

## SOMRA PROJECT

### 1<sup>st</sup> NEWSLETTER

#### WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE SOMRA PROJECT

In this issue we are happy to tell you about:

- ✓ The idea behind the project
- ✓ Our consortium
- ✓ Our 1<sup>st</sup> transnational project meeting
- ✓ Our next steps...

#### THE IDEA BEHIND THE PROJECT

**SOMRA** – *Supporting meaningful Occupations for low-qualified Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum seekers using the Green Entrepreneurship Model* is a new Erasmus+ project [Project number: 2020-1-UK01-KA204-079165] that offers an innovative approach to tackle two major challenges of the 21st century, namely climate change and refugee crises, by engaging refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in meaningful occupations that transform them into environment role models with a sustainable impact in their new and previous home.

The main idea of the SOMRA approach is to enable these main target groups to become true factors of change that influence positive environmental habits that are first established on a local and regional level, and eventually beyond the borders of the EU.

Therefore, the SOMRA project will pursue the following objectives:

- I) Facilitating environmental change on local and regional level through grassroots activities organised by green NGOs and the SOMRA participants.
- II) Fostering common values and civic engagement of migrant communities in their new environment.
- III) Offering low-threshold learning opportunities related to environmental measures that increase the employability by strengthening key competences for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.



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To achieve these aims, the SOMRA consortium will develop three main intellectual outputs:

- *The SOMRA Holistic Study Report (IO1)*
- *The SOMRA Green Entrepreneurship Model (IO2)*
- *The SOMRA Green Entrepreneurship Training (IO3)*

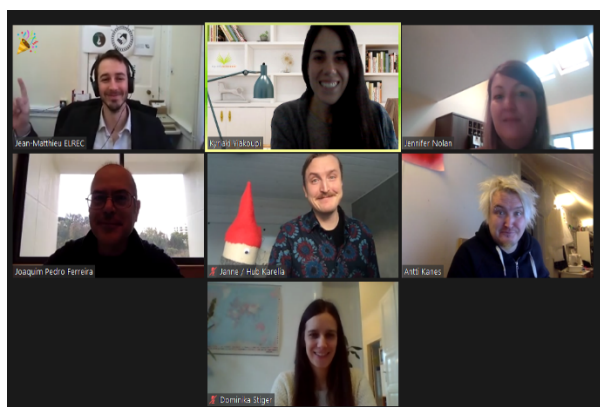
For our Intellectual Outputs please visit our website and social media.

## MEET OUR CONSORTIUM

The project is developed by six partners from six different EU countries:

- Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council Limited (**UK**)
- Auxilium pro Regionibus Europae in Rebus Culturalibus (**Austria**)
- The Rural Hub CLG (**Ireland**)
- INNOVENTUM OY (**Finland**)
- PLAYSOLUTIONS (**Portugal**)
- CARDET – CENTRE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (**Cyprus**)

The organisations have different characteristics and fields of specialisation, leading to effective cooperation.



## 1<sup>st</sup> TRANSLATIONAL PROJECT MEETING

The kick-off meeting of the SOMRA project took place online on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. The meeting started with a welcoming and a presentation of partners. The development plan of the project including deadlines of tasks and division of work between partners was presented and partners agreed upon all the upcoming activities.

## NEXT STEPS...

In the following weeks, partners will:

- Finalise work on *The SOMRA Holistic Study Report (IO1)*
- Make arrangements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Partner Meeting
- Disseminate the project's website and Facebook



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