

TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND LANGUAGE COURSES

IN THE NETHERLANDS

The training workshops in The Netherlands were held on 24th and 28th March 2014 at Dona Daria Emancipation Knowledge Centre. 19 participants took part, divided into two groups: one for representatives of organisations and migrant communities helping migrants with their integration in society and another one for representatives of healthcare organisations, language teachers and educators. The participants were presented with the aims and products of the Take Care project and were trained how to use the materials in their work with migrants. They shared interesting stories - sometimes funny, sometimes tragic – showing how important it is for migrants to know basic words and phrases in the local language and to be informed about particular healthcare matters in The Netherlands.

Three Take Care language courses took place in April, May and June 2014: one for women with Moroccan background, one for newly arrived Bulgarians in The Hague and one for mothers with small children in the North District of Rotterdam. Totally 41 participants were involved. They gained new language skills and knowledge about the healthcare system in the Netherlands. All of them were very enthusiastic about the materials and mostly liked the Word Fan. Some students were illiterate and had difficulties with reading and finding the meaning of words but the illustrations and the audio materials helped in that case a lot.