



## Transnational Partner Search 052/2009/10

<b><i>(Preliminary) Title of proposed project</i></b>	Migrants into Meaningful Employment (MIME)
<b><i>Call (Reference no., Funding Programme, link to the call text)</i></b>	Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo/ Grundtvig project 2010 Calls for proposals (open call)
<b><i>Deadline for submission</i></b>	19 <sup>th</sup> or 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2010 depending on the type of project chosen
<b><i>Deadline for expressions of interest from potential partners</i></b>	ASAP
<b><i>Description of project idea, incl. theme and activities</i></b>	<p><b><i>What is the purpose of your project?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise awareness of the employability, legality and processes relating to refugees and migrant workers to potential employers in the West Midlands, who are keen to employ from these groups but are reluctant due to a lack of knowledge, information and a fear of being penalized.</li> <li>• To support refugees and migrants into meaningful employment through increasing their access to vocational training and qualifications, with the support of their employers, enabling their longer-term promotion within existing or other organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>What tasks / activities do you want to do to achieve these?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold employer engagement events providing up-to-date information and policy activities working with expert partners</li> <li>• Network with employers on a 1 to 1 basis</li> <li>• Work with employers willing to invest in their refugee and migrant workforce enabling their personal development and progression within the workplace</li> </ul>
<b><i>Lead Organisation</i></b>	<p>The West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership (WMSMP) is the principal regional policy forum on refugee, asylum and migrant issues based within the West Midlands region, and is a part of the West Midlands Leaders Board, in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>The Partnership works closely with public and voluntary sector bodies across the West Midlands region in tackling common issues faced by both refugees and migrants. To this we have established effective regional working groups on employment, health, cohesion, unaccompanied minors and women's issues.</p> <p>The Migration Partnership has participated in a variety of EU</p>

	<p>projects. This has included advising on UK government policies and processes relating to asylum seekers and refugees. Attending information sharing seminars and conferences to enable the exchange of information both in the UK and in Member States, raising the profile of key issues affecting migrants at all opportunities.</p>
<b>Other partners involved</b>	N/A
<b>Describe the type of partners you are looking for and their expected roles in the project</b>	<p><b>Seeking partners that can lead a Leonardo Partnership or a Transfer of Innovation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have experience in fields of employment and training relating to refugees and migrants</li> <li>• Have access to the key target groups as described above within their member states</li> <li>• Can play an important role within the project through advising on and sharing innovative and successful solutions</li> </ul> <p>Are willing to share their knowledge and expertise with others as a means to tackling high unemployment and under-employment in this sector.</p> <p><b>Expected results for your organization:</b></p> <p>It is expected that through the use of these funds, the Migration Partnership will:</p> <p>Be able to undertake the activities and tasks as described above and therefore increase its knowledge and expertise in the field of migrant employment, which it will share both regionally and nationally in the UK, and with partners in the EU.</p>
<b>Financial conditions of participation?</b>	To be confirmed
<b>Foreseen project duration</b>	2 years
<b>Contact</b>	<p>Sophie Lainé, European Policy Advisor at West Midlands in Europe, <a href="mailto:Sophie.Laine@westmidlandsineurope.eu">Sophie.Laine@westmidlandsineurope.eu</a></p> <p>West Midlands in Europe is disseminating this partner search on behalf of the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership. Electronic introductions will be made directly upon receipt of expressions of interest so that you can follow up contact directly. Please state where possible your reasons for wishing to join this future partnership.</p>