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# Fostering Migrant Inclusion through Education and Skills Validation in Europe

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In the modern cultural Europe's mosaic, the the issue of the social integration of immigrants is growing stronger and stronger. This is where the power of education and skills validation comes into play.

It is right to say that education is like a bridge able to connect migrants and host communities, an instrument that can bring to a more concrete and efficient integration in different field. In order to achieve it, the INNOVA European Project aims at developing an effective immigrant qualifications method and competencies recognition and validation process, providing them with equitable access to appropriate learning. The main point is to improve their employability, broaden their skills, as well as encouraging retraining and professional specialisation.

Training is a fundamental part of the entire process. Knowing how to make a competitive and attractive CV for the working world and various strategies on how to approach job interviews equips immigrants with practical tools so that they can apply for a position based on their skills and knowledge. Also of interest is the process of becoming aware of one's competences possessed and those that are lacking, and this process can be conducted, for example, with SWOT analysis, a tool that allows you to analyze your personal profile, and consequently, your professional one too, as it highlights strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and external threats.

Likewise, it is important to provide educators and trainers with useful resources that can facilitate and improve the recognition of actual skills mastered and acquired: each immigrant has his or her own personal background, which changes according to the situation that prompted them to leave their country of origin and seek better living conditions in another city.

So, education and skills validation emerge as the pillars for social inclusion. These initiatives foster understanding, cooperation, and a shared sense of belonging, reinforcing the foundations of a united and inclusive Europe. European nations are urged to work collectively, addressing issues and stimulating the creation of more effective, inclusive strategies.

In conclusion, recognizing the inherent potential within each individual is an important step in breaking down every kind of barrier (social, cultural..). In this way, immigrants can develop skills that will be properly evaluated and validated, increasing their possibilities of finding a job that suites their abilities.

