

FEMENIN Project on Innovation and Cooperation for Migrant Women's Entrepreneurship Inclusion Hosted in Poland

The **Financial & Economic Literacy for Migrant Women's Entrepreneurship Inclusion** project, or **FEMENIN** for short, is an Erasmus+ funded project coordinated by Aspire Education Group working in partnership with Infodef and La Bien Paga, Spain; Innoquality Systems, Ireland; CPIP Romania; Danmar Computers, Poland; and the Governorship of Istanbul, Turkey. In September, the partnership met for the second time in Poland at in the lovely city of Rzeszów in the South-East of the country.

The aim of the FEMENIN project is to support teachers and trainers in the adult and vocational education sector to provide high quality learning opportunities in financial and economic literacy to migrant women, tailored to their needs and specifically designed to support their social and employment inclusion through entrepreneurship. Towards this end, FEMENIN is developing an innovative training curriculum, Multi-lingual Open education resources (OER) and ICT-based methods including Apps to improve financial and economic literacy, numeracy and digital competences being made available to migrant women in Europe.



The project is now at the end of the first year of three with significant work carried out by all partners which they all pre-financed showing their commitment to developing the FEMENIN curriculum model, adopting appropriate adult learning models as well as a range of suitable economic and financial activities for inclusion in the project. Further time was spent by partners looking at an E-Learning Model as well as the development of a project app leading to further e-learning solutions. The next focus for the project will be on a training and learning meeting in Istanbul in February 2020 to test out materials developed so far. Each of the partner organisations are supported by **national advisory expert groups** to increase the impact and dissemination of the FEMENIN project in their countries.

Focus on European FEMENIN Project Champions

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