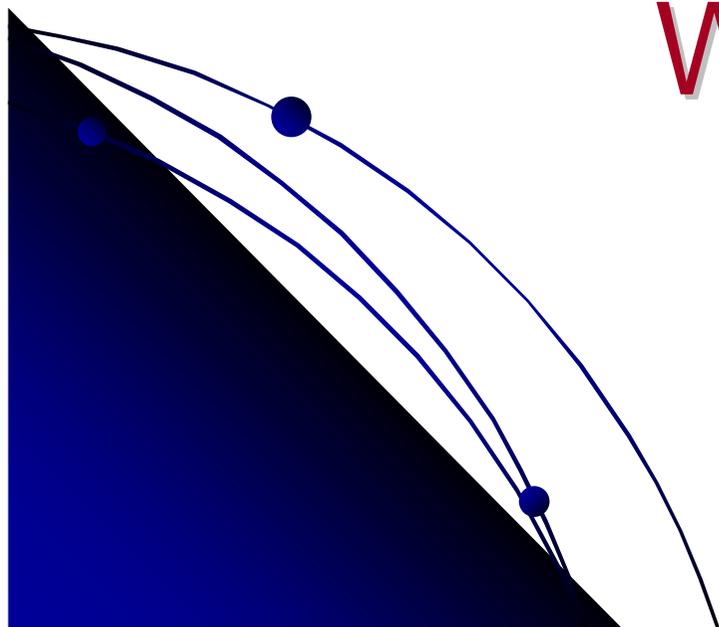




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SELF – EMPLOYMENT OF IMMIGRANTS:

Who can help?



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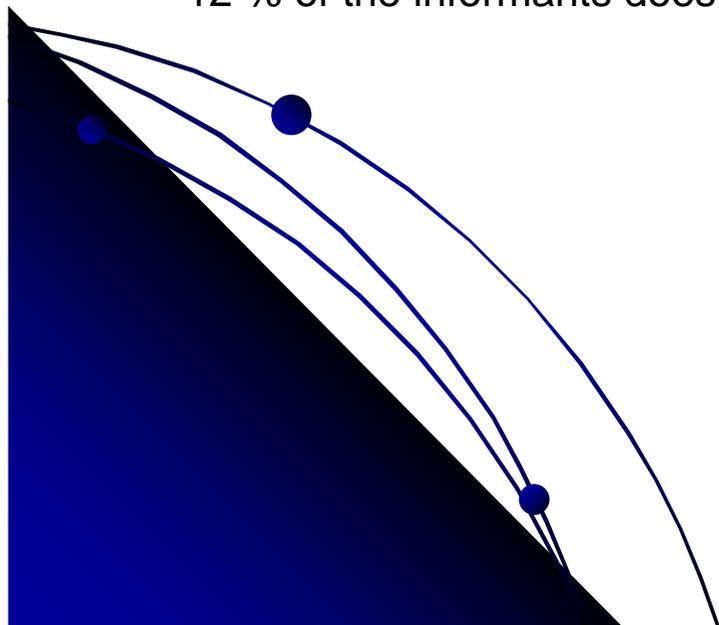
Contacts – where do immigrants look for an advice or help?

Absolute majority of the informant economic immigrants in the Czech Republic prefer their **friends and relatives** as a mediator in the process of finding a job or opening up business.

Half of the informants in the research mentioned friends and relatives from their country of origin and 29 % turn to their Czech friends and relatives.

Czech employers are on the third place and almost the same number of immigrants use advisory services of the organizations in their country of origin.

12 % of the informants does not have anybody to ask for an advice.



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On the **NATIONAL LEVEL**, there are several institutions providing immigrants with counselling and help with opening up their business. First of all, there are many useful information on the web sites of some ministries of the Czech Republic:

Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (<http://www.mpsv.cz/en/>)

Ministry of the Interior (<http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/>)

Ministry of Industry and Trade (http://www.mpo.cz/default_en.html)

These ministries also provide special portals (gateways) for foreigners:

Web Site **Home in the Czech Republic** is a practical instrument for integration of foreigners in the Czech Republic. The intention of the web site is to increase availability of information among foreign nationals (especially from third countries), who stay legally in the Czech Republic.

Web Site Home in the Czech Republic has presently six language versions

<http://www.en.domavcr.cz>

Foreigners in the Czech republic www.cizinci.cz



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On the **REGIONAL/ LOCAL LEVEL** there are several authorities that provide information for foreigners/immigrants:



The Alien Police is a separate division of the Police of the Czech Republic and its competencies include the issuance of permits for the entry and stay of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic.

<http://www.policie.cz>

Labour Offices which are in charge of granting permits to foreign nationals for the purpose of their work in the Czech Republic. Contact information of all Labour Offices can be found on the integrated labour portal of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs at

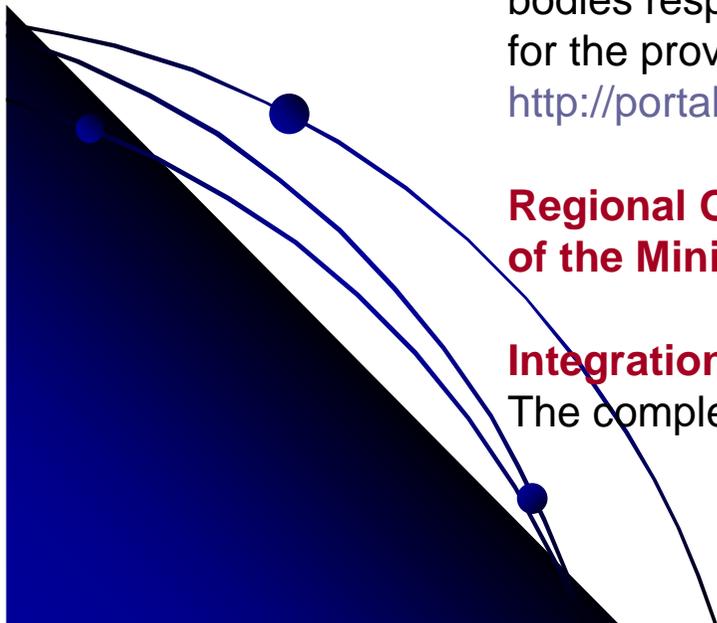
<http://portal.mpsv.cz>

Regional Authorities: The Regional Authority is one of the regional bodies responsible for the general development of the given region and for the provision of assistance to the people living in the region.

<http://portal.gov.cz>

Regional Offices of the Department of Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior <http://www.mvcr.cz>

Integration Centres operated by the Refugee Facilities Administration. The complete list of them is accessible on www.integracnicentra.cz

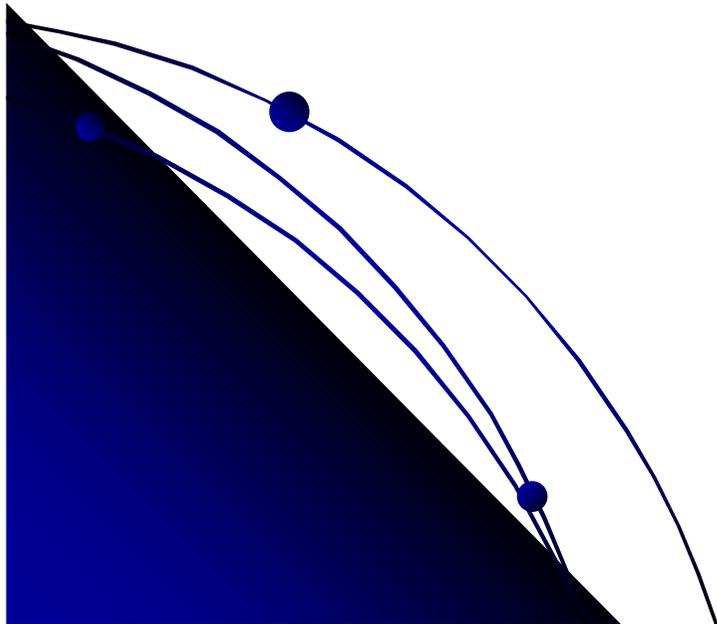




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According to the research, only 5 % of the immigrants use help given by Czech non-profit making organizations or visit their websites:

- Foreign Nationals' Integration Centre <http://www.cicpraha.org>
- Integration Advisory Bureau, citizen association) <http://www.p-p-i.cz>
- Integration and Migration Association <http://www.migrace.ecn.cz>
- Czech Helsinki Committee <http://www.helcom.cz>
- European Contact Group in the Czech Republic <http://www.ekscr.cz>
- Prague Multicultural Centre <http://www.mkc.cz>
- Meta - Young Migrants Opportunities Association <http://www.meta-os.cz>



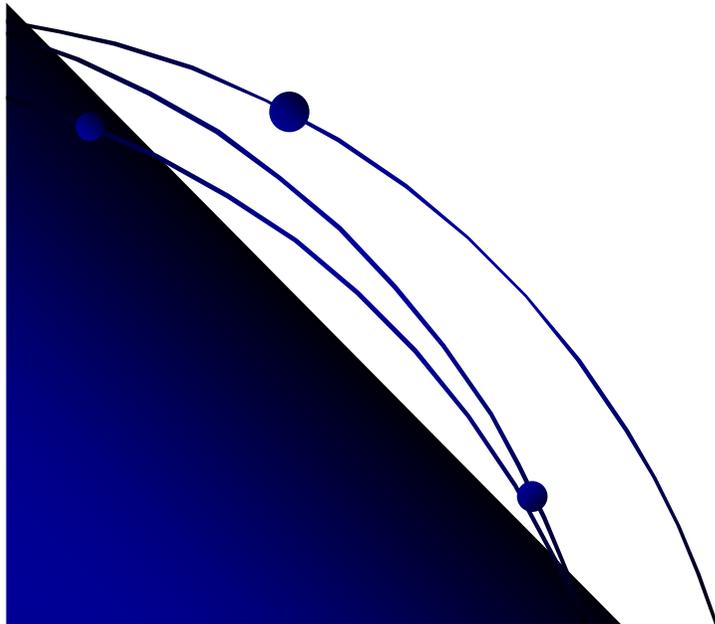


Projects

Most of the projects aimed at the target group of immigrants are provided by non-profit making organizations and finances by the European Structural Fund.

The main services offered within these projects are courses of Czech languages, professional counselling, advisory assistance in the state offices, PC courses, providing various kinds of information and free-time activities.

Most of these services are taken individually. Concerning the courses for wannabe entrepreneurs, we any project especially for immigrants. There are many courses organised mostly by private training companies.



Example of Good Practice



ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A WAY OUT OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Supported by Operation Programme Prague Adaptability, 'Business as a way out of social exclusion' has been launched to support enterprises within under-represented groups such as the long-term unemployed, women with children under 15 years old and immigrants.

One of the project target group – **Immigrants with legal residence permit who face discrimination at the labor market and social exclusion**

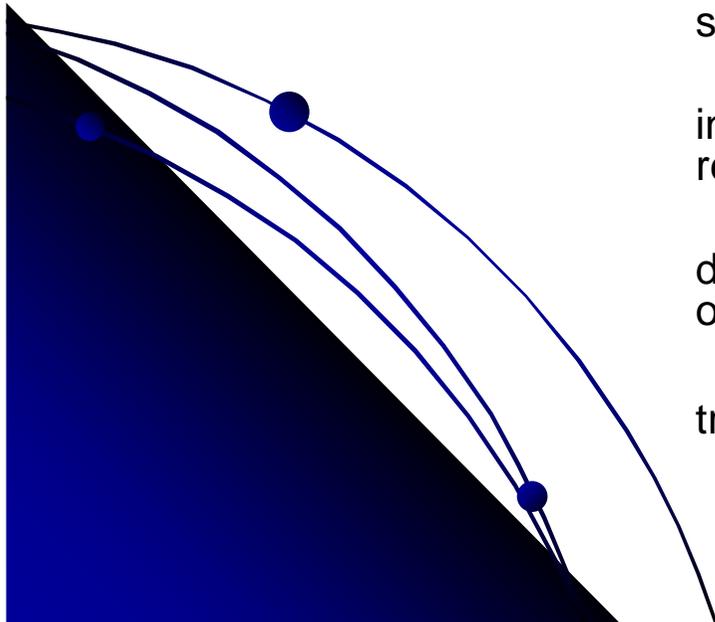
The project aims to

raise awareness of entrepreneurship as a way of social exclusion.

increase the employment prospects of under-represented groups.

develop the skills needed to become self-employed or start a business

transfer tried and tested best practices from the UK

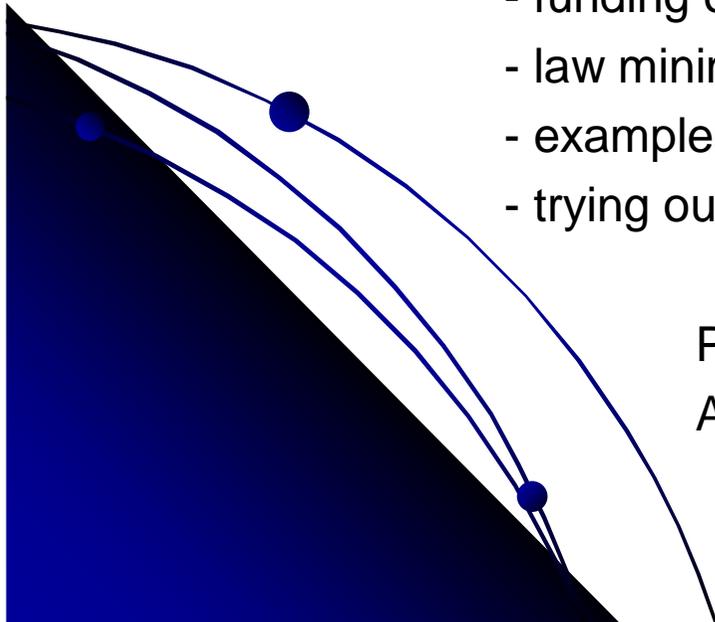


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Within the project, all participants can use both group training and individual counseling provided in the field of:

- counseling step by step
- business plan
- advertising and marketing
- accounting and taxes
- personal development
- communication skills
- funding opportunities
- law minimum
- examples of successful entrepreneurs
- trying out your skills in role playing



Project is realized by GLE, o.p.s. in Prague.
All the services provided are free of charge.

