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National Policy on Integration of Migrants

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Institutional framework

- * The Ministry of Interior is the national integration authority
- * Advisory Board on Integration of Migrants
 - * Formed by the decision No 65.242 of the Council of Ministers of 27th March 2007
 - * Decision No 91.175 of the Council of Ministers of 22nd April 2021
 - * Contributes to the National Action Plan on Integration of Migrants
 - * Monitors the implementation of the National Action Plan
 - * Issues annually a report on integration in Cyprus, including statistical data and indicators
- * EU Asylum, Migration, Integration Fund national programme 2021-2027



Priorities

Skills recognition
and certification

Training of migrants

Raising awareness

Access to services

Support and
counselling

Protecting
human rights

Management, monitoring and evaluation

Supporting tools



Access to services – Action 2.2

Local plans for social inclusion

- * Local authorities, local stakeholders, NGOs
- * Drafting, implementing, monitoring, evaluating
- * Strengthening the role of Local Authorities
- * With the active participation of migrants' organizations



Raising awareness – Action 1.3

Informal migrant's councils

- * Empowering the role of migrants' associations
- * Cooperation with Local Authorities
- * Raise public awareness, highlight the specific characteristics of migrants' culture and make an active contribution to local development



Building structures for intercultural integration

Regional Intercultural Networks

- * The project will support the implementation of the national policy on the integration of third-country nationals, by empowering local authorities, NGOs, and migrant organizations to be part of the integration process.
- * The project will contribute to the integration of migrants in a range of areas including participation, education, cultural and social life, urban planning, business, access to the labour market, anti-discrimination and multilingualism
- * Five regional networks will be established. They will include local authorities and officials, NGOs, public organizations and agencies (welfare, employment, education, culture, sport, safety, urbanism etc.), migrant groups and organisations, professionals and private organizations.



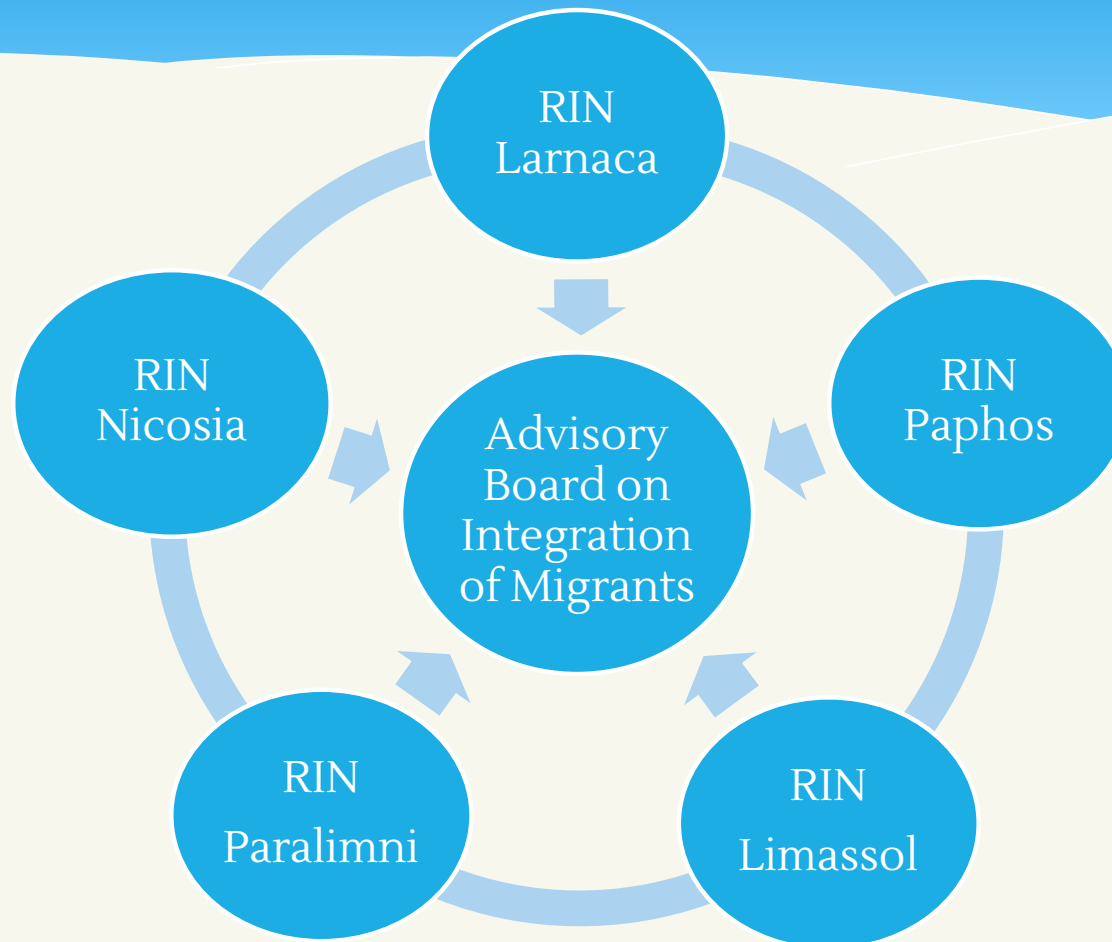
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Regional Intercultural Networks

- * Conduct an overview and assessment of integration policies and community cohesion/social integration in each region
- * Develop an Intercultural Strategy outlining the vision, goals, and actions of each of the regional networks and the central authorities
- * Develop a methodological tool for monitoring regional integration activities and a prototype tool (Social Trust Barometer) for monitoring cohesion/social integration in regional and national communities
- * Design a multi-level coordination mechanism on integration policies for the Republic of Cyprus



National Integration Policy Structure



thank you!



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