



To fully unleash the **potential of diaspora stakeholders as integration actors**, the NEAR project (Newly Arrived in Common Home) has developed **6 STRATEGIES** that can support the work of policymakers and civil society actors

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Adopt a strategic definition of diaspora stakeholders that not only includes migrant-led organisations but also looks at alternative profiles that are crucial in terms of network capillarity and reputation

HOW

- ✦ Keep information, networking and training opportunities as open as possible
- ✦ Value the great diversity in terms of identity and rationales behind integration support among diaspora stakeholders

2

Centralise local integration services to reduce the risk that scattered information ends up being outdated, incomplete or incorrect

HOW

- ✦ Build the capacity of diaspora stakeholders to find, access and disseminate relevant information for their networks
- ✦ Centralise services and information by design through one-stop shops, websites and increased staff diversity

3

Value the contribution of diaspora stakeholders as actors of integration and peers in policies and practices

HOW

- ✦ Engage with them in an ongoing way through online and in-person opportunities
- ✦ Involve them in service/policy design, implementation and evaluation
- ✦ Professionalise them through funding, venues, employment and training

4

Transfer the right knowledge on aspects that migrants prioritise for their independence and where major information gaps exist

HOW

- ✦ Focus not only on work, housing, health and education but also on key skills such as self-esteem and confidence
- ✦ Build trust among diaspora stakeholders through transparent and ongoing consultation

5

Enhance social capital through networking to help diaspora stakeholders create a safety net for newly arrived migrants entering local communities

HOW

- ✦ Connect diaspora stakeholders with the institutions active on the territory
- ✦ Enhance social capital to ensure that services are thoroughly delivered to all or specific groups of migrants

6

Use innovative tools to promote formal and unconventional local services and actors that can help newly arrived migrants build their life upon arrival

HOW

- ✦ Co-create maps with diaspora stakeholders to promote key services while connecting the dots between different local actors and initiatives
- ✦ Develop unconventional maps offering information & personal hints on the most relevant places to orient newly arrived migrants and inform other local citizens