

TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND LANGUAGE COURSES

IN BULGARIA

Two training workshops were organised in Sofia, Bulgaria on 4th and 7th of April 2014 for representatives of migrant organisation, medical staff, language teachers and trainers. 17 target groups representatives took part in the workshops. They were introduced to the project and its outcomes through various training methods and techniques, such as brainstorming, mind map, interactive presentations (prezi), spider net, role plays, moderated discussions, etc. They got involved in practical activities on the separate topics included in the Phrase book, tested the usability of the language information from the point of view of language teachers, students, health professionals and patients. The workshops included also presentations and discussions on the immigration situation in Bulgaria and Europe as well as on issues related to healthcare support offered to immigrants in Bulgaria.

As a follow-up of the training workshops, 3 language courses based on the Take Care materials were organised in Sofia, Bulgaria for different migrant groups. The courses started in May 2014 for 12 participants and included language activities based on the topics from the Healthcare Language Guide for Migrants (HLGM). Participants were provided with healthcare vocabulary for practical use in real life situations, information on the healthcare system in Bulgaria as well as language learning materials and activities for self-study purposes.

The HLGM was provided to the language departments of 4 organisations working with migrants and the Take Care materials are being applied in language courses for 19 groups with over 160 migrants from different nationalities.