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Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared by the partners of the project Improving Inclusion of EU Mobile Citizens (IMPEU):

- Agenzia per lo Sviluppo dell'Empolese Valdelsa (ASEV) - Italy
- Institut za Podgotovka na Slujiteliv Mejdunarodni Organizaciji Zdruzenie (ITPIO) - Bulgaria
- European Citizen Action Service (ECAS) - Belgium
- Astiki Mh Kersoskopiki Etareia Helping Hand (HELPING HAND) - Greece
- Dimos Vrillission (MUVRI) - Greece
- Magenta Consultoria Projects SI (MAGENTA) – Spain

The names and signatures of stakeholders (civil society organisations, local and regional authorities and training providers) which decided to support this Memorandum of Understanding are available below.

Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to:

- a. promote mutual understanding of EU citizenship and related rights among civil society organisations, civil servants and local decision-makers
- b. promote continuous training on this topic among civil servants and training providers
- c. promote the use of the IMPEU tools and the IMPEU online course
- d. promote exchange of good practices in the field of political inclusion of mobile EU citizens
- e. outline **common working methods for the provision of support services to mobile EU citizens**, based on best practices/political inclusion policies across EU 28 in facilitating access to EU citizens' rights and transferability assessment

Background information

- EU citizenship gives every EU citizen the right to vote and stand as candidate in elections to the European Parliament and in municipal elections in their Member State of residence, under the same conditions as nationals of that State.
- This right is enshrined in Article 22 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and is also a fundamental right laid down by Article 40 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. It has been further specified in Directives 93/109/EC (on elections to European Parliament) and 94/80/EC (on municipal elections).
- Due to the lack of awareness and legal, practical and administrative obstacles, political involvement and participation among mobile EU citizens remain limited.
- In Member States where registration on the electoral roll is not automatic, only 18.5 % of mobile EU citizens requested to be entered on the electoral rolls¹.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52018DC0044>



- EU citizens who have exercised their right to move and reside freely within the Union risk disconnecting from local political culture. Getting them more involved in municipal elections and in local political life is a challenge that requires a joint effort by the Member States, including local and regional authorities, the EU institutions, civil society and political parties.

Common working methods for the provision of support services to mobile EU citizens

- Providing mobile EU citizens with adequate and relevant support may contribute to their enhanced political inclusion and participation.
- The following aspects should be taken into account by stakeholders providing support services to mobile EU citizens:
 - **Use of English and other foreign languages:** information to mobile EU citizens should be provided by local and/or national authorities and other relevant organisations in English and/or other foreign languages.
 - **Proactive outreach to mobile EU citizens:** local and national authorities should conduct regular communication activities targeting mobile EU citizens.
 - **Provision of reliable and up-to date information:** civil servants and citizens advice organisations should provide mobile EU citizens with information on EU citizens' rights and obligations that is correct and up-to-date.
 - **Cooperation:** to enhance effectiveness of outreach, communication activities should be carried out in cooperation with civil society organisations working with mobile EU citizens.

Actions

1. The signatories agree to support the inclusion of mobile EU citizens by provision and/or promotion of reliable information on EU citizens' rights
2. The signatories agree to share good practices in the field of political inclusion of mobile EU citizens
3. The signatories agree that continuous training on EU citizens' rights among civil servants could contribute to improving the inclusion of mobile EU citizens.
4. The following standards and aspects should be taken into account when providing the training:
 - a. The training should have concrete, achievable and assessable objectives
 - b. Innovative methods of training and online training should be promoted
 - c. The training material should be adequate, reliable and relevant
 - d. The training should be flexible, giving participants a possibility to take it at their own pace
5. The signatories agree to promote the use of IMPEU Online Course among its employees and/or stakeholders (civil servants, training providers, civil society organisations, citizens)
6. The signatories agree to promote the use of IMPEU tools (Q&A Citizen Toolkit, IMPEU Online Kiosks, 50 Q&A "Know Your Rights as EU citizen" for public officials) among its employees



and/or relevant stakeholders (civil servants, training providers, civil society organisations, citizens)

Stakeholders supporting this Memorandum of Understanding

Date:	
Name of Organization (in English)	
Name of legal representative	
Signature and stamp of the organization	