

# SEEDS FOR INTEGRATION

GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES FOR THE  
EDUCATIONAL INCLUSION  
OF MIGRANTS



 **DEADLINE** FOR APPLICATION: 31<sup>st</sup> January

2017

*“Every person in Europe has the right to*



*and this also means that education has to be accessible for everyone. In a global world, national education systems need to also open their doors to students with origin in a different country. Education system needs to be accessible for all.”*  
(OBESSU Guidelines on social inclusion in education)

Education is key for successful integration. This is one of the main reasons why the school environment, school life can have a great influence on the future of young learners with migrant background. Developing stronger ties to the school and to their local peers is a major step towards the successful inclusion of those refugee and migrant children who do not yet feel connected to the host society.

## OBESSU believes that:

- secondary schools in destination countries play a significant role in the integration process of refugee and migrant students
- local students have a substantial role in making migrant and refugee students feel welcome and personally connected to the school community
- building an inclusive school environment is a major step towards the successful integration of those refugee and migrant students who do not yet feel connected to the host society

The project **Seeds for Integration** is based on a very simple idea. We provide funding to secondary school students who care about building an inclusive school environment or national education system for **all** regardless to ethnicity, nationality, country of origin, or mother tongue.

Sounds good?

All you have to do is **identify an issue** that migrant and refugee students might face in your local, regional or national context and come up with a **great idea** that can help find a durable solution to the problem.



All **IDEAS** are welcome that aim:

1. To encourage secondary school students **to discuss** the situation of refugee and migrant children in Europe on a local, regional and national level.
2. **To raise awareness** to the issues refugee and migrant pupils might encounter within the school or the education system.

3. **To build an inclusive school environment** where every student feels at home regardless to their race, nationality, country of origin, or mother tongue.
4. To create possibilities for students with migrant background to **share their stories** with the school community.
5. **To build closer ties** between the communities migrant students are coming from and the school community.

## What can we offer you?

OBESSU provides small, medium and large-scale funding for initiatives implemented by general and vocational secondary school students on local, regional and national levels.

## FUNDING



On a **local level**, groups of students who are studying in the same secondary school can apply for a **small scale grant of maximum 500 Euros**.

On a **regional level**, project teams composed of students from different secondary schools or regional school student unions can apply for a **medium scale grant of maximum 1000 Euros**.

On a **national level**, OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations can apply for a **large scale grant of maximum 2500 Euros**.

There are no restrictions on the type of expenses the grant may be used for provided the expenses are directly related to and necessary for the implementation of the submitted initiative proposal.

You are still not sure about what you could do?

Have you thought about organising:

- Awareness raising events,
- Activities promoting cultural diversity,
- Campaign and advocacy activities targeting local, regional or national policy-makers,
- Educational activities,
- Community building activities?



...this is really just to kick start the brainstorming. When it comes to ideas, the sky is the limit!

## Who can participate?

### General eligibility criteria

- ✓ To apply you have to be a secondary school student studying in a European country.
- ✓ Your team has to have at least 3 members, with a person who will be in charge of the communication with OBESSU – with at least medium level English language knowledge.
- ✓ You have to have a bank account (student union bank account or a bank account of an individual over 18 contractually representing the group throughout the implementation of the initiative)

## Specific eligibility criteria per grant scale

### Small scale grants

- ✓ All members of the team should attend the same secondary level school.
- ✓ The initiative has to have a local impact.

### Medium scale grants

- ✓ The proposed initiative has to be a collaborative activity between 2 or more schools.
- ✓ The initiative has to have a regional impact.

### Large scale grants

- ✓ The application has to be submitted by an OBESSU Member, Candidate or Affiliate Organisation.
- ✓ The proposed initiative has to be implemented on a national level or has to show the potential to have a multiplier effect.

## How can you apply?

In order to apply for a small, medium or larger grant in the framework of **Seeds for Integration** click on the below picture, follow the instructions under the section “How to apply”, and of course complete the



We encourage all participants to send the duly completed application form before the deadline since in that case OBESSU Secretariat can provide useful feedback.

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## What help can we offer you?

If you want to

- learn more about the project...
- the application procedure...
- you just simply want to get inspired by reading about the currently on-going projects...
- or you need some useful tips and tricks to write a great initiative proposal...

Don't hesitate to check out [www.seedsforintegration.org](http://www.seedsforintegration.org)

You can also get in touch with OBESSU Secretariat at [seeds@obessu.org](mailto:seeds@obessu.org)