



Migrants and Local communities Actively GROWing together for inclusive societies

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All activities and tasks of Working Package 3 have been aimed at developing democratic responsibility, civic mindedness, and new competences for (local and foreign) citizens in order to put into practice an inclusive society based on intercultural dialogue. Beyond lectures and meetings, more practical actions have been carried out, among which the opportunity for locals and migrants to move as actors of change and to create new work possibilities. Therefore, the creation of a social cooperative or association has been from the very first one of the most important outputs of the MILAGRO project, since it would represent a concrete action in the path of social inclusiveness.

The limited liability social cooperative “Lux e Nur Cooperativa Sociale a r.l.” was established in Poggibonsi (province of Siena, Italy) on January 29, 2025. Despite its early establishment (in relation to the project’s

timeline), a small group of volunteer refugees had already formed in the early stages of the MILAGRO project and activities organized within WP3 since Autumn 2024 supported and reinforced their plan to have a concrete say in the social panorama of the city of Siena via the creation of an association led by the cooperation between the migrant and the local communities. At the same time, since the number of people interested in this initiative was expanding, the Cooperative had remained inactive during its first year of life, in order to give the opportunity to other people to complete their formation and training within the initiatives of the MILAGRO project, also including the Intercultural Mediation Training (Task 3.4), which ended on Jan. 21, 2026.

The Cooperative will be officially launched during MILAGRO's last Local Assembly in Siena in April 2026, which will see the participation of local stakeholders and institutions.

"Lux e Nur" Cooperative is directed by four people: two Italians (female) and two Pakistani refugees (male), regularly residents in Italy.

The Cooperative has a 50-year duration, and the number of members can be increased after due request, payment of association fee, acceptance of its statute and approval by other current members.

The Cooperative is no profit and aims at including all members to the benefits of mutuality according to its principles and methods.

All actions to be taken by the Cooperative and all its aims are inspired by gender equality and respect of human rights.

The main objectives of the "Lux e Nur" Cooperative include:

- Enhancing social and working inclusion of vulnerable people (mainly refugees, asylum seekers and migrants);
- Favouring and contributing to actions performed by local stakeholders aimed at building a democratic society based in intercultural dialogue;
- Promoting, orienting and supporting the creation of social enterprises by disadvantaged subjects;
- Designing, promoting and realizing innovative projects in the field of social economy;
- Designing, implementing and participating in studies, researches and publications in the fields of interculturality and social economy;
- Offering information and education services for Italian and foreign citizens, either disadvantaged or not;
- Organising training courses, also through regional, national and European calls;
- Realising innovative tools for skill development, especially in the fields of new technologies and media and IT, oriented to the labour market;
- Designing and implementing information campaigns about interculturality, diversity, social economy, fight against xenophobia, racism, intolerance and discrimination;
- Organising conferences and cultural/social events, also for third parties;

- Promoting, organising and managing services for catering, sustainable consumption and sustainable tourism;
- Promoting, designing and managing projects targeted at migrants and issued by local, national and European calls;
- Managing canteens, bars and restaurants that promote cultural diversity.



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