

# What is the Agir project?

Our overall project aim is to further progress **migrant and ethnic minority inclusion** in housing, employment and skills, health and child care by achieving their increased take-up of mainstream services. We will engage in the joint cross-border delivery of mediation / outreach and cultural activities and also in **cross border co-operation** to develop a shared understanding of migrant needs. We will provide relevant diversity awareness training to employers and strengthen awareness of migrant cultures.

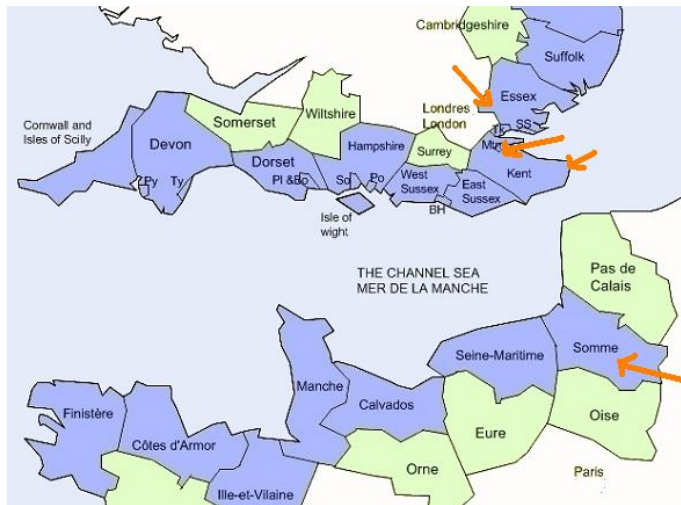


We have two main activities within the project.

1. Assessing and promoting social inclusion in partnership. This will be done by the appraisal of **existing services to migrants** in partner areas. We will also deliver an **intergenerational cultural programme** promoting migrant histories as well as a **cross-border diversity training** programme focusing on migrant inclusion.
2. The delivery of **community mediation / outreach** to achieve greater social inclusion for migrant residents. Our partners have identified three main themes where migrant groups appear to experience most difficulties and the most notable barriers to their well-being and social mobility: housing, access to employment and skills and access to health and early years services, education and parenting support.

The project was approved in April 2013 and will end in March 2015.

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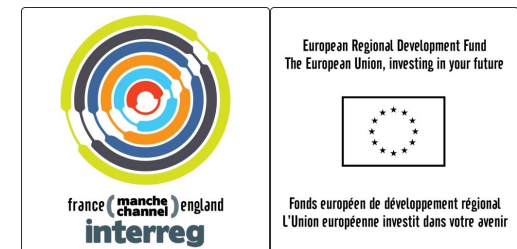
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# The Project Partners



## Medway Council



“Medway Council’s vision is that Medway will be thriving, confident and healthy, a place where people are proud to live, work and learn. There will be

opportunities for everyone to achieve and succeed and to get the most out of life. We will celebrate the diversity of our communities, tackling disadvantage in all its forms.”

Medway Council is proud to be the Lead Partner of the AGIR Project and has a track record of working on EU projects. The Council is responsible for providing many services to residents, including education and social services. It is also responsible for furthering the strategic development and economic, social and physical regeneration of the Medway area. Our Social Regeneration Team delivers targeted interventions in our priority areas many of which have significant (and increasing) migrant / ethnic minority populations.

The AGIR project will build on many initiatives led by the Council to support the social inclusion of residents of migrant origin (especially Roma communities). We also aim to improve community cohesion locally as well as learning from best practice across our partners in England and France on working with migrant groups.



## Les Deux Rives

“Les Deux Rives”, the French-Moroccan Association of Picardie was created in Amiens in 2007. It aims to be a force for action for the development and the promotion of friendship and solidarity, linking Picardie in France and Morocco by working on improving local skills and developing joint initiatives.

The organisation addresses a wide audience and conducts actions promoting partnership with institutions and associations on local, national and international levels.

The AGIR project will help in strengthening the organisation’s work around promoting the history of migrants and the culture of its members.



## Amiens Metropole

Amiens Metropole is the Local Authority for the area and has developed the “Maison de l’Egalite” (House of Equality) which aims

to be a key point of access for various equality groups. The Maison de l’Egalite informs residents on their rights as citizens and acts as a resource centre for the fight against discrimination in it all its forms, as well as supporting professionals engaged in these issues.

The AGIR project will allow Amiens to have a better and wider understanding of the real issues facing migrant residents in Amiens, who represent around 7.5% of the population of the city. The project reflects the desire within Amiens to implement proactive policies on migrant inclusion, integrating this experimental project with our existing support services and initiatives.

## Kent County Council



Cliftonville Children’s Centre in Margate is a Kent County Council funded centre and works with families and children under five to improve outcomes around health and wider quality of life.

The Centre is based in a very diverse area with high levels of need and has been successful in engaging with local families including a growing migrant population.

The AGIR project will support us to work with partners in the UK and France to meet the challenges, overcome barriers and increase access to health, education and other local services.

## Integration Support Services



Integration Support Services is a well-known Charity in Harlow, Essex, England founded in 2004

with a mission to support the successful integration of migrants, refugees, and other ethnic minority groups in Essex and Hertfordshire.

The AGIR project will give us an excellent opportunity to share experiences, learn good practices and collaborate with other partners in UK and France to tackle some of the major issues that the migrant community is facing such as Housing, Education and Employment as well as addressing cultural barriers and other integration issues.