

# E-newsletter

Training of cultural mediators utilizing new Social Networking Software

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## The Cultural mediators network is constantly growing

Since July 2013, the SONETOR project has achieved considerable progress. During this period of time, the content uploaded on the platform has been constantly increasing, along with registered users.

National events have been organised and delivered in all partner countries, with the objective of providing training to professionals in the field related to the basic skills and

competencies required to become an active and efficient Cultural Mediator.

Moreover, dissemination and exploitation activities were implemented, focusing on both national and international level. The most important dissemination activity was the SONETOR conference, which was organised on the 8th and 9th of January 2014 and was attended by a total of 250 people.

The SONETOR project is close to the end of its cycle, however, throughout these past two years, the partners have managed to develop and promote deliverables of high quality, which offer new insight on the work undertaken by Cultural Mediators and offer significant added value to the support services provided for migrants in need.

## Platform update and contributions

SONETOR Platform <http://www.culturalmediators.eu> has become a successful tool for the involved Cultural Mediators. The majority of the subscribers have evaluated the platform as an effective and efficient means to exchange and gain knowledge and to communicate. Cultural mediators use very often the SONETOR forum and SONETOR Blogs (so far they are the most popular offered services) to discuss and comments on several issues.

Moreover, Cultural Mediators use extensively the SONETOR Groups so as to create virtual communities where users with the same interests and opinions can have their place in the

SONETOR platform. The project partners are happy to see the large acceptance of the platform and hope many more users will follow and register.

At the moment the number of registered users is over 470 and constantly growing. The majority of them, in specific over 330, are active users, visiting the platform at various occasions.

By the beginning of the January, the users had created more than 535 blogs, 95 forums, 113 episodes and uploaded 54 articles.

Finally, it should also be highlighted that the platform will be available for all interested parties even after the end of

the project cycle, guaranteeing the continuous exchange of ideas and know-how among the members of this community

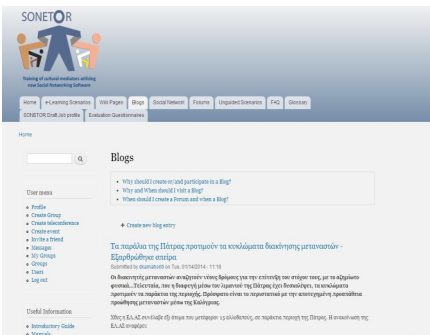


A picture from the SONETOR conference, held in Patras on the 8th and 9th of January. For more information, read below.

### NEW!

SONETOR - find our Cultural Mediation groups also on Facebook and LinkedIn:

- [www.facebook.com/groups/107789704868/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/107789704868/)
- [www.linkedin.com/groups/Cultural-Mediation-2156075/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Cultural-Mediation-2156075/)



Blogs are the most popular means for exchanging information and experiences within the SONETOR training platform.



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Learn more about the project and remain updated about events by subscribing to the SONETOR newsletter via [www.sonetor-project.eu](http://www.sonetor-project.eu) or visit the platform: [www.culturalmediators.eu](http://www.culturalmediators.eu)

A growing network and rich content for Cultural Mediators across Europe



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## Activities in Ireland

On January 3rd a SONETOR workshop took place in Galway, hosted by the Galway County Council. This was the second such event and was arranged with two purposes the first of which was to continue our training and dissemination of the work of SONETOR and secondly to critically analyse the draft job profile developed through the work of SONETOR using a new and innovative technique – Interpretive Structural



Modeling. Due to the requirements of this new technique attendance was limited to 9 participants. These attendees were cultural mediators working in the role on a voluntary basis within the Galway region and represented no fewer than six nationalities, Ireland, Ghana, Brazil, Nigeria, Chile & Russia.



### Modelling.

Full details of the workshop and its outcomes are available in the presentation to the

recently held International Conference in Patras, Greece which is available on the SONETOR website.

## SONETOR video in 10 languages

The introductory video of the SONETOR Project is available now with subtitles in 9 languages.

The first edition of the video had subtitles in English. Now 9 additional versions are available: Greek, German, Polish, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, Romanian, French and Italian. All the versions are going to be show on the website of the project ([www.sonetor-project.com](http://www.sonetor-project.com)) and on the PLATFORM site ([www.culturalmediators.eu](http://www.culturalmediators.eu)).

## SONETOR Conference

The International Conference on «Enhancing the Skills and Identity of Cultural Mediators in a multicultural Europe» (ESI-CM 2014) was hosted by the Hellenic Open University in Patras, Greece, on the 8th and 9th January 2014 and was supported by the SONETOR project.

More than 250 Cultural Mediators, social workers and researchers who interact with immigrants and people from immigrant communities, educational institutions and training centers (students), NGOs and voluntary organisations, public administration and local authority representatives attended the conference on Intercultural Mediation in Patras, Greece earlier this month.

The conference attracted close to 30 presentations by experts from academia, industry, and government, as well as workers in the field who explored issues such as cultural mediators' professionalism, qualifications and certification, intercultural mediation, social change and social inclusion, national experiences and global networks.

The conference also promoted the outcomes of the SONETOR project and it familiarised potential stakeholders with the Cultural Mediators' peer learning platform.

The SONETOR project was funded by the Leonardo da Vinci/ Lifelong Learning Programme (<http://www.sonetor-project.eu/>) and it will continue its peer learn-

ing training activities through the eCoMeT Lab of the Hellenic Open University (Dr Achilles Kameas) in association with the University of Patras (Dr. Eugenia Arvanitis) and the network of Intercultural Cities (an initiative undertaken by the Council of Europe).

More information and live broadcasting at <http://www.sonetor-project.eu/esicm/>.

