

Example of our Work in Frankfurt/Main; Germany

„Advanced Training for Staff in Migrant Church-Communities“ attached to the statement for the consultation process on the preparation of the “White Paper on intercultural dialogue” of the Council of Europe

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Themes: Raising awareness of religious practices, minorities, social cohesion, fight against stereotypes, integration, fight against exclusion, international solidarity, cultural diversity.

Target group: Staff of migrant church-communities.

About 100 migrant church-communities of different origins and languages can be found in Frankfurt. They are supported in their work by this project.

Intervention level: Concerning the local activities of the respective church-community.

Objectives: - Qualification towards an adapted counselling within migration; - Awareness of new interpretations of the Bible; - Familiarity with the religious and church-environment abroad.

Frequency of seminars: The seminars were held between November 2003 and May 2006 in a half-yearly circle.

Description of activities: Exercises, activities and lectures with the following topics: -
Development of consciousness according to the own cultural and religious identity. -
Differentiated awareness of German religiousness. - Practice of counselling within migration. -
Interpretation of the Bible.

Budget and financial sources: - fees of participants - Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau

Overall project results, evaluation: Each seminar closed with an evaluation by the seminar-participants. Furthermore the leaders have met for a regular dialogue, evaluated the seminars, updated the contents and broadened them. Follow-up: This advanced training will get a new concept regarding content, amount and timing.