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# ARRIVAL REGIONS KICK-OFF MEETING AND PROJECT LAUNCH

The Arrival Regions Kick-off meeting sets the stage for *exploring social innovation approaches for the social and economic integration of non-EU nationals* within three years of transnational cooperation in Central Europe Area.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, leader partner of the project, and the District of Burgenland hosted the project launch and the start up of the activities in the different work packages; 23 participants representing all 13 members of the consortium participated in the Kick-off meeting in Leipzig and Naumburg, Germany

The partners introduced the activities that will be realised across six countries (Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland), reviewing the work plan and the main objectives, outputs and key activities, according finally with the earliest actions to be realized in the next six months.

Arrival Regions project is supported by European Regional Development Fund and has been approved in the third call of the Interreg Central Europe programme receiving 1.811.189,85 € ERDF funding.

## Short Description

For rural areas of Central Europe, unprecedented recent levels of migration pose a long-term challenge but represent at the same time an opportunity if the integration of arriving migrants succeeds. Across the programme area, many rural areas have seen their populations shrink and age in consequence of demographic change. Especially talented young persons left rural areas to seek better work, higher incomes and career opportunities in larger cities or abroad. Along with demographic change come challenges to reorganise services of general interest for less and less people, yet with different needs (health care), and shortage of skilled labour for businesses operating there.

ARRIVAL REGIONS promotes social innovation approaches to make integration in rural areas a success story, enhancing skills and knowledge among stakeholders in the labour market and societal integration of non-EU nationals.



## Arrival Regions

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