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Child Protection sub Working Group (CPsWG) meeting

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Prolepsis Institute

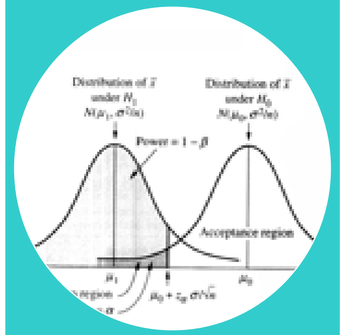
- Non-for profit organization
- Established in 1990
- Active in the field of Public Health

Research **Education** **Advocacy**

National and European Level

Fields of action

Medical Research



Statistics

Education

Preventive Medicine

Environmental Health

Occupational Health

Humanitarian Actions

Our mission is to protect and promote the health of the population, especially of the most vulnerable population groups

Our experience

- Participation in >50 European and national projects and initiatives
- Wide network of international collaborations

- EU
- European & US Universities
- National Institutes of Health, USA

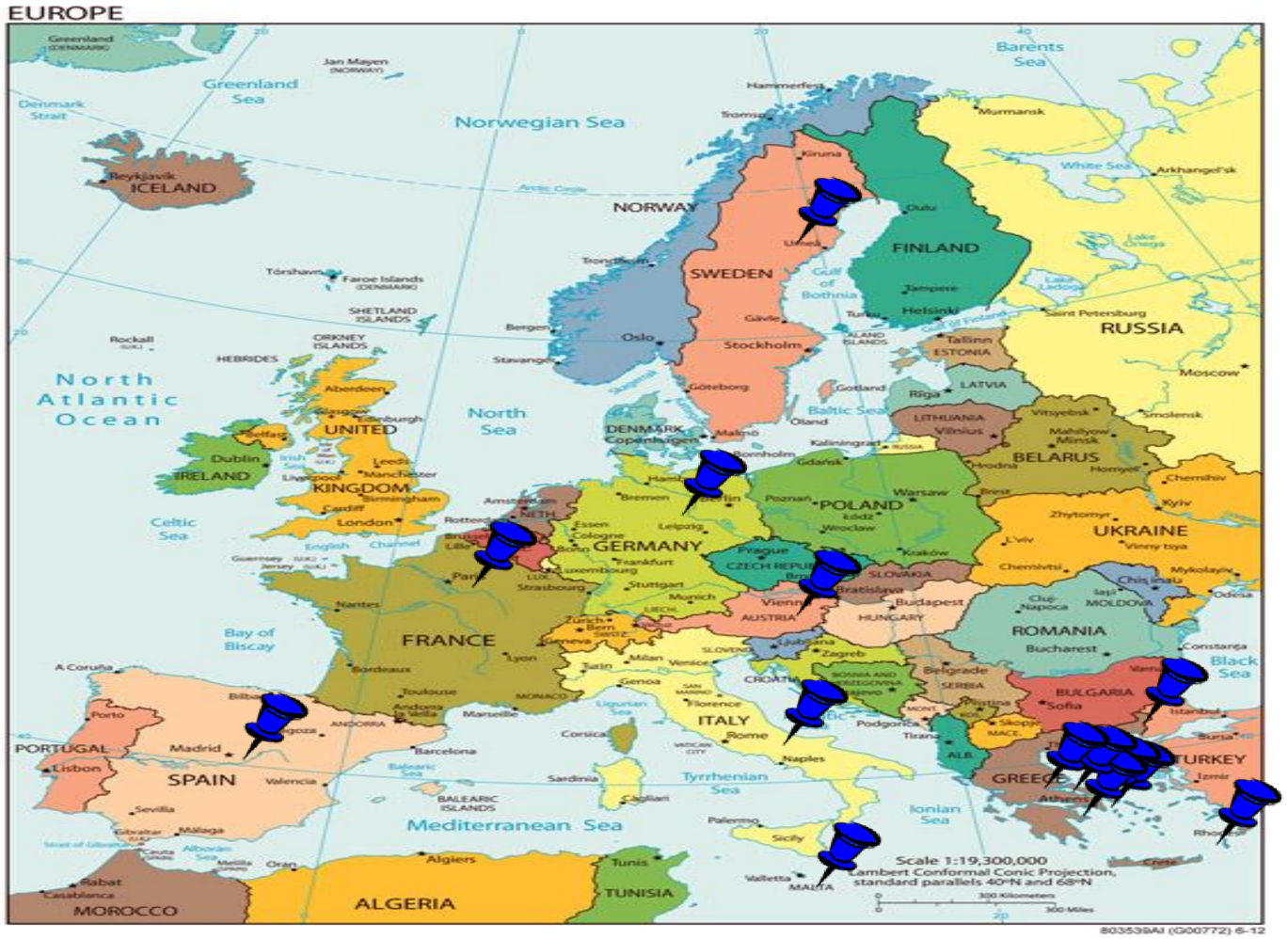
“Strengthen Community Based Care to minimize health inequalities and improve the integration of vulnerable migrants and refugees into local communities” - Mig-HealthCare

- DG Health and Food Safety(DG SANTE)
- 2017 - 2020
- **Aim**:
  - To improve the access of migrants and refugees in health care services

http://www.mighealthcare.eu/

The Mig-HealthCare Consortium

- ✓ 14 Partners from
  - ✓ 9 countries



The Consortium

- Institute of Preventive Medicine, Environmental & Occupational Health (PROLEPSIS), **Greece (Coordinator)**
- Oxfam Italia Onlus (Oxfam Italia), **Italy**
- Ethno-medizinisches Zentrum Ev (Emz) Ev, **Germany**
- National Center Of Infectious And Parasitic Diseases (NCIPD), **Bulgaria**
- Ethniko Kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon (UoA), **Greece**
- Ecole Des Hautes Etudes En Sante Publique (EHESP), **France**
- Centre For Advancement Of Research And Development In Educational Technology Ltd-cardet (CARDET), **Cyprus**
- Perifereia Stereas Elladas (RSE), **Greece**
- Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali - Malta (Kopin) Association (Kopin), **Malta**
- Uppsala Universitet (UU), **Sweden**
- Kentriki Enosi Dimon Kai Koinotiton Ellados (KEDE), **Greece**
- Ministry Of Health (Ministry Of Health), **Greece**
- Verein Multikulturell (VM), **Austria**
- Universitat De Valencia (UVEG), **Spain**

Collaboration with the Home Project

- Food aid support of one home
- Nutrition consultation on a weekly basis
- Promotion of healthy nutrition intervention targeting the children and the Home Project staff

EU-VET CARE:
Strengthening capacities for better health care to refugee and migrant children

- ERASMUS+
- 2018 – 2021

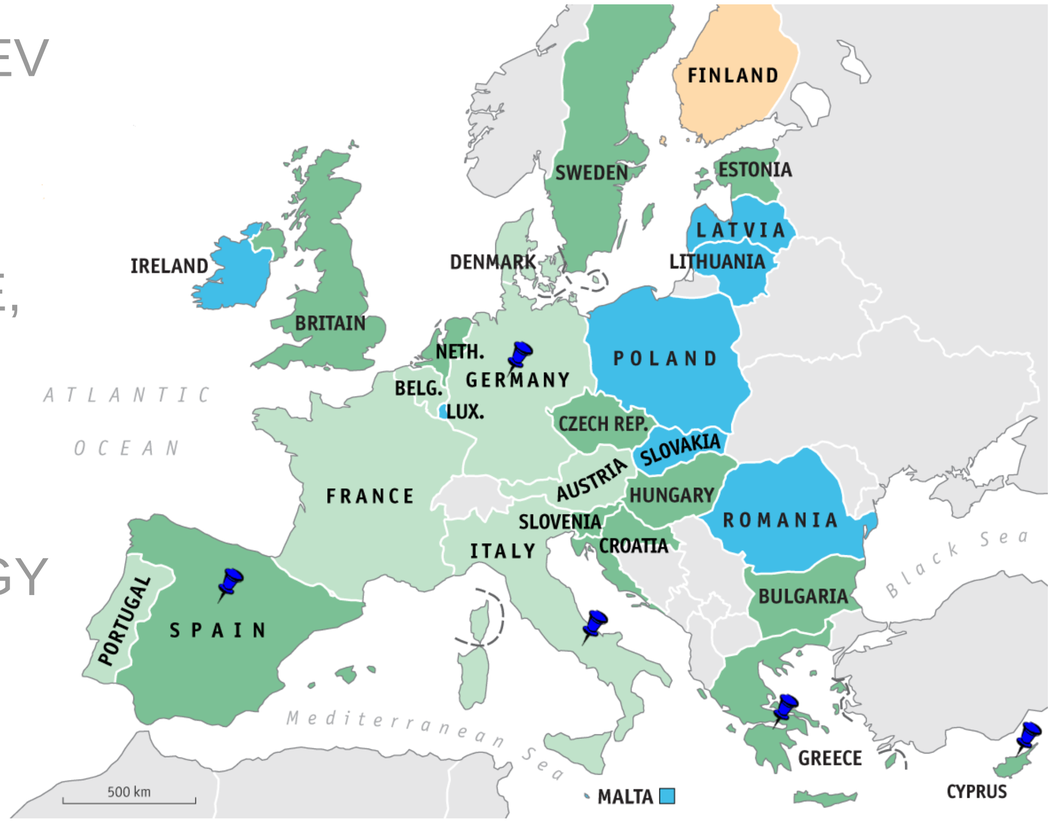
- **Aim**:
  - Design and implement innovative vocational training on the appropriate delivery of health-care for migrant/refugee children

EU-VET CARE

Project Consortium

- **Leader:**
  1. **Germany**: ETHNO-MEDIZINISCHES ZENTRUM EV

- **Partners**
  2. **Greece**: INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, ENVIRONEMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, Prolepsis
  3. **Greece**: FAROS
  4. **Cyprus**: CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
  5. **Spain**: UNIVERSITAT DE VALENCIA
  6. **Italy**: ZADIG SRL



The EU-VET CARE Target Groups

- Physicians
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Cultural mediators
  - ✓ All the above professional with a focus on working with migrant/refugee children
- Secondary target groups include: Relevant professional communities, public sector and civil society organizations are also addressed

Methods & Means

Critical analysis & review of existing evidence & training opportunities

Review of existing training and other evidence & Focus groups with physicians, psychologists, social workers and cultural mediators

Participatory research

Development of training

The training program will include

(a) Seminars
(b) E-learning Platform

Piloting of training

The EU-VET CARE Training

- **The proposed training will address important aspects of health care for migrant/refugee children and unaccompanied minors:**

  - Children's rights/ protection systems
  - Mental/physical health needs
  - Prevention
  - Child trafficking
  - Age assessment
  - Effective communication
  - Professionals' burnout

❖ **Core and specialized thematic units**

Indicative Core Courses

Core courses **common** for all professionals working in children health care provision, i.e. physicians, psychologists, social workers and cultural mediators

- **Including:**

Mental health issues, child protection, legal rights of child migrants/refugees, esp. rights to access health care in EU states, identification of trafficking victims, non-verbal communication

Indicative Specialized Courses

Modules providing **specialized** skills and more in depth knowledge addressed to **each specific target group**:

- **Physicians:**
Symptoms and signs to alert on specific vulnerabilities and risks faced by the examined migrant/refugee children, preventative care, etc.

- **Social workers/ psychologists:**
More detailed analysis of the protection system for children in the EU, interdisciplinary collaboration, etc.

- **Intercultural mediators:**
Specifics on communication with children, adolescents, and families, medical terminology, etc.

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Thank you for your attention

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