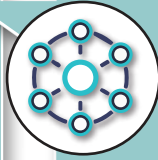


CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1

How to promote a more comprehensive idea of integration in SMsTRA?



Organize campaigns and activities at the EU, national and local levels to build bridges between newcomers and long-term residents.

2

How to respond to the differences of opinions towards Ukrainians versus refugees from outside Europe?



Improve data collection and dissemination on integration outcomes to improve people's understanding on how newcomers are doing in receiving countries.



Identify the sources of tension and hostility between refugees from non-EU countries and long-term residents reported by the latter and make a plan to mitigate them.

3

What to deduct from the differences in opinions among various receiving countries?



EU institutions should monitor and addresses anti-immigrant sentiments among the member states.



EU and national level institutions should continue to fund research on migration and integration to inform policy and respond to often false ideas about migrants.

4

Acknowledging that the context of inter-group contact matters, how could positive public opinions be promoted?



Civil society organizations should promote activities in which newcomers and long-term residents can engage and participate on equal terms.



Funding bodies at the EU, national and local levels should have special calls to fund such initiatives.



Local governments should also support and promote these activities by lending premises, sports equipment and other resources.

1

At the local level



Adopt integration strategies specifically targeting migrants and refugees

As a result of regular consultation with migrants and NGO's, incorporate migrants' perspectives rationales, goals, actions, budgets and coordination structures in any strategy design and implementation.

Collect more data on migrant integration outcomes

Developing a clear framework to implement, monitor and evaluate an integrated integration strategy, including the usage of service by migrants across all departments/services of the municipality.

Support the civic and political participation of all

In those cases when migrants' voting rights are restricted, local authorities should promote non-formal initiatives open to all residents (citizen initiatives, public consultations, etc), including migrants.

Be vocal in municipality's intercultural commitment

Adopt communication that make clear this commitment and take positive actions to encourage meaningful interaction in public space between people of dierent ethnic and cultural background.

Explore alternative methods and comparative research

Learn more about strategy/policy options and best practice examples to build better policy frameworks for an effective integration framework of migrants and refugees.

Consider the consequences of integration policies on public opinion

Knowing that the failure to adopt these inclusive policies risks polarisation, exclusion, and segregation of both communities.

2

At the national level



Improve multi-level coordination mechanisms

Member states should better cooperate with local offices on migrant integration matters, fostering their participation in the decision-making process on migrant integration.

Improve national data collection

Member States should promote and fund accurate data collection on outcomes and practices of integration at local level.