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Sing Me In - Collective Singing in the Integration Process of Young Migrants Strategic Partnership coordinated by the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat in cooperation with 10 other organisations from 9 other European countries with the support of the EU Erasmus Plus – Youth Programme

Sing Me In aims at providing children and youth choir conductors and music teachers all over Europe with pedagogical approaches and tools that allow collective singing activities to play a positive role in the integration process of young people in risk of exclusion.

The project will run from October 2016 to September 2018 and will be supported by the EU Erasmus Plus project with a grant of over 240.000 EUR.



Sing Me In was developed on the basis of a needs analysis both

- in the field of **young people with migrant background** (who are in higher risk of exclusion, have different cultural backgrounds though they may share some international popular culture, and are usually facing language challenges)
- and in the **choral sector** (low proportion of singers with migrant backgrounds, wish for integration of youth of all origins into choirs, need for relevant and efficient tools)

These needs were discovered through several studies (e.g. AMJ study on the percentage of singers with migrant backgrounds in children's and youth choirs in Germany) as well as during conversations with members at the last General Assembly in Helsinki 2015.

Sing Me In includes the following activities:

- Collection of **best practices** and **repertoire**
With transliteration, translation, pronunciation help, recordings
- Development of 3 **handbooks** with translations
 1. Working with young refugees in their environment
 2. Including young people with migrant background in existing choirs
 3. Working in a school environment
- **Test implementation** of recommendations
- **Dissemination** of results and handbooks



Sing Me In is **coordinated** by the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat (DE) **in partnership** with: Estonian Choral Association (EE), Sulasol (FI), Ung i Kor (NO), ZIMIHC (NL), Koor&Stem (BE), A Coeur Joie (FR), Musica International (FR), Moviment Coral Català (ES), Koro Kulturu Derneği (TR) and Fayha Choir (LB)