Contact Points of each ETC Programmes. We also presented the projects implemented by the Marshal's Office in the Lodzkie Region within the INTERREG IVC Programme, Central Europe Programme and the Baltic Sea Region Programme.

Furthermore gathered guests had the unique opportunity to hear a representative of the Lead Partner of the "Re-Turn" project (Central Europe Programme), who talked about the added value and benefits of international projects, as well as encouraged to apply for EU funding in the new financial perspective.

"Return Ticket" national conference in Hungary

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Regional
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A national conference was dedicated to the achievements and outputs of the Re-Turn project in Hungary. The event, called "Return Ticket conference", was organized on 10 October 2013 in Budapest by project partners Mid-Pannon Regional Development Company and University of Szeged. The co-organizer was the Budapest-based "Gyere Haza" ("Come Home") Foundation whose efforts in supporting returning migrants correspond to the activities of the Re-Turn project.

The event was opened by Bence Rétvári, state secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice who declared that the re-attraction of qualified young Hungarians working abroad is a strategic goal of the government and initiatives such as the Re-Turn project can play an important role in it.

Other key speakers of the conference were Ákos Szépvölgyi, representing Mid-Pannon Regional Development Company (PP07) and Gábor Lados from the University of Szeged (PP08). Mr Lados presented the main findings of the Re-Turn survey concerning Hungarian migrants and re-migrants and spoke about the policy background of dealing with returning migration. Ákos Szépvölgyi informed the participants about the local activities in the Central Transdanubia Region, with special regard to the "Re-integrate" pilot project which offers one-stop shop consultancy and telephone hotline for those who need special assistance in the re-integration phase or simply want to get more information on the local service background.

Demography-Award for Welcome-Agency in the Harz Region

On 14th of October, Saxony-Anhalt for the first time offered awards for outstanding activities with regards to demographic change. Over 100 engaged stakeholders and projects applied for the awards, covering six categories. The Welcome-Agency of the Harz Region, which was implemented in the context of the EU

project Re-Turn, won the price in the category "fostering regional welcoming culture".

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i More Information (in German only):
<http://www.sachsen-anhalt.de/index.php?id=58792>
www.zuhause-im-harz.de

Working Paper forum ifl no. 21

Working Paper forum ifl no. 21 "Return Migration in Central Europe: Current trends and an analysis of policies supporting returning migrants" was published in August 2013 and that it is retrievable under http://87.234.205.235/Ar/Text/ForumIfL_21.pdf.

The next Working Paper forum ifl no. 23 "Return Migration to Central and Eastern Europe - Transnational Migrants' Perspectives and Local Businesses' Needs" will be available in January 2014.

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Upcoming events

Workshop in Brussels - Save the date

Re-Turn: Workshop at European Parliament
Duration: 2th - 4th April 2014
Place: European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
Organization: International Organization for Migration (PP03)
Topic: Dissemination and discussion about results of Re-Turn.
For more information: See www.re-migrants.eu and www.iom.cz
Registration contact: Jan Schroth (jschroth@iom.int)



Closing conference - Save the date

Re-Turn: Final dissemination conference
Duration: 28th - 30th May 2014 or 4th - 6th June 2014 (will be specified)
Place: Prague, Czech Republic
Organization: International Organization for Migration (PP03)
Topic: Dissemination of final results and outputs of Re-Turn; signature of Memorandum of Understanding by national or regional representatives.
For more information: See www.re-migrants.eu
Registration contact: Jan Schroth (jschroth@iom.int)



Central Europe Programme

CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAMME is an European Union programme that encourages cooperation among the countries of Central Europe to improve innovation, accessibility and the environment and to enhance the competitiveness and attractiveness of their cities and regions.

The programme area covers about 1,050,000 square kilometres where live 148 million citizens. It includes regions from Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

The Re-Turn project is included in the first thematic area - Innovation and priority 1.3: Fostering Knowledge Development.

Duration

The Re-Turn project commenced in May 2011 and runs until July 2014 (39 months).

Lead Partner, Germany Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig

Germany Association for Social and Labour Market Integration, Merseburg

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Saxony-Anhalt, Magdeburg

Case study Görlitz Region, Harz Region

Czech Republic International Organization for Migration, Prague

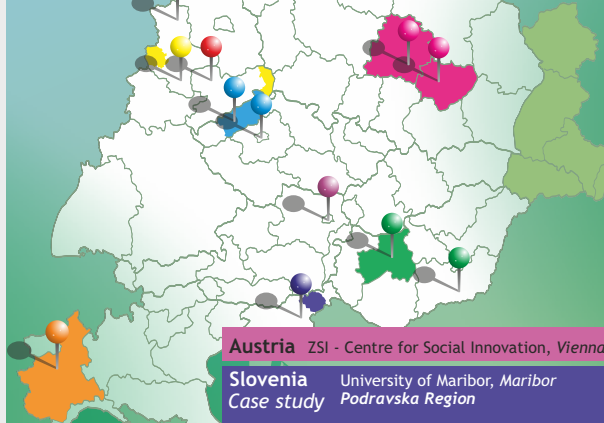
Requalification and Information Centre, Most

Case study Ústí Region

Poland Lodz Region, Lodz

Świętokrzyskie Region, Kielce

Case study Lodz Region, Świętokrzyskie Region



Austria ZSI - Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna

Slovenia University of Maribor, Maribor

Case study Podravska Region

Hungary Mid-Pannon Regional Development Company, Székesfehérvár

USZ - University of Szeged, Szeged

Case study Central Transdanubia Region

Italy National Union of Mountain Municipalities, Communities

and Authorities - Piedmont Delegation, Torino

Case study Piemonte Region

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Observations and your support to the project are warmly welcome!

All recipients of this newsletter are kindly asked to support our collection of European initiatives in the field of returning migration by sharing with us their knowledge and expertise on relevant good practice examples and centres of knowledge!

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