



## NEWSLETTER ISSUE #3

### EDITORIAL



MIMY project set out to investigate and support the integration processes of young migrants (18-29) from non-EU-countries, living in vulnerable conditions in Europe.

To achieve this ambitious goal, the MIMY consortium (14 partners in 9 countries) spent the last 3 years:

- elaborating our theoretical framework and the key concept of liquid integration
- carrying out a statistical overview of the dimensions, characteristics and dynamics of youth migration to Europe and the socio-economic integration of young migrants
- analysing the integration policies and opportunity structures at the EU and national level
- examining the service provisions for migrant youth in Europe.
- conducting empirical in-country research with young migrants and wider communities in two case-study context in MIMY consortium's respective countries (18 case-studies in total)

The last year of the project was particularly busy and marked by:

- the organization of participative workshops on integration with local stakeholders, young migrants and non-migrants and meetings with National Expert Committees in MIMY case-study countries
- the (many) diverse art-based sessions held and artistic events organized (exhibitions, performances) and the launch of an [online exhibition](#) on MIMY website
- the continuation and end of the Delphi Study (Wave 2 and analysis of the results)
- and the organization of [MIMY hybrid final conference](#) and sharing of MIMY results.

We would like to thank all our participants involved throughout this ambitious and challenging project, from interviewees to peer-researchers to local stakeholders and practitioners... Participation and empowerment are keywords of the MIMY project, and we therefore are extremely grateful to have you all on board.

For now, we wish you a good reading.  
Birte Nienaber for the MIMY Consortium

### EMPIRICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**1172** Participants involved in MIMY empirical activities



## SOCIAL ACTORS INCLUDED



**534**

Young people originally from outside of the EU

**152**

Interviews with young non-migrants



**143**

Older migrants from previous waves of migration



in **32** focus groups

**266**

Stakeholder interviews



**71**

Parents of young non-EU migrants



### MIMY Final Conference - Time to share our project's results

We were very lucky to host the MIMY final conference in person in Brussels (and online) on 13-14 October 2022. Most of the MIMY consortium partners were able to physically attend and to share the results of each work package activities in front of other researchers, youth workers, policymakers and practitioners operating in different countries – some of them coming all the way from Sweden!

The two-day conference was organized to foster also the active participation (in person or online) of young people and especially young migrants, voicing their opinions in the policy roundtable and workshop on peer-research, supporting the facilitation of the conference as volunteers (thanks to the support of the European Confederation of Youth Clubs, our partner in Brussels), sharing their art works in the exhibition of MIMY art collection.

Some highlights of the conference:

- Policy roundtable with Ronald Ramein Obura, peer-researcher (MIMY project, Hungary), Vincent Catot (DG Home, European Commission), Tiziana Caponio, principal investigator of MIMY's twin project WHOLE-COMM and Jamil Alyou, local practitioner from the German NGO Train of Hope Dortmund e.V. and interviewee as young migrant during the MIMY project
- Participative hybrid workshops on working with peer-research, gender and intersecting inequalities in research on migration, effects on local actors and inspiring art-based sessions (Lego Serious Play, Digital Storytelling, Photovoice)
- Vernissage and exhibition of several art pieces (photo collages, photo series, short films etc.) created by young migrants during the numerous art-based activities held in Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, United Kingdom (England).

Want to know more about MIMY hybrid final conference? Have a look [here](#)



## OUR WORK

### ACTIVITIES OF THE THIRD AND LAST YEAR OF THE PROJECT

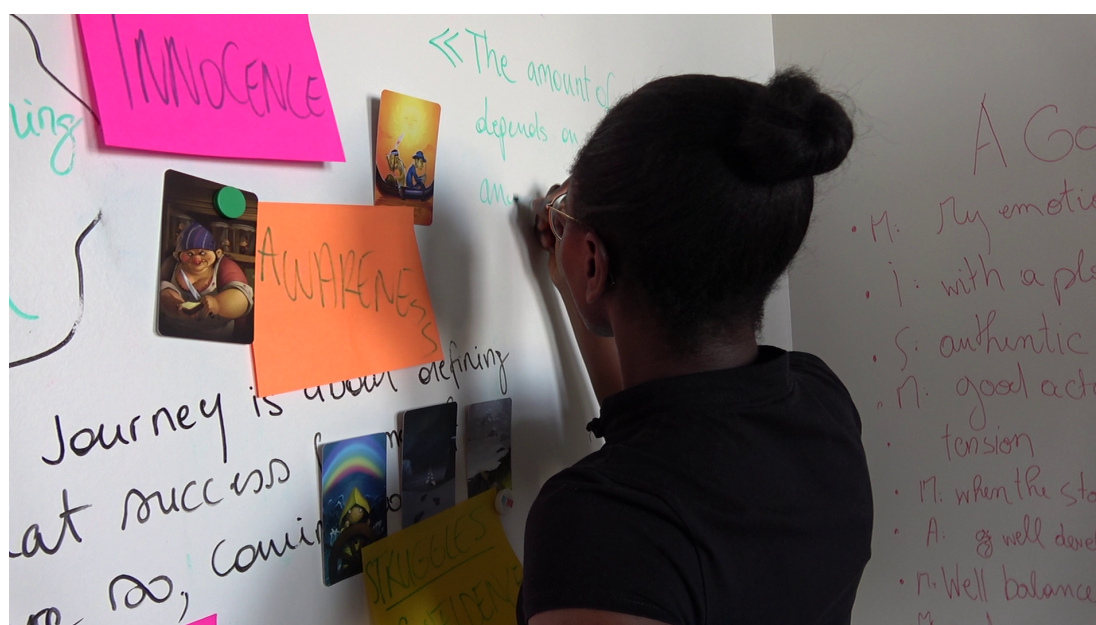


#### MIMY art-based workshops and events

A series of participatory art-based workshops and events were organized in 6 case-study countries within Europe (England (United Kingdom)(2), Germany (2), Italy (2), Luxembourg (3), Romania (1), Poland (1)). A diversity of methods were used amongst the partners including Photovoice, LEGO® Serious Play®, Digital Storytelling, Collage Work and a Multi-Modal Performance Arts Approach. These activities actively involved both young migrants and non-migrants as creative participants (filmmakers, photographers, performers etc.) and the local population (including wider migrant communities and stakeholders) as target audiences during art exhibitions or other art-based events. In total, 114 young migrants and non-migrants took part in workshops and 10 art events brought together no less than 317 participants (56 stakeholders, 89 migrants and 32 locals).

The resulting arts-based processes served to enhance general understanding amongst the public and local actors of what “being young”, and aspiring to “social acceptance and inclusion” with or without a migration background may mean. They also offered a space for the young people involved to share their stories and life experiences creatively, to offer counternarratives and to unleash their power as photographers or film-makers. The university researchers facilitating the session were themselves inspired through these processes of co-production, and worked hard to conceptualise the arts-based workshops in ways that centred and amplified the voices of young migrants and non-migrants living in vulnerable conditions.

If you want to get an overview on what has been done in the framework of these Art-based workshops and events, we invite you to discover the [Online Art Exhibition](#).



[MIMY Online exhibition](#)

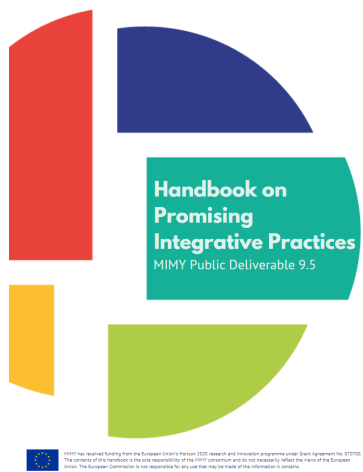
#### MIMY Workshops

Design thinking workshops were organised in eight case study countries (England (UK), Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden) where different stakeholders, migrant youth and non-migrant youth were brought together with the participation of peer researchers. The first part of the workshops involved presenting the preliminary MIMY fieldwork results of Work Packages 1 to 6. The second part was focused on design thinking, where young migrants, practitioners, policymakers and researchers gathered

in different roundtable groups to jointly evaluate the research results – identifying specific integration problems/challenges and proposing and discussing possible solutions. The overall aim was to facilitate self-expression and reduce power imbalances between researchers, migrants and experts. Finally, the outputs of design thinking were elaborated by these groups in terms of their application and replicability in different localities/settings, culminating in the elaboration of “lessons learned”. Overall, 133 participants took part in the workshops, together with 37 peer researchers. Some reflections from peer researchers on the design thinking workshops can be found in the [MIMY Youth Blog](#).



## MIMY YOUTH BLOG



## MIMY HANDBOOK

Would you like to learn more about promising practices promoting young migrants' integration ?

We are happy to announce the release of the handbook on promising integrative practices for migrant youth integration! This handbook is a collection of promising integrative practices collected by MIMY academic partners in their nine respective European countries (Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, United Kingdom (England)). MIMY academic partners were asked to select and describe enlightening and promising projects for the integration of young migrants in vulnerable conditions offered by services and organizations in their local case studies and discovered during MIMY fieldwork.

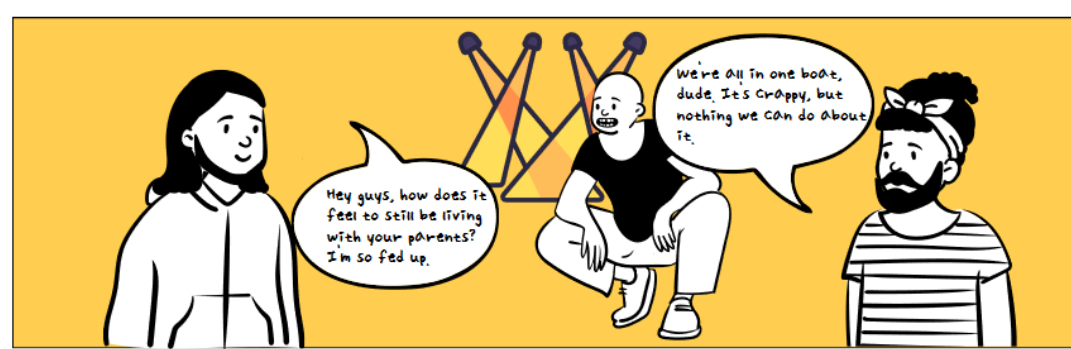
What you will find in the handbook:

- 25+ projects dedicated to supporting young migrants in different aspects of their lives such as labour market integration, education, social contact & wellbeing, housing etc.
- Specific policy recommendations for policymakers on both policymaking process & more practical measures to take encompassing several topics addressed by projects documented in the handbook

The pdf version of the handbook with direct links and QR codes to the projects described will be available on the MIMY website under the section “[Public deliverables](#)” in Spring 2023.

## THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT YOUTH AND MIGRATION

A youth friendly brochure to be read and discussed by young people, youth workers and anyone caring about migration. It builds on the reflections and former [publications](#) of the MIMY project and is the result of exchanges and reflections of participants of the “Migrant Youth research and policy Network”, coordinated by ECYC.



## Youth friendly brochure

## SYNTHESIS REPORT

MIMY's main research question may be formulated as follows: How can we support the integration processes of young migrants in vulnerable conditions in Europe?

In order to answer this question, the MIMY project used an innovative and comprehensive multi-method research design combining secondary data analysis with unique qualitative empirical insights. The quantitative methods, focused on the macro-structural level, enabled us to give an overview of the socio-economic conditions of the lives of TCNs in European countries. The qualitative methods were especially appropriate for understanding migrants' perspective, to better explore meanings, capture complex relational contexts, and enable in-depth analysis of the vulnerability and resilience experiences of different subgroups of young migrants. All the results, including this report,

are the basis of policy recommendations aimed at supporting the integration of young migrants in European countries. Thus, our goal in this report is to synthesise the findings from different components of the MIMY project (work packages 1 to 7), and to draw conclusions regarding the integration of young migrants, including the factors facilitating and hindering this process. Specifically, we aim at integrating the voices of different social actors participating in the research, namely young migrants themselves, representatives of older generations of migrants, stakeholders and young non-migrants. Based on the interdisciplinary and multilevel research approach (macro, meso and micro levels), we have explored in-depth how vulnerability and resilience manifest in the lives of young migrants, how they and other social actors understand integration, and which factors foster and hinder integration, taking into account spatial and temporal dimensions.

Read the full executive summary of the Synthesis Report [here](#)



## MIMY CLIP



### Voices of Young People with Migration Experiences: Video Clip Featuring Peer Researchers

One of the main objectives of the MIMY project is to understand and support the dynamic and never-ending integration processes of young migrants. A cornerstone in this is the involvement of young people with migration experiences in a peer researcher capacity. A video clip, realized with the support of HAWK's Faculty of Design, features the stories of two of the young peer researchers in the project, Efsane and Melda

To watch the video on the MIMY website, please click [here](#)

## SYNERGIES

### Synergies on 'local integration' between H2020 research projects

With the inflation of migration research producing libraries of ideas, concepts, theories, methodologies, results, conclusions and policy recommendations, knowledge synergies are needed to strengthen the key messages from various research projects for science, policymaking, decision making and implementation. This synergy analysis in MIMY aimed at:

- searching research and innovation (R&I) synergies between EU H2020 funded research projects – parallel (funded in the same calls: MIMY, MATILDE, WELCOMING SPACES and WHOLE-COMM, RE-ROOT) and
- highlighting the need for conducting a synergistic analysis.

A workshop proposal was submitted for the next IMISCOE Annual Conference with renowned researchers from different projects to discuss synergies in relation to research approaches, findings and impacts on the local turn in 'integration', although all projects question the integration framework and offer new insights.

[Click here to read more](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### New MIMY Publication in frontiers

We are happy to announce that recently an article on Societal dangers of migrant crisis narratives with a special focus on Belarussian and Ukrainian borders with Poland by MIMY team member Izabela Grabowska (Koszminski University) has been published in frontiers.

You can read the full article [here](#)

### Special Issue *The Lives of TCN Migrant Youth in Europe between Perceived Vulnerabilities and Resources*

A collection of scientific articles authored by MIMY researchers and based on data gathered across MIMY local case studies is being edited in the Special Issue *The Lives of TCN Migrant Youth in Europe between Perceived Vulnerabilities and Resources* to be published in the [International Migration](#) section of journal *Social Sciences*. Stay tuned for more.

The MIMY project is slowly reaching its end – you will however still be able to discover, read online and/or download our latest reports and deliverables on our [website](#).

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