



## MRIP (Migrants Rights and Integration Project) EPIM Funded Project (3 years: 2009, 2010, 2011)

### **Project summary:**

Funded as a part of the EPIM (European Programme on Integration and Migration) the 'Migrants' Rights and Integration Project' (MRIP) is working with members in Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Italy, Sweden and the UK.

MRIP was designed to test the extent to which member states were using the EU Common Basic Principles, in particular the principle on 'mutual accommodation', within the policies they were operating at national and regional levels.

The project started in 2009 and since that date has conducted a series of reviews of integration policies in each country. It has also looked in detail at a specific integration project in each country using a peer review methodology. In its concluding segment of work it will produce a toolkit which is intended to assist migrant community organisations involved in integration projects to strengthen their sense of good practice and improve the outcomes in terms of community empowerment and access to rights.

### **Main achievements:**

- Production of 6 National mapping studies on the immigration and integration situation of each partner country;
- Development of a peer review methodology;
- Identification of practices/projects to be reviewed in each participating country;
- 6 project assessments using the peer review methodology;
- Setting up of a wiki to help with the communication challenges and enable sharing/centralising the information;
- Completion of 6 national roundtables to assess the findings of the peer reviews - the idea being that they consider whether there are principles of good practice which should be present in any integration policy which aims for "mutual accommodation" as opposed to assimilation, and whether these can be applied across the EU.
- Completion of 2 peer review reports (other 4 to be finalised)

The findings which emerge from the national roundtable discussions and peer review reports will form the basis of an ENAR Migrant Integration Toolkit. This aims to be a practical tool which will be designed to assist any organisation representing migrant community interests involved in integration projects to negotiate better outcomes.