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Association Pro Refugiu, non-governmental organization from Bucharest, Romania, implemented between September 2016 and August 2018 the transnational project Enhance professionals' knowledge for a sustainable refugee integration,
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The main objectives of the project were: to improve the multi-disciplinary cooperation of social, psychological, legal specialists in providing assistance to refugees as part of the integration process in the host countries; to exchange information on refugee integration practices and programs that are implemented in Romania, Belgium, Germany, Sweden and Spain.
During the implementation of the project, the following activities were carried out:

• Develop a Study Report on the integration of refugees in Romania, Belgium, Germany, Spain and Sweden. The aim of the study was to highlight the existing programs, gaps and develop a set of recommendations which can underpin future strategies in relation to integration policies, programs. The publication is available on the project website in English, Romanian, German, Swedish, Spanish and Dutch.

• Develop a Handbook for social-health-legal professionals supporting the refugees' integration. The publication is available on the project website in English, Romanian, German, Swedish and Spanish.

• Transnational project meetings in Romania, Germany, Spain, Sweden.

• Joint staff training events in Hamburg Germany (April 2017) and in Brussels Belgium (September 2017. At each event attended professionals from social, legal, psychological domains from Romania, Belgium, Germany, Spain and Sweden.

• Multiplier events (seminar in Bucharest Romania, seminar in Madrid Spain, seminar in Brussels Belgium, seminar in Hamburg Germany, seminar in Uppsala Sweden), organized in May 2018 - June 2018. At these seminars were invited to participate professionals from organizations and institutions that have competences in social, legal, health domains; professionals who are already involved in the refugees' assistance, but also those who want to specialize in this area. Among the topics addressed during these seminars were: presentation of the project and of the publications, the need to improve the intercultural communication skills, the relevance of the multi-disciplinary team in the integration of refugees, the role of cultural mediators. The seminars had an interactive approach, presentations alternating with panel discussions, case study analysis, questions & answer sessions.

Further information on the project can be found on the website
http://erasmusproject.refugees-integration.prorefugiu.org/