ADMIRE launches its’ POLITICAL OBSERVATORY in time for the European Parliament Elections taking place on 24th May 2019

The ADMIRE observatory of political systems was launched at the 4th Partner Meeting in Ireland in March 2019. The observatory is a one-stop-online resource providing instant access to a wide variety of relevant and user-friendly information about the political systems in Greece, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy and Cyprus. This observatory provides snapshots of the political systems in each of the countries to support a greater understanding and awareness of the political structures and mechanisms and provide instant access to a library of information resources that might be useful to migrant integration experts, trained as part of the ADMIRE Project, in the course of their work with migrant communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

The European Parliament is composed of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). There are currently 751 MEPs who are elected for a fixed 5-year term to represent 512 million EU citizens from across 28 Member States.

The allocation of seats takes into account the size of the population of each country. From migration to food safety and data protection, the work of the European Parliament has a direct impact on the daily lives of citizens everywhere in the EU. The European Parliament has three main powers:

1. **Legislative power:** It passes laws that are drawn up by the European Commission. It shares this power with the Council of the European Union, a representative body made up of ministers from the Member States.
2. **Budgetary power:** Along with the Council, they adopt a financial framework every 7 years and approve the annual budget for the next year, as well as the spending from the previous year.
3. **Supervisory powers:** To oversee other EU institutions and agencies. For example, MEPs hold hearings with nominees to the European Commission, including the President.

The Parliament sits in two cities - Strasbourg where MEPs meet for monthly plenary sessions and Brussels where day-to-day activities and committee meetings take place.

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Up Next...Spring 2019

Over the next three months, the project partners will host a series of training events and workshops to promote and share the resources of the project with professionals working in the field of adult education; migrant support workers and agencies; local development organisations and community groups etc. The events and seminars will be used to present the new training resources developed, the digital toolbox of learning resources and the ADMIRE e-learning platform. All of the events will be announced via our project Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/ADmiReProject so like our page to stay informed and connected to the project.

All of the training resources, learning materials and content will be available shortly in English, Greek, French, Italian and Spanish from the project website www.admireproject.com. In the spirit of Erasmus+; all of our resources are open-source and free to use.

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