

ASSOCIATION ON REFUGEES & MIGRANTS-BG АСОЦИАЦИЯ ЗА БЕЖАНЦИ И МИГРАНТИ-БГ (ARM-BG/ AБМ-БГ)

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Established in 2000, *The Association on Refugees and Migrants–Bulgaria* (*ARM-BG*) is human rights, refugees' and migrants' legal and social protection network and inter-cultural education, research and art-in-action NGO initiative. ARM-BG is a social innovation and change forum, research and training institute and a socio-cultural instrument for exploring, communicating and protecting the rights and life space of old and new minorities/majorities in Bulgaria and the Euro-Mediterranean region. ARM-BG is actively involved in comparative interdisciplinary research, teaching, artistic, intercultural and inter-religious activities that link the realm of ideas with everyday experience.

We work locally, internationally and cross-culturally. Oriented towards linking social science with civil society actions, our research interests are focused on the social & cultural norms' & socio-psychological dynamics of solidarity with & social inclusion of refugees, migrants & other vulnerable social groups. ARM-BG performs art-based research-in-action for solidarity, human rights & inter-cultural awareness rising & social change.

Recent & current projects:

- 1. **2014-2016**: "The Artist Within Applied eMOTION"; *Partnership: IKTE*, Hungary (leading)— ARM-BG CRN Berlin EURO-NET, Italy SAN, Poland TheaterVision, Leipzig. Agreement number: 14/KA2AE/SZ/2263 Art-in-action burnout prevention & assistance of refugees' & migrants' helping professionals;
- 2. 2017 4th Balkan Summer School on Religion & Public Life, PU: Strangers & Neighbours: Migration, Religion & Public Life. Combined academic lectures with field-work, practical, experiential learning & more affectively orientated forms of group learning an innovative approach to learning that goes far beyond the purely cognitive;
- 3. 2018-2021: Cultural Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE) aims to combat messages of intolerance towards immigrants through intercultural dialogue & mutual understanding; Partners:Portugal: Municipality of Manteigas (*Project leader*); <a href="Italy:"Italy: "AFACIDASE" Association, Portugal; Municipality of San Valentino in A.C; Municipality of Lama dei Peligni, Italy; Municipality of Castelvecchio Subequo; Municipality of Miglianico; Associazione Culturale Abissinia; France:Ancrages Association; Spain:EuroCivis, Barcelona, (*Project coordinator*); Municipality of Cervià de Ter; Municipality of Sant Esteve Sesrovires; Municipality of Sant Martí de Llèmena; Municipality of La Pera; Bulgaria: Municipality of Dolna Malina'; ARM-BG.
- 4. **2019 2021: EU-IN: European Inclusion through Intercultural Dialogue;** Empowerment & Social Inclusion of Migrants & vulnerable minority groups; *Partners:* **Bulgaria**: Municipality of Suhindol (*Project Leader*); Association on Refugees & Migrants'(ARM-BG); Solidarity Works Foundation; **Greece:** United Societies of Balkans (USB); **Italy:** Fattoria Pugliese Diffusa (*Project Coordinator*); Municipality of Taurisano; **Latvia:** Balkans Flower; **North Macedonia:** Association for protection and education of children & young Roma(Progress); **Romania:** Nameless Art Association; **Spain:** AGIFODENT.

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