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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
WP	Work Package

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## INTRODUCTION

Under the task 3.1, Migration Policy Group gathered collections of EU-wide integration practices that are deemed ‘good’ practices by integration practitioners, stakeholders, and policymakers, creating a pool of good practice collections to be disseminated via the SPRING online platform. This was sourced from a stand-alone exercise of gathering good practice repositories from across Europe.

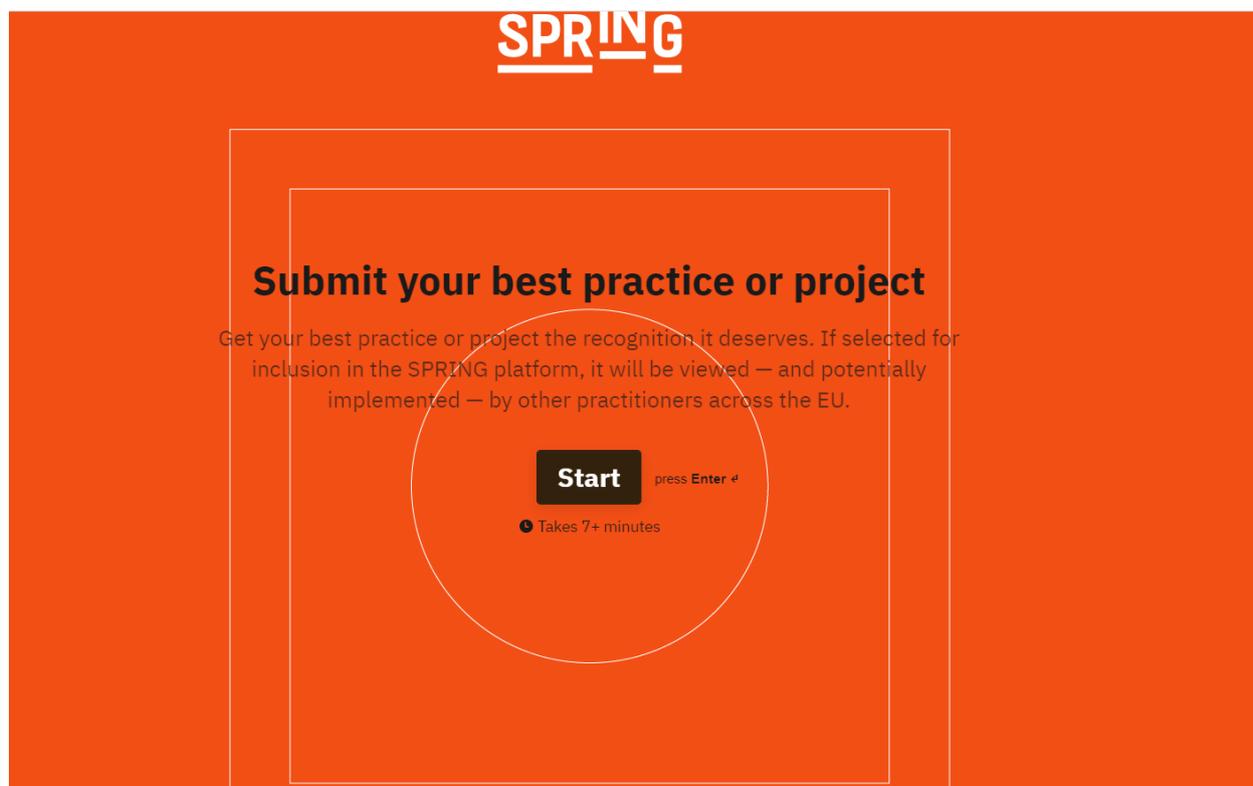
According to original plan, D3.1. would focus on gathering (individual) integration practices on arrival/settlement/housing, employment, education/training, and services. However, MPG (together with lead partner) explored the opportunity to create a database of good practice repositories, which will be an added value to the field.

The database can be accessed via this link: <https://integrationpractices.eu/good-practice-collections>

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE GATHERED PRACTICES DATABASE

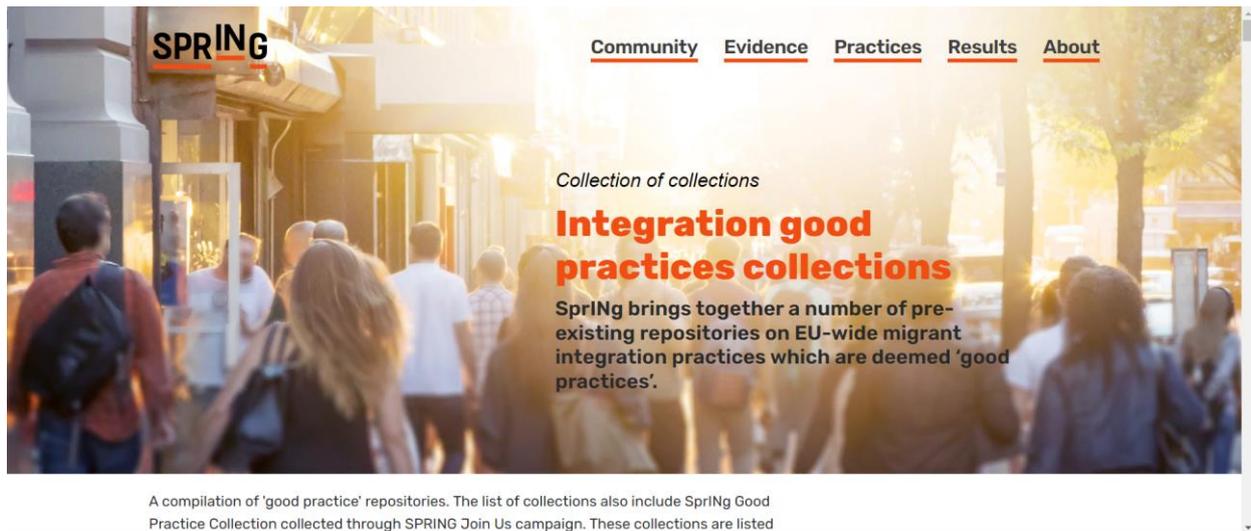
The process of gathering good practice collections started with desk research drawing on existing EU-wide repositories compiled by European institutions and stakeholder organizations (e.g. European Website on Integration, European Commission database on labor market integration practices, CoR Regions4Integration, CoE Intercultural Cities Network, EUROCITIES, databases of EU-funded projects).

As part of SPRING “Join Us” campaign (WP 1), all relevant stakeholders had the opportunity to submit a practice to get their best practice or project be viewed by other practitioners across the EU and to multiply the positive effect of their practice across the EU. Submissions were checked by MPG staff based on the criteria in Validation Grid and added to the collection. As a result of this call for nomination, we created a [SPRING Good Practice Collection](#) which brings together 63 practices and is a part of Collection of Good Practice Collections.



In addition to that, the systematic review and synthesis of research on local integration policies by WP 2 gathered previous compilations and analyses, providing practices for the SPRING Evidence Repository (D2.3). WP 3 used this pool as an additional source for accessing the collections of successful and sustainable practices.

Task 3.1 was implemented throughout SPRING, like a rolling, continuous process feeding into the other tasks. So far, 22 good practice collections have been identified. The process will continue until the end of the project.



Gathered collections were analysed according to their objectives, integration areas, target groups, and identification criteria. The majority of the collections cover various integration areas and target groups, while only a few of them do not define how they selected good practices. All others have clearly defined identification criteria.

## ANNEX - List of good practice collections in Gathered Practices Database

Title of the Collection	Objectives	Areas of Integration	Identification Criteria
<a href="#"><u>Online Digital Database of good practices and resources in social integration of refugee and migrant children</u></a>	Exhaustive compilation of good practices, projects, policies, methodologies, pedagogical approaches, resources and tools on the socio-educational integration of migrant and refugee children. This digital practical tool is aimed at identifying supportive environments, educational conditions and practical resources addressed to school leaders, teachers, educators and social professionals relevant for the social integration of migrant children.	Education and Training	Inclusivity & Participation Relevance & Complementarity Effectiveness Partnership & Collaboration
<a href="#"><u>Pathways to Prosperity: Sharing Settlement and Integration Practices that Work</u></a>	Pathways to Prosperity has been contracted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to share innovative promising practices in immigrant settlement and integration with an empirical basis for their effectiveness.	Various integration areas	Promising practices are innovative practices that have an objective basis for claiming effectiveness in achieving their stated aims and have the potential for replication. Thus, promising practices are defined in terms of their innovation and effectiveness, which can be empirically measured as successful outcomes of the practices. Their approach focuses not only on identifying truly promising practices, but on analyzing and sharing key features that can be replicated. Promising practices may have faced challenges in their initial implementation, and these challenges are also considered and analyzed so that others can learn from these experiences.
<a href="#"><u>Effective inclusion of refugees: Participatory approaches for practitioners at the local level</u></a>	The Toolkit provides step-by-step practical tools and communication materials to be used by local stakeholders for the purpose of designing, monitoring, eliciting feedback from beneficiaries, and evaluating their integration and inclusion practices.	Various integration areas	The tool looks at key criteria to facilitate the identification of good practices that successfully promote the integration of refugees. In each chapters of the Handbook, they are identified according to specific sets of criteria and success factors, including the potential to be transferred in whole or in part to other national and local contexts. 1. Have clarity about the support needed by the refugees 2. Ensuring support caters to the needs of all 3. Supporting integration beyond early-recetpion 4. Working with refugees 5. Supporting voluteerism 6. Comprehensive Intergration Support
<a href="#"><u>SPRING Good Practice Collection</u></a>	SPRING project collected EU-wide practices that are submitted via SPRING Join Us campaign and practices that are deemed 'good' practices by integration practitioners, stakeholders, and policymakers, creating a pool of practices validated by experts.	Various integration areas	SPRING Validation Grid was used to identify good practices with the following criteria: Inclusivity&participation Relevance&complementarity Effectiveness Sustainability Partnership&cooperation

<p><u>LL2II Learning of Local Bodies to integrate immigrants</u></p>	<p>Good practices are composed of projects, field applications, outputs, methodologies of institutions working for EU wide migrant integration. Selected practices are provided in LL2II Portal to promote learning from good experiences, to get inspired from good practices.</p>	<p>Various integration areas</p>	<p>Undefined</p>
<p><u>ILO Good practice database: Labour migration policies and programmes</u></p>	<p>ILO Good practice database: Labour migration policies and programmes</p>	<p>Employment and related training</p>	<p>Undefined</p>
<p><u>EXPECT MORE – Best practice collection</u></p>	<p>The present Best Practice Collection provides useful approaches, methodologies, tools and ideas for organisations that provide social and labour inclusion services to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers all over Europe.</p>	<p>Employment and related training</p>	<p>A specific "Future-Proof-Matrix" tool has been developed by the partnership at the beginning of the project. Practices were analysed according to the following key criteria: • Budget • Number of persons directly involved in the best practice • Duration of the best practice • Barrier free language • Acceptance of the best practice by the target group • Level of support by stakeholders from the private, public, civil and active citizenship sector • Social inclusion dimension • Sustainability • Level of transferability of best practices to other EU countries.</p>
<p><u>LINK IT EU Integration Best Practices</u></p>	<p>The project focuses on strengthening the link between pre-departure and post-arrival integration support of refugees. It is a list of innovative good practices contributing toward increasing the quality and effectiveness of refugee integration.</p>	<p>Various integration areas</p>	<p>Undefined</p>
<p><u>Global Compact for Refugees Digital Platform Good Practices</u></p>	<p>A growing collection of Good Practices submitted by individuals, governments, organizations and businesses across the world who are implementing initiatives to support and find long-term solutions for refugees, the communities who host them, and stateless people.</p>	<p>Various integration areas</p>	<p>According to their criteria, a good practice should: Support or facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees. Contribute to burden and responsibility sharing. -Broaden the support base beyond countries and stakeholders that have traditionally contributed to responses to large-scale refugee situations. -Respond to identified needs and have tangible benefits for refugees and host communities. -Be developed and/or implemented in partnership with other stakeholders, including refugees and host populations. -Take into account age, gender, disability, and other diversity considerations. - Make a sustained, positive difference in the lives of refugees and host communities. -Have the potential to be adapted, replicated, and/or broadened in scale. -Highlight opportunities to maximize the effective and efficient use of resources. -Inspire or form the basis of</p>

			contributions to be announced on the Digital Platform and future Global Refugee Forums. - Address one or more of the areas of focus for the first Global Refugee Forum, where possible.
<a href="#"><u>The ISDL Best Practice Example collection</u></a>	The aim of the project has been to seek out examples of good practices from organisations and initiatives that have developed creative and well-working methods and practices of integration.	Various integration areas	This compilation have specifically looked for practices that have shown to adapt well to changing circumstances, keeping a stable and sustainable structure over time. Another important criteria in the research was that the examples found offered methods or approaches that could be transferred to and easily applied in different national and regional contexts.
<a href="#"><u>“Welcome!” Collection of good practices already existing for refugees’ welcoming and first inclusion</u></a>	The PandPAS project has researched and collected practices for the welcome and inclusion of refugees. In this report, the project highlights inspirational initiatives which can provide ideas on how to address a topic or a target group, or what methods to use when working on refugees welcome and integration. The report features 10 transferable best practices and a further 22 complementary good practices.	Various integration areas	Criteria: (1)Technical feasibility (2)Efficacy and success (3)Respect of the human rights and equity framework (4) Replicability and adaptability (5)Inherent participation (6)Network coordination (7)Gender Sensitiveness (8)Innovation
<a href="#"><u>Repository of Promising Practices EC Employment Social Affairs and Inclusion</u></a>	The aim of this database is to enhance mutual learning and transferability between EU Member States of the most effective policies in the area of social and labour market integration of refugees and asylum-seekers, as well as skills.	Employment and related training	These practices are promising, or have proven to be successful in the country concerned, according to its national administration. The European Commission does not have an official position on the policies or measures included in this database.
<a href="#"><u>Mediterranean Migration Network Handbook of Good Practices</u></a>	The Mediterranean Migration Network aims to implement an action plan on migration and integration, thus, among other activities, has collected several initiatives implemented across the EU, which includes a collection of case studies, testimonials and collaborative programs. The aim of the handbook is to become a handy tool for organizations and stakeholders active in migration and integration areas	Various integration areas	Undefined
<a href="#"><u>Catalogue of Best practices in the field of migrant’s access to information</u></a>	The Catalogue of Best Practices gathers national best practices from the participating project partners . Best practices imply projects, strategies, initiatives, approaches and activities proved to be effective,	Various integration areas	All Best Practices contain a fact sheet clearly stating the name of the institution or interest group concerned, objectives of the activity/project performed, place or region of the activity/project performed, duration of the activity/project performed, target group(s), collaborators/partners, and follow-up activities. At the same time, each text describes in greater detail the given activity/project, evaluates its

	sustainable and transferable, and leading to a desired result.		real contribution, and explains the reason for being selected as a Best Practice. In the end, the Best Practices demonstrate pictures/print screens from their web pages.
<a href="#"><u>REGIN regional good practices database</u></a>	The Integration Lab database and mapping is a tool for mutual learning and sharing with a focus on innovative practices, challenges faced and lessons learnt, with a particular focus on how concrete issues are faced as part of migrant integration practices at regional level and the solutions found to overcome them.	Various integration areas	The main goal is to adapt the OECD's DAC Evaluation Criteria (Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact, Sustainability) to integration policies and actions. Detailed guidelines and selection criteria can be found here <a href="https://reginproject.eu/website/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Evaluation-Framework-Guidelines.pdf">https://reginproject.eu/website/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Evaluation-Framework-Guidelines.pdf</a>
<a href="#"><u>Cities of Migration- Good Ideas in Integration</u></a>	Cities of Migration was founded on a compilation of blog stories on good practices and policy solutions from global cities. The library of Good Ideas contains more than 325 profiles of promising practices, collected from 160 cities in 25 different countries. Good Ideas included successful city-level initiatives (either a program, activity or strategy) that was considered innovative, practical and exportable.	Various integration areas	Cities of Migration aims to collect a broad, thematically and geographically representative collection of Good Ideas based on the following essential criteria which can be found here <a href="http://citiesofmigration.ca/good-ideas-in-integration/what-is-a-good-idea-in-integration/">http://citiesofmigration.ca/good-ideas-in-integration/what-is-a-good-idea-in-integration/</a>
<a href="#"><u>MigrEmpower Project Good Practices Collection</u></a>	The exchange of experiences and good practices on integration and social inclusion processes among stakeholders and EU project partners.	Education and training; employment and related training; housing and settlement	"The selected practices were analysed in detail by observing the following dimensions; The main type of intervention Main managing Entity Main funding Main Target Type of activities carried out in the project"
<a href="#"><u>Collection of Good Practices under the Project Dynamic Reinforcement for European Adaptation of Migrants</u></a>	A collection of good practices providing successful models for migrant integration in three priority integration areas – legal, economic and socio-cultural. Some of them are developed as national initiatives and implemented in a specific country, while others are developed as international cooperation projects with impact at European level.	Various integration areas	Undefined
<a href="#"><u>Mapping of good practices relating to social inclusion of migrants through sport – prepared for DG Education and Culture of the European Commission</u></a>	The aim of this study is to provide an analytical overview of the types of sports related projects and interventions used to support the social inclusion of migrants and to identify best practice in their design, implementation and measurement. The study used a literature review, stakeholder interviews and an	Sports/Leisure/Arts	Two-tier typology classifies projects by looking at their desired outcomes, thus whether the main objective is to increase participation in sports or whether an organisation emphasises the use of sport as a tool for social change. While Plus Sport specifically strives to foster social change, social benefits can also be experienced by participants of Sports Plus projects. A distinction was consequently be made of projects supporting the employability of participants, education and vocational

	analysis of the key strengths and success factors of relevant projects based on a typology.		training opportunities, personal and social development and volunteering in sport.
<a href="#"><u>European Website on Integration (EWSI) Practices</u></a>	The website is the only EU-wide source bringing up-to-date information and good practices on migrant integration for policy makers and practitioners.	Various integration areas	‘Good practices’ can be defined in multiple ways. However, a thread common to most definitions implies strategies, approaches and/or activities that have been shown through research and evaluation to be effective, efficient, sustainable and/or transferable, and to reliably lead to a desired result.
<a href="#"><u>Intercultural Cities Good Practice Collection</u></a>	The collection produces a sample list from the 6 study countries (Austria, Denmark, Poland, Slovenia, Spain and the UK), with snapshots of case studies based on best practices and innovative approaches to integration through adaptive practices, social interactions, intercultural practices through bottom up approaches and also implicit ways of integration. In all, these multiple forms of interactions and interventions promote cross linkages in society, with an institutional, community and educational focus.	Education and training	They adapt SPICE Framework which can be found here: <a href="http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/k2atoolkit/source/identify-what-you-need-to-know/spice.aspx">http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/k2atoolkit/source/identify-what-you-need-to-know/spice.aspx</a>
<a href="#"><u>Intercultural cities: good practice examples</u></a>	Intercultural Cities Programme Coordinators report on their cities good practices in different fields of action (building an intercultural and open society, integration, public services, equality in diverse societies).	Various integration areas	Undefined