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InMEDIATE - International Mediators Trained in Europe

The EU Erasmus+ programme for establishing a European vocational profile
for International Mediators

We are proud to announce the launch of '**InMEDIATE – International Mediators trained in Europe**'. The 30-month-project is fully funded by the **ERASMUS+ programme of the European Commission**, and has been developed by a consortium of multinational organisations.

InMEDIATE will provide mediation practitioners of EU-member states with specially designed trainings and a comprehensive set of certified qualifications, which enable them to act as international mediators in cross-border civil disputes. Further, the project will produce an online platform with learning resources freely and publicly available. Lastly, the experiences and learnings of this project will be combined into a toolkit for future replication.

The trainings will be provided **free of cost** to 36 mediation practitioners in several cohorts. We solicit the participation of interested mediators.

The kick-off meetings of the project were held online, respecting the current Covid-19 prescribed norms. Representatives of the Project Consortium partners laid down the roadmap for future task progression.

The project partners have extensive experience in education, mediation, training and certification. They have worked individually and jointly to deliver international projects in the past.

Background: Heterogenous national regulatory frameworks for mediation

Civil mediation in international disputes is yet to see an uptake, despite several past initiatives at EU level. One of the key challenges is the diversity in mediation training standards and qualifications

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across EU, making it hard for mediators to handle conflict dynamics and intercultural issues in cross-border civil disputes.

Through InMEDIATE, we aim to establish pan- EU standards related to mediation skills. The complimentary trainings, open-source information and freely available learning content would contribute to augmenting local, regional, national and cross-border mediation services.

InMEDIATE: Mission and Goals

- Promoting cross-border mediation, improving cooperation and networking in the field, fostering high quality standards in the mediation training system
- Designing, implementing, delivering and validating a learning outcomes- oriented training curriculum.
- Assimilating online education resources in a single platform and making them available for free public use
- Dissemination of knowledge and learning materials
- Creating tools to replicate the InMEDIATE certification system

Outcomes

- InMEDIATE Training Curriculum for International Civil Mediators
- InMEDIATE e-Platform
- Toolkit for replicability of InMEDIATE certification system

These project outcomes will be made publicly and freely available for use.

Target Audiences

- **Mediation practitioners** A target group 36 experienced mediators will be trained with the InMEDIATE curriculum as the focus cohort. Thereafter, mediators of all experience levels and backgrounds can benefit from the project activities and deliverables
- **Legal professionals** Lawyers, notaries and other judicial figures
- **Academics and researchers** Interested in studying mediation as a subject
- **Decision makers** Local, regional, national and European level
- **EU citizens** Requiring mediation services or wishing to learn
- **Other relevant stakeholders** Potentially interested in adopting and replicating the InMEDIATE training model

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