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Communicative Competency for Female Refugees on the

Shop Floor: Improving communication skills in the workforce

## THE PROJECT

**CoCoFe** (Communicative Competency for Female Refugees on the Shop Floor: Improving communication skills in the workforce) is a project funded by the Erasmus+ programme that aims at increasing the communicative competence and language understanding of female refugees and forced migrants.

The project started in November 2020 and is carried out by 5 partners from 5 different countries: Eurospeak (UK,) Center For Social Innovation (Cyprus), Learning For Integration (Finland), Solution: Solidarity & Inclusion (France) and Fundacion De Trabajadores De La Siderurgia Integral (Spain).



## OBJECTIVES

- To establish a collaborative digital learning website for these target groups and their work colleagues employed in factories who will act as language mentors.
- To develop a competency- and socio-cultural-based approach to language learning a language for the target groups and their co-worker mentors.
- To familiarise refugees and migrants with the working practices and culture of their new country of residence.
- To familiarise them with informal register and the performative aspects of the local language focusing on aural and oral communication skills.
- To encourage the development of their digital skills.
- To encourage local employees and businesses who wish to improve their cultural awareness and help refugees integrate.

## RESULTS

- An 'open source' **website** sustained by the target groups themselves using a free platform.
- A self-published **e-booklet** to be written initially by the CoCoFe's project team but updated and developed by the community themselves.
- A **corpus of workplace language** with an emphasis on informal language used within the target languages and workplaces of our partner countries of Finland, France, Cyprus, Spain and the UK.

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