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Bridge IT network
Bridge-IT network

• Network of 24 entities, more 10 additional associated partners
• Partners are universities, research centres, private companies, NGOs, public bodies, etc
• Co-funded by the European commission
Objectives

• Raising awareness among relevant stakeholders on the potential of ICT for social integration and cultural diversity, but also on the need to develop projects in this field targeting immigrants or organizations who deal with immigrants on a daily basis.

• Facilitating the encounter and better understanding among the key players of the value chain be at a national or European level.

• Providing key players with a better vision and first tools on how to improve / deploy at a larger scale their own activities, or on how to duplicate initiatives coming from other countries.

• Promoting the development of better and more accessible ICT solutions, services, contents that can contribute to the social integration of immigrants and to cultural diversity in Europe.

• Developing policy recommendations based on the several output
Actions

• Booklet on good practices (first edition July 2009)
• Three transnational seminars on Education, Civil society and Labour market
• Set of guidelines on the three different themes
• 5 national seminars (Germany, France, Czech Republic, Italy and Spain)
• One final conference at the end of the project
Results

• Consolidation of a network in Europe, dealing with migrants and ICTs
• Spreading interests and practices in the different fields
• Promotion of exchange and new projects among partners
• And more to come.....
State of the art

• Growing number of studies and interests in the field (from eMigra to Bridge IT, quite a long way)
• Although this is changing, practices and theory do not always share same interests
• There is a need to take migrants diverse potential into account, and not only consider basic needs
• Need to take ICT as a whole, and not only digital literacy and/or Internet. As an example, mobiles represent an aspect not often taken into account.
State of the art (2)

• Web 2.0, 3.0 and free software are great tools to be taken into consideration
• Theory and practice should get closer
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Migrants and ICTs. Present and future

• Although difficult to link one concept to the other, a field with great possibilities
• Need more studies on the impact on migrants’ lives and migration patterns
• Need more dissemination
• For policy making, essential to create networks and pressure public bodies