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Building Citizenship through Volunteering

Immigration as a Resource for Social Cohesion

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- ✓ Volunteering and migration as resources for the European growth
- ✓ What happens when immigration meets volunteering?
- ✓ The European landscape coming from 10 national reports: a fragmented but promising scenario for integration

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ETHNIC ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ **Drives:** *keeping alive the roots and passing on; promoting transnational activities; enhancing the quality of life of compatriots; easing links between ethnic community and local authorities; developing relationship between host country and sending country.*
- ✓ **Sustaining factors:** *intimacy; user-friendliness; similar cultural and linguistic code; home country exchange; development of transnational project.*
- ✓ **Restraining factors:** *insufficient funding; insufficient order; absence of stable structures; leader dependence; no limpidity; only a few links with host society.*

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NOT ETHNIC ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ **Drives:** *sociality; desire of civic participation; personal well-being and agency; searching for job and professional development; cultural exchange and linguistic improvement.*
- ✓ **Sustaining factors:** *political, legal and structural framework, such as the legal acknowledgment of volunteering, its value and social role; socio-cultural factors, such as openness of host society; personal features, such as empathy, open-mindedness, financial solidity and familiar steadiness.*
- ✓ **Restraining factors:** *unfavourable economic circumstances; lack of cultural and linguistic brokers, lack of tutor; missing of sense in volunteering.*

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“Trusty” Altruism

“Community” Altruism

“Self-referenced” Altruism

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Emerging trends:

- ✓ *formal and informal volunteering as resources for social cohesion*
- ✓ *a new deal between volunteering and work is needed*
- ✓ *the new generations' freedom*
- ✓ *a new role for ethnic organizations*
- ✓ *how to promote volunteering among TCN's?*
- ✓ *volunteering as transcultural space*

What model of integration?

Beyond normalization and one-dimension integration. Towards a new integration paradigm.

DIVERSE new perspectives:

mutual credit, personalization, capabilities activation, impact.