

THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER PRAGUE

2012 Annual report



The program should deepen students' knowledge
and get other club benefits
we also achieved success in the field of fundraising.

methodology handbook is focused on the active

Sustainability

a tool for the sharing of best practices

Migration to the Czech Republic
zejména projekty zaměřené na pracovní migraci

trainings were focused on voluntary work

The aim of the project is to create space

processes of migration groups
dealt with how to provide professionals

new technologies and the integration

nabízíme zpracování výzkumů

Culture Cocktail

documents and institutions in individual countries

The La Ngonpo method
to understand the habits of foreign partners

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INTRODUCTION

The year 2012 was the year of extraordinary meetings. With great enthusiasm, we watched the unique meeting of an Indian boy, Rinchen, and his Czech counterpart, Honza. Thanks to modern technology, the boys did not need to meet in person. Through exchange of discussions, texts, photographs and videos, via the internet, they could share their dreams and aspirations. Despite the seemingly significant differences in their lifestyles, they became a model and an inspiration for one another. This knowledge gave our work meaning, purpose, and a clear aim.

Rinchen, a poor boy from a remote mountain village, was forced to leave his family to travel to another city whereby he could receive an education. He was brought up in severe conditions, where he had to work hard and, also, learn to be modest and disciplined. We do not yet know for sure, if he was finally forced to leave his dreams behind because of his poor health. Honza's situation, on the other hand, is hardly comparable. His personal interests and everyday worries are, by comparison with Rinchen's, characterized by a lifestyle of consumerism and prosperity. However, Honza also has his dreams. He dreams of his future and the fulfillment of his ideals. They both dream of an education that will bring them a better life. They both dream of a family that can or may live together. They both have their father as a role model. These dreams and aspirations finally threw these two boys together. Because of their internet meeting, they begin to learn from one another, and thanks to the work of the La Ngonpo project, they can continue to do so. Honza learned from Rinchen the meaning of modesty, humility and reciprocity, while Rinchen learned from Honza and began to understand the true meaning of his journey to try and further his education.

In light of stories such as these, it is no surprise that the activities of MKC Prague were dominated by the activities of the Czech-Indian La Ngonpo project. The project helped to set up the first in a series of meetings and exhibitions in Pilsen, Prague, Olomouc, Brno and Vsetín, and also at the partner schools in the Indian region of Ladakh, and in Nepal. A documentary film

titled *Out of Dreams* was produced, with the story of the internet meeting of Rinchen and Honza as the main motivator. The message of the stories of both boys was put forward in the form of debates aimed at the viewing public. The film was also distributed among teachers, for whom we created methodology material to be used during lessons. Czech, Indian and Nepali teachers and volunteers were given the opportunity to exchange their experience, both in the Czech Republic, and in India and Nepal. Others were encouraged to continue “meeting” and sharing their experience through dialogue at the web site, www.la-ngonpo.org. The project succeeded in making itself, and consequently us, more visible by way of organising exhibitions, open days, debates, and a concert in Prague’s Lucerna, and by numerous media outputs.

The second educational project, *Our Little Stereotypes*, has also been highly visible. At the end of 2012, we calculated more than 180 successfully trained teachers, and almost 2,800 students who took part in a series of trainings and workshops, focused on supporting tolerance and diversity. The direct participation of foreign nationals in the teaching team is an inseparable part of this project and the main idea of the project methodology.

The year 2012 has also seen an improvement in working directly with foreign nationals, and supporting their entry into the labour market. The *Media4US* project enabled a group of foreign nationals to work and improve on their media abilities, and also enabled them to take part in a follow-up internship in the prominent Czech media areas, such as Czech Radio and Czech Television. Immigrants were given the opportunity to share their life stories and their perception of life in the Czech Republic through the medium of the *Daily Metro*. Continuing into 2013, some of them will be able to share their experience through a programme produced in cooperation with Czech Radio. Our long-term goal is to further develop direct cooperation with more foreign nationals. With the help of a photography competition and, consequently, a photography exhibition, we were able to involve the general public in the project. One of the Czech competitors succeeded in making it to the final in the Netherlands, where he proudly finished in third place. In fact, there were up to 450 competitors from eight European countries! All the competing photographs, and all texts and other outputs of the involved participants can be found at www.media4us.cz.

2012 was also a year for working in the field, particularly activities supporting integration in Prague 13, an area of the city of Prague, characterized by the high number of immigrants. Thanks to the *Media4ME* project, we contributed in helping improve communication and mutual cooperation in the local community. An inter-active community website called www.praha13zive.cz

was created, and a series of training programmes intended for local citizens and institutions were held with the aim of improving social cohesion. In cooperation with the local TV 13 television, we initiated the creation of a six-episode documentary series, mapping local cultural diversity. Both projects were followed by an international conference, held in the Netherlands, and titled *Media, Migrants and Society*, and was attended by more than 100 participants.

During the year, we also achieved success in the field of fundraising. We acquired and initiated projects based on wider international cooperation. These projects are: *To Work in the Czech Republic*, a project which aims to support and improve the work of officers in contact with foreign nationals; *Utilizing Migrant’s Potential and Qualification on the Czech Labour Market*, which encourages and reinforces the use of the education and future potential of migrants; *Migration to the Centre*, which will build on discussions of the currently debated issues in the field of the migration policy of Central and Eastern European countries. The work and achievement of these projects will not only greatly increase activities of our site, www.MigrationOnline.cz, but will also stimulate production of several methodology materials addressing the work within the state administration; non-profit organizations, trade unions, and the migrants themselves. We aim to instigate numerous training schemes and public discussions in both the Czech Republic and other partner countries. Thanks to these projects, we will be able to welcome several new colleagues to our team and, due of their experience and knowledge, we look forward to the new ideas and fresh inspiration they will bring to MKC Prague.

Our organization also underwent some personnel changes towards the end of the year, when we said goodbye to several collaborators, and the current management. We also welcomed new colleagues and, with them, new projects and our organizational structure has now changed. Two new independent sections were created – *Migration and Education*; each managing its activities under the leadership of its own program director. I believe that this change, as with every other change, is considered by everyone involved to be a new and welcoming challenge, and we embrace these changes as a new opportunity for enrichment and growth.

On this basis, and greatly inspired by the story of Honza and Rinchen, I sincerely hope that based on our individual values, we all succeed in realizing our dreams.

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ABOUT THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER PRAGUE

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The Multicultural Center Prague (MKC Prague) is a non-profit organization founded in 1999, interested in issues of coexistence between people from different cultures in the Czech Republic, but also in other parts of the world.

MISSION:

The 20th century led to the erosion of the Czech land's multicultural heritage. With the integration into the European Union and global economic structures, Czech society is becoming more diverse and multicultural again. A multicultural society enriches and stimulates but it can also create tensions and misunderstandings. The Multicultural Centre Prague aims to help all people understand and explore this reality.

AIMS:

Since its conception, the Multicultural Center Prague has been pursuing its goals through public debates, both educational and cultural, and through activities, publications, and networking among the public, and organisations that focus on similar issues, both within the Czech Republic and in other countries.

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THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER PRAGUE:

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- Informs both the general public and professionals about the coexistence of different ethnic groups in the Czech Republic, and in other parts of the world.
- Creates an environment for communication, learning and research in the field of diverse European and non-European cultures and identities.
- Promotes debate on migration processes, and on the formation of cultural and ethnic identities, relations between minorities and majorities, nations and nationalism, cultural diversity, education and public policies, and attitudes to each other.
- Supports intercultural literacy among individuals and institutions in the Czech Republic.
- Encourages questions and seeks answers concerning the situation of various sociocultural groups living in the Czech Republic.
- Carries out projects encouraging individuals and institutions in the Czech Republic to create favourable conditions for a functioning multicultural society.

- La Ngonpo (Development Education Exchange project La Ngonpo)
- Comprehensive GDE training for teachers – La Ngonpo II
- MIGRACEONLINE.CZ (MigrationOnline.cz)
- Migration to the Centre
- To Work in the Czech Republic. Integration of Labour Migrants in the Czech Republic: Reinforcing the Role of the Czech Towns
- The New Alien Act Project
- Our Little Stereotypes: Through Intercultural Education and Experiential Learning towards Tolerance
- Utilizing Migrant's Potential and Qualification on the Czech Labour Market

AS A PARTNER ORGANIZATION, MKC PRAGUE WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- Connect IEM (Study on ICT to support everyday life integration of immigrants or ethnic minority people)
- European Web Site on Integration (EWSI)
- Media4US
- Media4ME
- RACE in Europe (Response to criminal exploitation in Europe)
- Visa Policy of the Czech Republic and the European Union towards the Eastern Partnership Countries and the Ways of its Improvement
- Foreign Workers in the Labour Market

For further information on the projects, see INFORMATION ON PROJECTS.

OUR PROJECTS IN 2012

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THE BEST OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2012:

- Global and development education methodology La Ngonpo: A Meeting Point.
- 17 workshops for teachers and individuals working with young people in the Czech Republic, India and Nepal.
- 56 intercultural seminars, 16 cycles of intercultural workshops and 11 photography, art and literary workshops at Czech and Indian schools.
- Successful year for education courses on company diversity management.
- 4 public debates and 2 round tables within the La Ngonpo project.
- Record breaking attendance of 1579 visitors per day at the MigraceOnline.cz portal.
- 120 participants at the international conference Media, Migrants and Society.
- Special supplement of the METRO daily called Perspectives addressing the life of migrants in the Czech Republic, issued on 20th November 2012.
- La Ngonpo exhibition at 5 places in the Czech Republic and 2 in Ladakh, India.
- Participation in Zažit město jinak festival.

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Encounter of two worlds (1st prize in Culture Cocktail competition)
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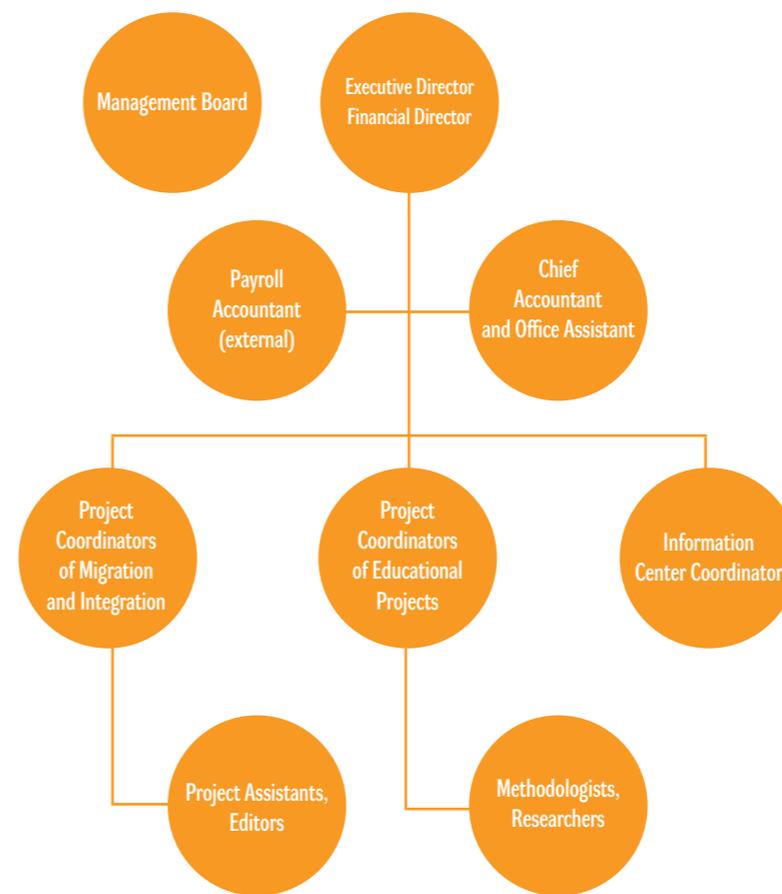
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OUR ACTIVITIES

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MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION

One of the key areas of our activity is the migration and integration of foreign nationals, where for a long time we have been accomplishing a number of our own unique projects within the Czech Republic, and a number of partner projects at a European or international level, cooperating with renowned and well-established organizations which come predominantly from the EU countries.

Our goal is to contribute towards achieving a better understanding of social, economic and political processes associated with migration; to show the different views of individuals effecting the migration and integration policy (non-government organizations, public administration, EU, employers, trade unions and migrants), and to provide an environment for alternative discussion on migration. Activities in the field of migration are motivated by this goal; focusing on both professionals and the general public.

An important tool for critical and open discussion is represented by the MigrationOnline.cz website, operated by MKC Prague since 2003, which followed the [European Website on Integration](#) cooperation in its information and analytical aspects. Many migration activities of MKC Prague, however, go beyond the website, whether it be research or activities aimed at the general public.

The issues addressed within the last years were followed mainly by projects concerning labour migration. Besides the question of migrants' position at the labour market addressed in the context of broader economic and social development, we also focused on integration on the community level (To Work in the Czech Republic, Media4ME). The public was appealed to, especially by media-oriented projects (Media4US and Media4ME) – Metro daily supplement, written by migrants, photo-competition, a touring exhibition and conference were some of the most noticeable outputs

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of the project, reflecting upon the migration experience from the viewpoint of young journalists-migrants (see more at Media4US). The cooperation with migrants and their involvement in discussions on current migration issues is further addressed in the Migration to the Centre project, focused on the reflection of the EU migration policies in the central-European area – the first outputs of the project are available at [Migration to the Centre](#).

Apart from the above-mentioned projects, the migration section of MKC Prague took an active part in the Consortium of Non-governmental Organizations working with migrants in the Czech Republic, where MKC contributed to comments on the emerging legislation, lobbying activities or public activities, such as debates on precarious work forms. MKC also promoted the migration issue at various public events (e.g. *Zažit město jinak* festival).

The projects were implemented thanks to our Czech and foreign partners, interns and other collaborators. We thank all of them and look forward to a continuation of this cooperation in the future!

Projects in 2012:

MIGRACEONLINE.CZ

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To Work in the Czech Republic. Integration of Labour Migrants in the Czech Republic: Reinforcing the Role of the Czech Towns

Utilizing Migrant's Potential and Qualification on the Czech Labour Market

Migration to the Centre

Partner projects:

Connect IEM (Study on ICT to support everyday life integration of immigrants or ethnic minority people),

European Web Site on Integration (EWSI I-II), Media4US, Media4ME, RACE in Europe (Responses to criminal exploitation in Europe),

Visa Policy of the Czech Republic and the European Union towards the Eastern Partnership Countries

and the Ways of its Improvement, Foreign employees on the labour market

MULTICULTURAL AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

Multicultural education is one of our main priorities since the very beginning of the organization foundation in 1999. In 2008, we added the global development education section.

The year 2012, we witnessed various educational activities at MKC Prague. Two projects carried out in the last year have been successfully developing: La Ngonpo, an international project on global development education, saw in the last year of its duration both the medialization of its outputs, and examples of best practice in the involved schools. The involvement of Indian schools was quickly followed by 7 schools from Nepal. An important touring exhibition was held in the Czech Republic and India; further methodology and information materials for teachers were produced, and 3 Indian and 2 Nepali teachers were invited to take up an internship in the Czech Republic. An evaluation of this project shows that it has been the most successful partner project created for Czech schools and schools of the developing countries. At the end of 2012, the support of the European Commission ceased, but the La Ngonpo project was not abandoned and the involved schools will be included within the Comprehensive GDE training for teachers – La Ngonpo II project, supported by the Czech Development Agency.

Intercultural education programs are being developed within the 3-year project Our Little Stereotypes: Through Intercultural Education and Experiential Learning towards Tolerance.

In 2012, we carried out a number of workshops and seminars at secondary technical and vocational schools, focusing on the prevention of racism and xenophobia and the promotion of active participation of young people in a society. Both projects are based on a trans-cultural (personality) concept of education and innovative forms of education derived from the Critical Thinking program. Both projects also focus on systematic work with the teachers involved who can receive consultations

orchoose from our free-of-charge workshops held for the further education of teachers.

In the area of education, there exists a long-term education work group of MKC Prague, where we can exchange valuable experience gained during the project implementation, and discuss media issues concerning intercultural and global development queries. We are also active in the broader field of educational organizations. On a national level, this is, above all, the GDE work group which is part of FoRS (Czech Forum for Development Cooperation) organization; on an international level, it is mainly the DARE (Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe) European platform.

We appreciate an open approach of the involved schools, and the work and cooperation of all of the enthusiastic teachers. We thank all collaborators, partner organizations and interns for their successful cooperation in 2012, and we look forward to taking part in similar projects in the future.

Projects in 2012:

La Ngonpo

Comprehensive GDE training for teachers – La Ngonpo II

Our Little Stereotypes: Through Intercultural Education and Experiential Learning towards Tolerance

RESOURCE CENTRE AND LIBRARY

The resource centre and library of the Multicultural Centre Prague offers scholars and the general public a wide range of information resources about cultural, linguistic, ethnic and religious diversity, as well as resources explaining the coexistence of different cultures in the Czech Republic and in the world, and also information on migration and integration of foreign nationals.

The MKC Prague library currently houses over 2800 books, 160 audio-visual items and 50 different periodicals, grouped in specialized thematic sections, from religion and mythology; nations and national identity; minorities' rights; migration and refugees; gender; to anthropology, ethnology and ethnography; sociology; intercultural education and learning; diversity management; media and multicultural fiction. Most publications are in Czech or English. The library also provides research services, as well as access to the Czech Newton Media newspaper article database.

Online catalogue of MKC Prague's library: <http://www.mkc.cz/cz/katalog-on-line.html>.

Visits can be arranged in advance by an e-mail: knihovna@mkc.cz.

The MKC library accepts trainees and students and will familiarize them in detail with the operation of the library (acquisitions, cataloguing, revision, borrowing protocol, communication with the readers, etc.).

The resource centre regularly prepares two electronic newsletters for subscribers interested in multicultural issues:

The weekly [multikulti] e-mail newsletter contains an overview of cultural and educational events, as well as interesting articles.

You can subscribe via the web page. The [Multicultural Literature Acquisition Service], issued every month, provides information on new books on the Czech market. To learn more about the library and resource centre, write to: infocentrum@mkc.cz.

10 most borrowed books in 2012:

Morvayová, Petra: Dvakrát měř, jednou řež

Barešová, Ivona: Současná problematika východoasijských menšin v České republice

Průcha, Jan: Multikulturní výchova

Švingalová, Dana: Úvod do multikulturní výchovy

Rákoczyová, Miroslava; Trbola, Robert: Sociální integrace přistěhovalců v České republice

Indra, Doreen: Engendering forced migration

Joppke, Christian: Immigration and the nation-state

Moree, Dana: Než začneme s multikulturní výchovou

Balvín, Jaroslav: Společně

Drbohlav, Dušan: Migrace a (i)migranti v Česku

Interesting new titles in the library in 2012

Biolek, Jaroslav a kol: PodObal

Denzin, Norman K: The SAGE Handbook of qualitative research

Easterly, William: The White man's burden

Farmer, Paul: Pathologies of power

Gruša, Jiří: Česko – návod k použití

Joppke, Christian: Selecting by origin

Lipsky, Michael: Street-level bureaucracy

Moyo, Dambisa: Dead aid

Steelová, Jeannie L: Čtením a psaním ke kritickému myšlení

Uherek, Zdeněk: Analýza státního integračního programu pro azylanty

PUBLISHING

La Ngonpo – A Meeting Point

The methodological manual builds on Multicultural and Global Education Methodology for Partnership of Czech and Ladakhi Schools of the La Ngonpo project (2010) and develops it further for universal use anywhere in the world. Both manuals were published by Multicultural Centre Prague in cooperation with OnEarth Association. The manual is designed for teachers at higher grades of elementary and Loir grade sof secondary schools. The La Ngonpo methodology consists of 24 lesson plans which can be used in partnership with another elementary or secondary school from any country in the world over the course of six months. The methodology complies with the following cross-curricular links: Education towards Thinking in European and Global context, Multicultural Education, Environmental Education, and Personal Development and Social Education.

The publication can be downloaded for free in Czech and English at the MKC Prague website:

<http://www.mkc.cz/cz/nase-publikace.html>

La Ngonpo – Outputs Database

During the three years of the La Ngonpo project duration, the participating schools have collected a great amount of very interesting outputs on the La Ngonpo website www.la-ngonpo.org. In this material, we would like to present at least some of the inspiring outputs with a clear reference to their place in the methodology manual La Ngonpo – A Meeting Point. The Outputs Database, therefore, serves as a complementary material to the La Ngonpo Project presenting outputs of Czech, Ladakhi and Nepali partner schools; it's available for teachers to use in La Ngonpo lessons or for anyone interested in what has been created by children from different cultural environments working on the same topic.

The publication can be downloaded for free in Czech or English version at the MKC Prague's web page:

<http://www.mkc.cz/cz/nase-publikace.html>

Out of dreams documentary

The Out of dreams documentary was created during 2010–2012 as one of the outputs of the three-year international education project called La Ngonpo. The film was produced by Polish filmmakers Elwira Niewiera and Piotr Rosolowski of the Fundacja Nowa Ameryka organization. It captures the lives of two teenage boys, Rinchen from India and Honza from the Czech Republic, and compares their dreams, desires and wishes in culturally different environments. Apart from the professional shots, included also are some parts of the student films that were produced at the filming workshops within the La Ngonpo project

The film can be downloaded for free at: <http://vimeo.com/46029488>

Lesson plans to the film Out of Dreams

The Methodology manual, which contains 3 lesson plans to the film Out of Dreams, is intended for primary and secondary school teachers as a supplementary material to the La Ngonpo Project or it can be used as a separate teaching material. This methodology handbook is focused on the active use of the film material at school with the emphasis on different aspects of the film – dreams, desires and wishes, the role of education in our lives and a critical analysis of the film and the documentary film genre in general.

The publication can be downloaded for free in Czech or English version at the MKC Prague's web page:

<http://www.mkc.cz/cz/nase-publikace.html>

La Ngonpo Diary, or Who We've Met in the Blue Pass

La Ngonpo Diary presents the international educational project of school partnerships through the eyes of some of its participants. Czech and Ladakhi teachers, volunteers, project's partners, experts on global and development education and also the organizers share their experiences with the Czech-Indian project La Ngonpo (2010–2012). The Diary also serves as a universal personal organizer and is accompanied by number of photographs from the Czech Republic and Ladakh.

The Diary can be downloaded for free in Czech and English version at the MKC Prague's web page:

<http://www.mkc.cz/cz/nase-publikace.html>

CONSULTING AND RESEARCH

As part of our activities, we also provide companies, educational establishments and government institutions with professional consultations in the field of multicultural education, migration and integration.

We offer employees or company managements a Diversity Management educational program that provides practical guidance on how to orient oneself and work effectively in different cultures. The program prepares employees for situations such as frequent cooperation with foreign countries, dealing with foreign company managements, long-term work abroad, or the employment of foreign nationals. The program also aims to develop an intercultural competence among the participants, i.e. their ability to collaborate with people from different national cultures, to understand the habits of foreign partners, to respect their different approaches and to adapt to different cultural working environments.

Courses are focused on particular cultures (Russia, India, China) and are tailored to customers' needs. One-day or multi-day courses can be taken by groups or individuals and, in the case of a long-term stay abroad, the courses can also be taken by their families.

We have also prepared training for companies that employ foreign nationals. The training provides an overview of the current laws and informs about an expected development of migration policy in the coming years, from both the perspective of an employer and his employees. Participants are also given practical advice and learn skills such as, how to treat and interact with workers of different cultures. The content of the program can be targeted to individuals of one or more culture groups, such as Vietnamese, Mongolians, Ukrainians, Indians, Bulgarians, Romanians or others.

Within our consultancy services, we provide an expert assessment of projects, dealing with the multicultural theme or drafting of concepts of education programs for different target groups, such as employers, public officials, school personnel and community centers in different regions of the Czech Republic.

We also offer research services focusing mainly on working and living conditions of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic, and social effects associated with migration at the labour market, or on intercultural and labour relations at the workplace, e.g. intercultural communication efficiency; effective use of immigration status; level of integration of foreign nationals into the working environment (with respect to particular groups of foreign nationals); utilizing the potential of highly skilled foreign workers; implementation of laws governing an entry and residence of foreign nationals into the Czech labour market, and its practical impact on employment, as well as other relevant issues.

Apart from the above-mentioned products, in most cases, and after consultation with clients, we are able to ensure or create tailored educational and cultural activities addressing Interculture, according to an interest and specific needs of an interested person. More information: romana.vylitova@mkc.cz; romana.vylitova@mkc.cz.

EXHIBITIONS

MKC Prague has been educating the public on migration in the Czech Republic and abroad through exhibitions for many years. This tradition has not been abandoned and during 2012, MKC Prague produced two touring exhibitions. The first exhibition, named Culture Cocktail, was created within the Media4US project, the second exhibition is derived from the La Ngonpo project, having the same title.

The Culture Cocktail exhibition was created to capture the diversity of cultures in the Czech Republic. It consists of a series of 32 photographs. The opening day of this exhibition was held in the Mlsná kafa Prague restaurant. It was also seen in the Bílá vrána milk bar in Prague 13 and during the Migrant's Rights Week in the Družina club in Prague, Vršovice.

La Ngonpo – A Meeting Point exhibition was created from outputs by Czech and Indian students thanks to the cooperation of partner schools in both countries. The exhibition presents literary and visual works made by Indian and Czech children within the classes taught according to the La Ngonpo methodological manual. There are also photographs depicting the important moments of the project. The exhibition presents the views of Czech children about life in Ladakh, and the views of Ladakhi children about us. It should capture and portray the unique culture and the intercultural exchange between Czech and Ladakhi students, and provide the public in the Czech Republic with the outcome of this exchange. It was a touring exhibition designed for the outdoors, and to be inter-active. The themes of the exhibition followed the La Ngonpo methodological manual and were presented to its visitors from the viewpoint of children. An interactive program on one teaching lesson was presented as a part of the exhibition, intended for students of primary schools and for lower grades of secondary schools. The program should deepen students' knowledge of the world around us, and encourage critical thinking in basic tasks.

From May to November 2012, the exhibition toured the Czech Republic. The first stop was in Pilsen where it was exhibited in the Kopeckého Sady park; the opening ceremony saw the participation of the Cheers! and Poitín music groups and took place in the Buena Vista Club. Following this, the exhibition moved to Prague where it was seen in the upper part of the Wenceslas Square. The exhibition was also launched by the Toxique and Lanugo music groups in the Lucerna Music Bar. During the summer holidays, the exhibition moved to Ladakh, India, in the form of posters picturing the work of students as well as important moments from the project, and making up for fact that the Czech outdoor exhibition could not be moved do Ladakh.

After the summer holidays, the exhibition was seen at the front of the Faculty of Science of the Palacký University in Olomouc city. The first Sunday of September saw the projection of the Out of Dreams documentary produced by the Multicultural Center Prague and Fundacja Nowa Ameryka (Poland). The themes of the exhibition and the film were discussed by the participants of the Summer School of Development Cooperation in Olomouc city with Karoline Schulz, the editor of the film. A further show took place in the city of Brno where the exhibition tour was opened at the Metro Music Bar, attracting 200 people and hosting an improvisation theater called Bafni, with music groups such as Pavlík and Jam Factory, Homoguru and Calambre. The final city where the exhibition was shown was Vsetín. The exhibition was brought about with the support of the mayor of the city, Iveta Táborská, and was set up at Náměstí Svobody square. The opening day was held in the local Integra Vsetín educational and community centre.

At the end of 2012, the La Ngonpo exhibition was transformed into a compact form of ten banners, and is currently available MKC Prague, as well as the Cocktail of Cultures exhibition, ready to be borrowed by anyone interested and used at cultural and educational events.

GET INVOLVED

Do you find our activities interesting? Do you want to get involved?

Our activities are funded by Czech and foreign foundations, EU funds, municipalities and government ministries. However, these sources cover only a part of the cost of our activities and day-to-day operation. We try to obtain the remainder of the required funding in different ways including the sale of our publications and educational courses, but you can help, too.

Get involved:

- as a volunteer or a participant of our internship program at MKC Prague
- as a member of our Multiculti Club – you will automatically benefit from free access to our resource centre, have the possibility to buy our publications at discounted prices, and get other club benefits
- by donating money or supplies to support MKC Prague's daily operation or a particular project. In addition, both natural and legal individuals can deduct the value of their donation from their tax base.
- Financial contributions can be donated through Daruj správně (Donate Right) system.
- by buying books from the Kosmas.cz online bookshop (at www.kosmas.cz/mkc) – we get 6% of the value of your purchase, without you paying more by contributing to MKC Prague's public fund-raising campaign (in accordance with Act no. 117/2001 Coll. on public fundraising), to support activities aimed at finding and answering questions related to the cohabitation of people from different cultures in the Czech Republic and elsewhere.

Thank you to all who have decided to support our Centre.

To learn more, visit the Get Involved section of our website or write an e-mail to: infocentrum@mkc.cz.



Bubbles (3rd place in Culture Cocktail competition)
Author: Jan Dítka

INFORMATION ON PROJECTS

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LA NGONPO (DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION EXCHANGE PROJECT LA NGONPO)

- Implementation:** 1/1/2010–31/12/2012
- Partners:** Blue Stone, a member of Brontosaurus Movement (CZ), OnEarth (CZ), Moravian Mission School of Leh (India), Secmol (India), Fundacja Nowa Ameryka (Poland)
- Finance:** European Commission – EuropeAid Cooperation Office (Public Awareness and Education for Development in Europe), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (Czech Development Agency within the Foreign Development Cooperation Program, Czech Republic)
- Contact person:** Romana Vylitová, romana.vylitova@mkc.cz

La Ngonpo is an international educational project focusing on global development education and supporting partner cooperation of schools in the Czech Republic, India and Nepal. In the Ladakhi language, one of the languages of the north of India, la ngonpo means a blue mountain pass. We perceive the blue pass as a metaphor of a place where people from different parts of the world can meet and learn more about others, and about themselves.

The main goal of the project is to provide teachers with a methodology of teaching multicultural education and global development education, to provide students with contacts to their counterparts abroad, and to inform the general public on development assistance and cooperation, and thus enabling people to think about and discuss these themes.

Within the three years of the La Ngonpo project, the year 2012 saw the completion of all planned activities, publication of methodology materials, evaluation and extension of the project to Nepal. To promote the project, we arranged touring

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exhibitions in five cities of the Czech Republic, and in four places in India We also held public projections and debates concerning the completed Out of Dreams documentary.

In Ladakh, a country of blue passes, we cooperated with seven schools in 2012. During the summer of 2012, fifteen volunteers presented the methodology and the concept of the project to the teachers, presented some activities and themes to the students and taught them how to communicate with their counterparts in the Czech Republic via www.la-ngonpo.org, and also how to use the web pages.

LA NGONPO II. (COMPREHENSIVE GDE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS – LA NGONPO II)

Implementation: 1/1/2012–31/12/2014
Partners: Sano Paila – a Little Step (Nepal)
Finance: Czech Development Agency within the program Global Development Education and Awareness Raising
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This three year project was brought about thanks to the financial support of the Czech Development Agency within the GDE and Awareness Raising program. Already in 2012, we were continuing with the global development education project La Ngonpo and reinforcing its content, especially by improving the competences of Czech teachers in the field of global and intercultural education.

Through discussions and projections of the Out of Dreams documentary, addressing the dreams and wishes of the boys from India and the Czech Republic, we aimed to improve public awareness of the developing countries and development cooperation.



Students of Ladakh Public School during a La Ngonpo lesson, India
 Author: Romana Vylitová

The effectiveness of the partner cooperation and communication via the www.la-ngonpo.org website has been increased by the participation of, not only, Indian, but also Nepali schools.

The involved schools, teachers and students especially appreciate the work of the La Ngonpo Information Center for providing the smooth running of the partner cooperation, web management, bulletin publication, consultation and answering queries. We will continue to provide all those involved with these services.

MIGRACEONLINE.CZ

Implementation: 1/7/2010–31/12/2011

Finance: own resources

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Through the www.MigrationOnline.cz site, that has been focusing on the development of the status of various foreign national groups in the Czech Republic and other countries of the Central and Eastern Europe, MKC Prague endeavours to contribute to an open and critical discussion on migration in the Czech Republic. The site carries out a systematic mapping of migration research, legislation creation in the field of migration and asylum policies, governmental and non-governmental activities and institutions. Its readers are mainly professionals and other interested persons from academia, public administration, non-governmental organizations, media, and the general public.

We carried on with these activities also in 2012. We published almost 50 articles, along with many other comments, interviews, reviews, videos and other contributions.

Apart from the ongoing discussion on legislation adjustment, other themes such as labour migration (temporary labour migration, impact of visa policy and protection of labour migrants' rights–Arbouersaffair); the role of state in protection of labour migrants' rights; ratification of international agreements; etc. were regularly discussed in 2012. We gave significant

attention to the forthcoming Act on Citizenship. We attempted to systematically capture the latest development of legislation and policies (health insurance, directions of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs restricting employment of foreign nationals and the functioning of OAMP). Among other topics, there are texts on the asylum act amendment, a resettlement program in the Czech Republic or the FRONTEX activity, and the launch of the series of articles on integration centers.

In the middle of 2012, a new section on [audio/video](#), including recordings of debates and conferences, publicly available documents on migration, and integration in the Czech Republic, was created. In association with the Migration to the Centre, we are able to revive the English version of the pages. Along with the translation of Czech texts, we published articles addressing migration in Central and Eastern Europe. We also experienced an increased number of fans on our Facebook page.

Just as in previous years, MigrationOnline.cz tries to serve governmental and non-governmental individuals as a tool to inform on planned and completed activities and projects – besides an overview of current projects. There is also an event calendar, an open mailing list supporting promotion, and we continue to monitor the Media.

At the beginning of 2013, on the occasion of 10-year anniversary of the first publication of our first article, we have been preparing more extensive reconstruction and modernization of the website.

As the financial resources are restricted (termination of Open Society Fund support), we would like to thank the authors who offered their articles and comments on the current migration and integration issues, despite the poor fee possibilities. We would like to thank them for their cooperation and input!

Sustainability and further development of the site depends on our readers as well – we will be delighted if you would support the MigrationOnline.cz web pages through [Donate right](#) (Daruj správně).

TOP 10 THE MOST READ ARTICLES AT MOL

Pavel Čížinský: Stručná analýza některých problémů návrhu zákona o státním občanství ČR

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2341889> (1675)

Tereza Blahoutová: Stále živá diskuse o multikulturalismu

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2341668> (1559)

Elena Tulupová: Pro migranty risk, pojišťovná zisk: kampaň za zdravotní pojištění migrantů a migrantek

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2361027> (1487)

Marek Čaněk: Když chybí politický zájem o rovnoprávné postavení pracovních migrantů a migrantek.

Přístupy odborů a inspekce práce v České republice

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2324750> (1265)

Pavel Čížinský, Pavla Hradečná:

Dočasná pracovní migrace jako součást migrační politiky státu (1136)

<http://migraceonline.cz/cz/e-knihovna/docasna-pracovni-migrace-jako-soucast-migracni-politiky-statu>

Lucie Trlifajová: Přehled dat o vydávání dlouhodobých víz a pobytů v letech 2007–2011

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2349874> (881)

Lenka Pavelková: Rozpory italské imigrační politiky – mezi strachem z invaze a ekonomickou nutností

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2328599> (853)

Marie Jelínková, Pavla Rozumková: Problémy v migraci a mobilitě studentů a odborných pracovníků

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2326962> (570)

Marie Jelínková: Zpráva z kulatého stolu na téma migrace a mobilita studentů a odborných pracovníků

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2329855> (531)

Markéta Novotná: Volební rok 2001 jako zásadní zlom v dánské imigrační politice?

<http://www.MigraceOnline.cz/e-knihovna/?x=2342209> (350)

MIGRATION TO THE CENTRE

Implementation: 1/9/2012–28/2/2014

Partners: People in Need (CZ), Institute of Public Affairs (Poland), Independent Journalism Foundation (Hungary), Peace Institute (Slovenia), Human Rights League (Slovakia)

Finance: European Commission – The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) – Europe for Citizens Program

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Migration to the Centre project monitors the migration situation and implementation of EU legislation in the individual countries of Central Europe (the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia), and its impact on migrants in the Czech Republic.

The combination of the professional aspect (an expert analysis and a creation of independent international platform of experts) and activities aimed at the broad public (inclusion of migrants into the creation of media outputs, public debates and final conference), ensure that this project will provide a unique opportunity to increase knowledge and obtain the effective exchange of information and experience concerning migration in the region of Central Europe.

The aim of the project is to create space for critical discussion, and, consequently, improve awareness of migrants' situation in the Czech Republic, and the creation and implementation of EU legislation into the Czech environment among the experts and the general public. The project should also encourage deeper understanding and general awareness of migration and its improvement. The project is aimed at several groups: migrants, experts, public authorities, professional and the general public. The goal of the project is not only to initiate a discussion on and improve awareness of the role of EU migration policy, but also to encourage networking among these groups.

In 2012, cooperation with the representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic was agreed and co-financing from the resources of the International Visegrad Fund and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was achieved.



Debate about migrants' rights in labour market, European House, Prague
Author: Alexandra Dubová

In November 2012, a two-day meeting of coordinators from all partner countries was held in Prague; the fundamental themes of the project and the forms of outputs of the project were settled, and also a workshop on media work with migrants was held.

At the end of 2012, the project web pages <http://migrationtothecentre.migrationonline.cz/> were launched, serving as an international platform for public debate and place for exchange of information and experience among individual countries of Central Europe.

In 2013, a series of expert discussions, public debates and outputs from migrants will be subsequently held in the partner countries, addressing the following themes

- 1) work and stay permission (February-April);
- 2) family fusion (April-June);
- 3) foreign students and their study (August-November).

TO WORK IN THE CZECH REP.

Integration of Labour Migrants in the Czech Republic: Reinforcing the Role of the Czech Towns

Implementation: 1/5/2012–30/4/2015

Partners: Centre Bruxellois d'Action Interculturelle (Belgium), Humanity in Action Deutschland e.V. (Germany), Landeshauptstadt Dresden, Integrations- und Ausländerbeauftragte (Germany), Rejs e.V. (Germany)

Finance: European Social Fund and the state budget of the Czech Republic within the Human Resources and Employment Operational Fund

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To Work in the Czech Republic project has several partial goals, with the integration of foreign nationals into the labour market seen as a common topic. The project is primarily aimed at the officers of the local authorities and employees of other institutions concerned with the integration of foreign nationals. The project's emphasis is on the education of the local authorities' officers and their mobilization with regard to any potential unpleasant situation of labour migrants in the Czech Republic. Within the project, the already existing tool for integration of foreign nationals into the Czech labour market (integration workshop) will be developed and transferred through know-how and sharing with the experts from German Bertelsmann Stiftung organization.

In autumn 2012, we initiated a qualitative research analysing the current situation and practice in the employment of foreign nationals. Its findings will be presented in a research report and will be considered when formulating the recommendations for adjustment of employment policy and creating a methodology for an integration workshop that is currently under preparation. The readers of the MigrationOnline.cz site may look forward to 30 expert articles on the integration of foreign nationals coming from the third world countries – the first of these were published in December 2012.

In 2013, we plan to create a methodology for an integration workshop and later carry out that workshop. The integration workshop is a tool for strategic planning on local level and its purpose is to connect all individuals of the integration process in the given locality so that the potential of all involved parties is utilised as much as possible. As well as this, simulation workshops will be held for the officers of local authorities. We want to provide the participants with various views of coexistence between majority and minorities in an inter-active form. Another partial goal of the project that will be begin in 2013 is the creation of a web site for the officers of local authorities, and which will serve as a tool for the sharing of best practice in the field of foreign national integration.

The main output of the project will be the template of the integration manual which will be presented and distributed among Czech cities as a unique tool for the integration of foreign nationals at a local level. The knowledge and experience gained throughout the project will be discussed at two expert discussion meetings and presented at the final conference.

THE NEW ALIEN ACT PROJECT

Implementation:	1/9/2011–30/4/2012
Project partners:	Association for integration and migration, Organization for Aid to Refugees
Finance:	Open Society Fund Prague
Contact person:	Marie Jelínková, migrace@mkc.cz

The project focuses on the sustainability and improvement of migrants' rights with regard to the forthcoming New Alien Act. The project was aimed at two main areas: cooperation with business and academia spheres. The aim of such cooperation was to discover what experience the academia and business sphere have with regard to (a) the current Foreigner Act and its implementation and (b) the content of the newly drafted Foreigner Act. This information was consequently presented at round tables, with the participation of the relevant officers or politicians. The main problems and challenges were summarized in short articles (policy briefs).

Apart from detection and identification of the problems, we found the interconnection among the selected spheres and the relevant officers concerned with foreigner agenda very useful. In the area of cooperation with the academia world, these meetings were considered as more than successful. The project had a secondary, but very valuable result; closer relations among non-governmental, academia and business spheres were created..

OUR LITTLE STEREOTYPES: THROUGH INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING TOWARDS TOLERANCE

Implementation: 1/6/2010–31/5/2013
Partners: INEX –Association for Voluntary Activities, o. s., AFS - Intercultural programs, o. s.
Finance: European Social Fund and the state budget of the Czech Republic within the Education for Competitiveness Operational Program
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In 2012, the educational project Our Little Stereotypes was continued and developed. The project is aimed at the prevention of xenophobia and racism among the students of secondary technical schools and vocational schools. It covers five regions – Central Bohemia, South Bohemia, Pilsen region, Karlovarský region and Královéhradecký region. After creating and piloting the original methodology for the educational program, we began implementation in 2012. Intercultural seminars and a series of intercultural workshops were held at schools, and supplemented the cross-curriculum multicultural and person-social education themes with themes based on a trans-cultural approach and experiential pedagogy.

The goal of the project was to provide students with firsthand experience of cultural diversity. Students realise what it means to be “different” and have an opportunity to think about an ideal coexistence of people from different cultural backgrounds and what it can look like. Step by step, they are offered a deeper insight into the selected topics and their reflection, e.g. stereotypes and their emergence, life values and their relation to culture, development and enforcement of one’s own attitudes.

Interested students could also enroll in two longer events – experiential training and miniworkcamp. Through outdoor and creative activities and discussions, young people learned to work in a team, and to perceive diversity and individual abilities in a group as beneficial. The 5 miniworkcamps and 4 experiential trainings were focused on voluntary work (e.g. reconstruction of castle ruins) and interaction in a culturally diverse group. In 2012, we held 7 accredited one-day trainings, intended for teachers of secondary technical schools and focused



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At experiential trainings of Our Little Stereotypes project students learn to get to know oneself and each other better
Source: MKC Prague

on sharing the methodology know-how of the project so that teachers could continue with these activities, even after the financing has stopped.

Since February 2011, an internet information site at <http://stereotypek.mkc.cz/> has been in operation, providing information on the project, past and future events at schools and planned longer stays dedicated to students of secondary technical and vocational schools. The interested professionals can find here all methodological and supporting materials concerning our educational program. The information site will continue operating, offering a space for sharing initiatives and mapping the situation in the multicultural education.

UTILIZING MIGRANT'S POTENTIAL AND QUALIFICATION ON THE CZECH LABOUR MARKET

Implementation: 1/12/2012–30/11/2014

Partners: COSPE (Italy), Österreichischer Integrationsfonds (Austria), Entwicklungsgesellschaft für berufliche Bildung mbH (Germany)

Finance: European Social Fund and the state budget of the Czech Republic within the Human Resources and Employment Operational Fund

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In 2012, the Utilizing Migrant's Potential and Qualification on the Czech Labour Market project was initiated, with the aim improving the inclusion of migrants into the Czech labour market, and to use their competences and abilities in a such a way as to correspond to their needs and the needs of the Czech economy. Based on an analysis of the factors preventing the vertical mobility of migrants in the market, a methodology addressing a provision of work consulting for migrants, an e-learning site and a website on the notification of foreign diplomas should be developed. The project also employs the verified practice and experiences of foreign partner organizations from Germany, Austria and Italy. The year 2013 will mainly see intensive research and consulting with foreign partners.



Conference Tuning into Diversity in Utrecht through the eyes of a young migrant, February 2013

IN 2012, MKC PRAGUE HAS BEEN A PARTNER ORGANIZATION TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS

CONNECT IEM (STUDY ON ICT TO SUPPORT EVERYDAY LIFE INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS OR ETHNIC MINORITY PEOPLE)

Implementation:	1/4/2011–1/3/2012
Major implementer:	Fundació per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Spain)
Partners:	University of Vienna (Austria), University of Warwick (Great Britain), University of Dublin (Ireland), Latvijas Universitātes Filozofijas (Latvia), ARCI/Lapis (Italy), Mira Media (Netherlands)
Finance:	European Commission
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As a coordinator for the Czech Republic, MKC Prague took part in a research of the European Commission in 2011. The goal of this research was to discover how the migrants use information and communication technologies, and whether these technologies can effectively improve the integration of migrants into the host societies.

The European Commission commends information and communication technologies, especially for their potential to provide migrants with a more effective way of participation in society. This can be done through better study methods, social life simulation and employment search aids. The project was created by the European Commission as part of its effort to outline innovative digital integration policies and to fight against digital exclusion in all segments of a society.

The project focuses on the relation between new technologies and the integration processes of migration groups. Using the findings of the research, the coordinators will draft recommendations for policy making. To identify the best policies of fulfilling these goals, the European Commission will continue to support the ConnectIEM project.

Apart from the Czech Republic, research also took place in Austria, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Spain and Great Britain. It took the respondents 15 minutes to fill a short questionnaire, with every tenth participant gaining a code for a 15-minute free

unlimited call. For this reason, the questionnaire was placed on <http://www.15minutescloser.com>. Further information on the project: www.connectiem.net, eupeancity@mkc.cz A final report on the project can be found at: <http://ftp.jrc.es/EURdoc/JRC71583.pdf>

EUROPEAN WEB SITE ON INTEGRATION (EWSI)

Implementation: 1/1/2012–31/12/2012
Major implementer: Migration Policy Group
Finance: European Commission
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The European Web Site on Integration is the official web page of the European Commission that should serve as a platform for exchange of information concerning development in the field of integration in the individual member states of EU. It offers a basic overview of documents and institutions in individual countries, current reports, events, documents, grant possibilities or on overview of best practice.

MKC Prague is responsible for filling and updating information and documents coming from the Czech Republic.

MEDIA4US

Implementation: 1/9/2011–1/3/2013
Major implementer: Mira Media (Netherlands)
Partners: Migrants Resource Centre (Great Britain), Foundation of Subjective Values (Hungary), COSPE (Italy), Média Animation (Belgium), Grimme Institut (Germany), Glocal Community Voice (Sweden)
Finance: European Commission, European Integration Fund, USA Embassy in Prague
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The European Media4US project strives for better awareness of migration and migrants among the European public. Young migrants who come from the third world countries are trained in media competences so that they can comment on social issues through their articles, photographs, videos and audios.

Their outputs can be found primarily at www.media4us.cz web page and also in a special supplement of the METRO daily (Perspectives, 20/11/2012). The project supports interaction between the majority society and migrants living in the Czech Republic by publishing articles in the media, holding the Cocktail of Cultures photography competition or organizing conferences. The project is implemented by MKC Prague in cooperation with partners of seven other European countries.

Grandmother (2nd place in Culture Cocktail competition)
 Author: Martin Holík



MEDIA4ME

Implementation: 1/9/2011–1/3/2013

Major implementer: Mira Media (Netherlands)

Partners: National Association for Neighborhood Management – NANM (Great Britain), Media Animation (Belgium), LINC Vlaams Steunpunt Nieuwe Geletterdheid (Belgium), Media Monitoring Agency (Romania)

Finance: European Commission, European Integration Fund, USA Embassy in Prague

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The Media4ME project was implemented in a multinational environment in Prague 13, an area in Prague city. Our goal was to use social media and means of media communication to support cooperation among organizations of Prague 13; to reach more effective communication and to create a more positive image of the location. Apart from the Czech Republic, organizations from five other European countries (Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, Romania and Italy) took part in the project.

Among successful outputs of the project, is the community webpage www.Praha13zive.cz, informing on events in the given location. There is also a series of six reports called On the Board, informing on the life of foreign nationals in Prague 13. In December 2012, we held an international conference Media, Migrants and Society that took place in the Goethe-Institut Prague, which saw the participation of speakers from Great Britain, Germany, USA, Netherlands and the Czech Republic.

RACE IN EUROPE (RESPONSE TO CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION IN EUROPE)

Implementation: 1/8/2012–31/7/2014

Major implementer: Anti-Slavery International (Great Britain)

Partners: ECPAT (Great Britain), Migrant Rights Centre (Ireland), Specialist Policing Consultancy Ltd. (Great Britain), La Strada (Czech Republic), Police Academy of the Netherlands (Netherlands), Vietnamese Mental Health Services (Great Britain)

Finance: European Commission

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The project focuses on human trafficking that leads to forced criminality and forced mendicancy, i.e. the form of human trafficking that is currently little addressed on a multinational level. Despite their huge vulnerability, the trafficked children and adults in this situation are often considered to have committed a criminal act, and are not considered to be victims.

In 2012, the project dealt with how to provide professionals (doctors, politicians, officers, etc.) in contact with these people with much needed information in order that a suitable victim-oriented strategy suppressing human trafficking could be developed. Considerable attention was also centered on the suitable identification of victims who are forced into criminality and the continued search for particular cases in the EU countries..

VISA POLICY OF THE CZECH REP. AND EU (TOWARDS THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES AND THE WAYS OF ITS IMPROVEMENT)

Implementation: 1/6/2011–31/1/2012

Major implementer: Association for International Issues (Czech Republic)

Finance: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic within the support of international relations research

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A research project in the field of international relations was initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, implemented by the Association for International Issues (AMO) in cooperation with MKC Prague. The goal of the project is to analyse perception and setting of the visa policy of the Czech Republic and EU in the countries of the Eastern partnership (Ukraine, Moldavia, Georgia and Belarus). The project also looks at the comparison of the visa policy of the Czech Republic and Poland, Sweden and Germany, the main representatives of the Eastern partnership.

The project resulted in a research study analysing the setting of the Czech visa policy with regard to the migration situation in particular countries. The study also recommended the enforcing of a visa policy that would contribute to a better image of the Czech Republic in the Eastern partnership countries, and which would correspond to the actual situation and interests of the Czech Republic in the field of migration. The study, processed in January 2012, has not been made public.

FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE LABOUR MARKET

Implementation: 1/10/2012–31/9/2014

Major implementer: Association for integration and migration (Czech Republic)

Partners: Organization for Aid to Refugees (Czech Republic), Anti-Slavery International (Great Britain), Caritasverband für die Diözese Osnabrück (Germany)

Finance: European Social Fund and the state budget of the Czech Republic within the Human Resources and Employment Operational Fund

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The project strives to open a public debate and to find a solution to the neglected questions regarding safety in the workplace for foreign nationals (injuries at work, professional diseases) and improvement of equal rights of foreign nationals on the Czech labour market by developing international cooperation in the field. The key issue is to create a thematic network with international partners from Germany and Great Britain, thus transferring information, sharing best practice and involving the key players from the Czech Republic and the EU countries. It is also important that the implementers try to improve the structural tools leading to the better protection of foreign workers, primarily focusing on the labour judicial system, monitoring by labour inspectors and following the activities of trade unions.

Special reports and experiences gained in the project will be presented to the public, for example, in the form of an expert comparative study on foreign employment; a case study from the field; a special internet platform, or a manual for foreign nationals and supporting professions, and also in the form of several media outputs. Public discussions, foreign internships, workshops and/or a final conference concerning the project will be given the same level of importance. The project also aims to enforce the individual rights of foreign nationals on the labour market, using experience from abroad.

All activities will be characterized by a special emphasis on female foreign nationals who are potentially more vulnerable than other subjects on the labour market.

PROFIT AND LOSS

SIMPLIFIED
to 31/12/2012 (rounded off in CZK)

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RANKING	INDICATOR NAME	NUMBER	ACTIVITIES		
			MAIN	ECONOMIC	TOTAL
			5	6	7
A.	EXPENSES	1			
I.	Consumables	2	339		339
II.	Services	3	8 910		8 910
III.	Personnel expenses total	4	5 182		5 182
IV.	Taxes and fees total	5	13		13
V.	Other expenses total	6	125		125
VI.	Depreciations, property sold, production of provisions and adjustments total	7	95		95
VII.	Provided allowances total	8			
VIII.	Income tax total	9			
	Expenses total	10	14 664		14 664
B.	REVENUES	11			
I.	Revenues from activity and goods total	12	1 008		1 008
II.	Total changes in internal inventory	13			
III.	Total capitalization	14			
IV.	Other revenues total	15	213		213
V.	Total revenues from sales of fixed assets, clearance of provisions and adjustments	16			
VI.	Total allowances received	17	296		296
VII.	Total operating grants	18	13 374		13 374
	Revenues total	19	14 891		14 891
C.	NET PROFIT OR LOSS BEFORE TAX	20	227		227
D.	NET PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX	21	227		227

BALANCE REPORT

SIMPLIFIED
to 31/12/2012 (rounded off in CZK)

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ASSETS		NUMBER	BALANCE TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE PERIOD	BALANCE TO THE LAST DAY OF THE PERIOD
	a	b	1	2
A.	FIXED ASSETS	1		
I.	Intangible fixed assets	2	56	56
II.	Tangible fixed assets	3	842	902
III.	Long-term financial assets	4		
IV.	Accumulated depreciation of fixed assets	5	-898	-958
B.	SHORT-TERM ASSETS	6	4 756	8 524
I.	Inventory	7		
II.	Receivables	8	-837	1 031
III.	Short-term financial assets	9	4 306	6 416
IV.	Other activity	10	1 287	1 077
	Activity total		4 756	8 524

LIABILITIES		NUMBER	BALANCE TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE PERIOD	BALANCE TO THE LAST DAY OF THE PERIOD
	a	b	3	4
A.	REGISTERED LIABILITIES	12	1 141	1 255
I.	Property	13	242	174
II.	Net profit or loss total	14	899	1 081
B.	LIABILITIES	15	3 615	7 269
I.	Provisions	16		
II.	Long-term payables	17		
III.	Short-term payables	18	1 277	899
IV.	Other liabilities	19	2 338	6 370
	Liabilities total	20	4 756	8 524

The La Ngonpo methodology

The program should deepen students' knowledge

and get other club benefits

we also achieved success in the field of fundraising.

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Sustainability

Migration to the Centre project monitors

a tool for the sharing of best practice

zejména projekty zaměřené na pracovní migraci

trainings were focused on voluntary work

The aim of the project is to create space

new technologies and the integration

nabízíme zpracování výzkumů

processes of migration groups

dealt with how to provide professionals

Culture Cocktail

agreements and institutions in individual countries

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