

GOOD PRACTICES

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1 – Organization / Individuals	
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2 – Action / Project / Activity	
Title	PROMOVAX Promote Vaccinations among Migrant Population in Europe
Duration	2008-2013 (completed on 25/5/2013)
Category	Development of new Informative Printed Resources in several languages Production and Use of (Innovative) online Materials
Description	<p>Target group: Health Professionals Immigrants</p> <p>Methodology: Promovax is a 3 year project funded by the DG Sanco Public Health Programme 2008-2013 aiming to promote vaccination among migrant population in Europe. The partnership comprises of 11 Associated Partners from 8 countries (Greece, Germany, Italy, Norway, Poland, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary) and 12 Collaborating partners from 11 countries (Albania, Turkey, Spain, Serbia, Germany, Denmark, USA, Belgium, Greece, Sweden, Bulgaria). The project will add to the knowledge on barriers concerning migrants' immunizations and develop educational material for both health professionals and migrants, as well as propose recommendations for policy makers. It aims to complement EU policies on reaching hard to reach populations. PROMOVAX also aims to use migrants' social networks, such as religious, other type of gatherings, cafeterias, settlements, and migrant press, through which both documented and undocumented migrants can be reached. Therefore, it is expected that through spillover effects (involvement of NGOs, social care workers, migrant press etc) this project will reach undocumented migrants as well.</p>

3 – Products / Results	
Description	<p>What type of products/ resources? Brochures / Leaflets Health Care Guide / Phrase book Online resources</p> <p>The main products of the project is the toolkit for professionals in 8 languages (English, Croatia, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Norwegian, Polish) and the toolkit for migrants in 12 languages (English, Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Nepali, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Somali, Ukranian)</p> <p>The toolkit for professionals provides information on a variety of subjects like how to deal with missing or incomplete vaccination records, how to approach migrant patients, assesment of migrant’s risk exposure to vaccine preventable disease and immunization needs, useful links and case presentations. Professionals can also download and print an Immunization Assement Form and Immunization Record cards (for adults and children) that can be used when migrant’s vacination records are missing due to frequent moves.</p> <p>The toolkit for migrants can help someone find answers to questions such us: Why vacinations are important? Are they safe? Were can I get immunized? Migrants can also download and print immunization record cards for adults and children.</p>
Links	www.promovax.eu
Impact on target groups	<p><u>Impact on professionals:</u> Provide information and tools to health care professionals on how to approach migrants and overcome cultural and language barriers, assess their immunization needs and deal with incomplete or missing vaccination records.</p> <p><u>Impact on migrants:</u> Improve migrants’ health conditions. Immunizations could serve as a vehicle to provide primary care, other preventative and screening services, as well as education to the migrants. Thus, through spillover effects, PROMOVAX also aims to contribute to the improvement of the provided health services to migrants in Europe in general.</p>