

BIRTH - Better Integration Rate Through maternal and child Healthcare

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Call for Proposals FEI “EUROPEAN FUND FOR INTEGRATION FOR THIRD COUNTRIES’ CITIZENS” 2007-2013
Priority 8 “Experiences and Good Practices Exchange”

Objectives of the Call for proposals

The Call intends to promote activities of analysis, benchmarking and good practice exchange in the field of integration policies, developed at local and national level in Italy and across Europe, in order to value and transfer them. For example: public **authorities’ initiatives/policies to facilitate and improve immigrants’ access to public services**; social policies to support families with a migration background through information and guidance services. The project has to include an exchange with at least one foreign partner.

Context

It has been noticed that one of the main issue to be addressed in order to facilitate the access to public services for immigrants is related to the maternal and child healthcare services. Specifically:

- there is a consistent gap between immigrant and native Italian women in the number of those who attended less than 3 medical visits during the pregnancy and in the percentage of women who attended the first one after the 12th week;
- ratio between the number of newborns dead within 287 days and the newborns’ total number (higher for immigrants).

CALL: “Actions for the benchmarking and the exchange of good practices to improve the access of immigrant women to maternal and child healthcare services”.

Action plan

1. Start Up activities
2. Good Practices identification at National and European level
3. Exchange of the recognised Good Practices
4. Adaptation of the Good Practices to the new context and first experimentation
5. Informative Seminar targeting health workers and other stakeholders
6. Design and Dissemination of Informative Materials among the immigrant communities

Activities in which EU partners would be directly involved:

- Kick-off meeting;
- Analysis of the maternal and child services in place for immigrants and their presentation to transnational partners;
- Study Visits and mobility of personnel to evaluate the efficacy of the shared practices and select those to be transferred;
- Exchange of good practices and first experimentation;
- Training of the partners’ personnel adopting the good practices;
- Dissemination of Informative materials through institutional and informal channels.

Countries to be involved:

- Italy (Clinica Mangiagalli - Milan)
- Germany
- France
- Spain

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