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TV Clearing Service/TV Show
Radio Afrika TV

• Since the 21 of March 1997
• Information and communication platform
• **Aim:** Radio Afrika TV fights prejudices, and stereotypes about Africans and Africa. We contribute to the integration of migrants into Austria.
  • improve the mutual understanding among Africans but also between Africans and Austrians as well as Europeans
• Radio, TV, Afrika Mag, Homepage, Facebook
• Projects
Pilot-Project Description

• From “Ombudservice” to Forum INTEGRO

• **Aim of the project:** Establishing an integration forum plus TV-show to foster mediation and communication between migrants (focus: Third Country Nationals), stakeholders and the majority population on a neutral basis.

• Set up a **communication platform** with selected Austrian partners and experts of integration issue
Integrations- Mapping

• Several and different offers
• No inter-communication
• Negative image of migrants in the Media
• helplessness
Klagsverband - Litigation Association

• Umbrella organisation of 42 anti-discrimination-organisations
• Covering all 7 discrimination grounds
• What we don’t do: first level support
• What we do:
  • litigation
  • legal training
  • Advocacy/opinions on draft legislation
  • shadow reports
  • individual complaints to UN
  • 40% racism, 40% disability
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Our interest in the project

• Improving knowledge of rights among migrant communities
• Finding organisations interested in legal consulting
• Creating a culture of rights
Meeting with the stakeholders

• **Participants:** members of third countries nationals’ communities, NGOs and authorities

• **Aim:** build a national committee

• **Presentation of our model of a clearing service**
  • Asking which stakeholders would be interested to join and accompany the pilot project within a national committee

• **Result of the meeting:** NO „Ombudsservice“ BUT a clearing service
Clearingsteam

• Gleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft - Equality Ombud
• Klagsverband - Litigation Association
• Verein Fair & Sensibel – Fair and Sensitive Association
• Asyl in Not – Asylum in need
Training
Dealing with racism and discrimination Through investigative journalistic methods

• **Aim:**
  • Empower people to recognize, prove and document racism and discrimination cases
  • Strengthening media literacy education of the 17 participants in order to sensitize majority of the population on racism and discrimination

• **Target group:** Employees of NGOs and other institutions, working with people with an immigration background

• **Program:**
  • 1\textsuperscript{st} day: investigative journalism
  • 2\textsuperscript{nd} day: substantive basics information about racism and discrimination and film directory and dramaturgy
Investigation and tournage

Supported with the technical equipment and accompanied by video-journalists, the investigation teams of Radio Afrika TV shot three video clips based on stories reported to the committee:

- Discrimination at the workplace
- Discrimination in housing
- Entry refused by a nightclub
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**Aim:**
- Raise awareness and try to bring up solutions.
- Empower Third Country Nationals and show ways of what to do and what kind of support they can get.
- Raise awareness of a securely established clearing service in the future

**Guests:** Experts (also recruited among our stakeholders’ network), third country nationals, local authorities

**Agenda:**
- Broadcast of the three cases:
  - Discrimination at the workplace
  - Discrimination in housing
  - Entry refused by a nightclub
- Debate/discussion
Forum INTEGRO - Results

• Media training for NGOs
• Successful awareness raising
• Necessity of a clearing service by the stakeholders reaffirmed
• Cooperation btw. the media and the stakeholders
• Dialogue btw. the stakeholders and the communities- FORUM
Conclusion

• Lessons learned
• Perspectives:
  • Sustainable cooperation perspective with the stakeholders (eg.: Klagsverband)
  • Forum INTEGRO 4x per year – in discussion with the stakeholders
  • Info Point
  • A basis for a regular dialogue with the local and national authorities
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Thank you for your attention!