

Share SIRA

Regional Trainings - Greece

From October 2021 to February 2022, Share SIRA project partners organised several regional online and offline training sessions in several European countries, enabling more than 230 stakeholders active in rural integration to benefit from capacity building in intercultural communication and local community engagement, as well as in migrant participation and co-creation.

A needs assessment had been conducted by the Share Network during the first months of the [Share SIRA](#) project, so that the trainings drawing from the **Share “Welcoming Communities”** and **IOM “Admin4All”** training curricula would specifically answer the differing needs of the stakeholders in each region. Initially, 10 regional trainings were to be held in each of the regions participating in the Share SIRA project. Due to Covid19 restrictions however, trainings in Spain were transferred online, whereas those in Greek and Polish regions could take place as in person events. In France, the trainings were delivered in hybrid manner. Each training programme was uniquely developed to meet the learning needs of each regional partnerships. Click [here](#) to find out more about these regions!

Regional trainings for migrant and refugee integration in Karditsa, Greece

During the first Share SIRA regional roundtables in Greece, local actors from the Karditsa region had asked for opportunities to develop their **intercultural competences** specifically for a smoother interaction between volunteers or local staff and newcomers.

On **October 8th, 2021, 28 participants** from around Karditsa representing regional and local authorities, general service providers, NGOs, associations led by migrants and refugees, as well as individual refugees and migrants then joined together for a day-long training session.



Figure 1. Regional Roundtable in Karditsa (08.10.2021) © Share network.

The training first sought to set a common understanding of key aspects of migration before addressing the training needs in intercultural dialogue and local community engagement. Participants expressed great satisfaction with what they learnt during the training, declaring that they felt more empathy towards refugees and migrants after attendance, and asked for further training opportunities.

