



ERASMUS+ Programme –Key Action 2: Strategic partnership

## IENE 8- “EMPOWERING MIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES WITH PARENTING SKILLS”

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According to UNHCR in 2018, an unprecedented **70.8 million** people around the world have been forced from their home, as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. Among them, there are nearly **25.9 million refugees**, over half of whom are **under the age of 18**. There is an emerging need in understanding the diverse conditions of migration, how it may influence children and what professionals and volunteers can do for the wellbeing of these children and their families. Understanding the impact of migration on children’s and families within their own community and host country is a multifactorial and transnational issue.

**Intercultural Education of Nurses in Europe (IENE) projects** highlighted the need for training of health workers, volunteers on transcultural issues, aiming to provide culturally competent and compassionate care. **IENE 8** project aims to provide education and training to professionals and volunteers working with migrants and refugees regarding parenting skills, health care of the family and psychological support.

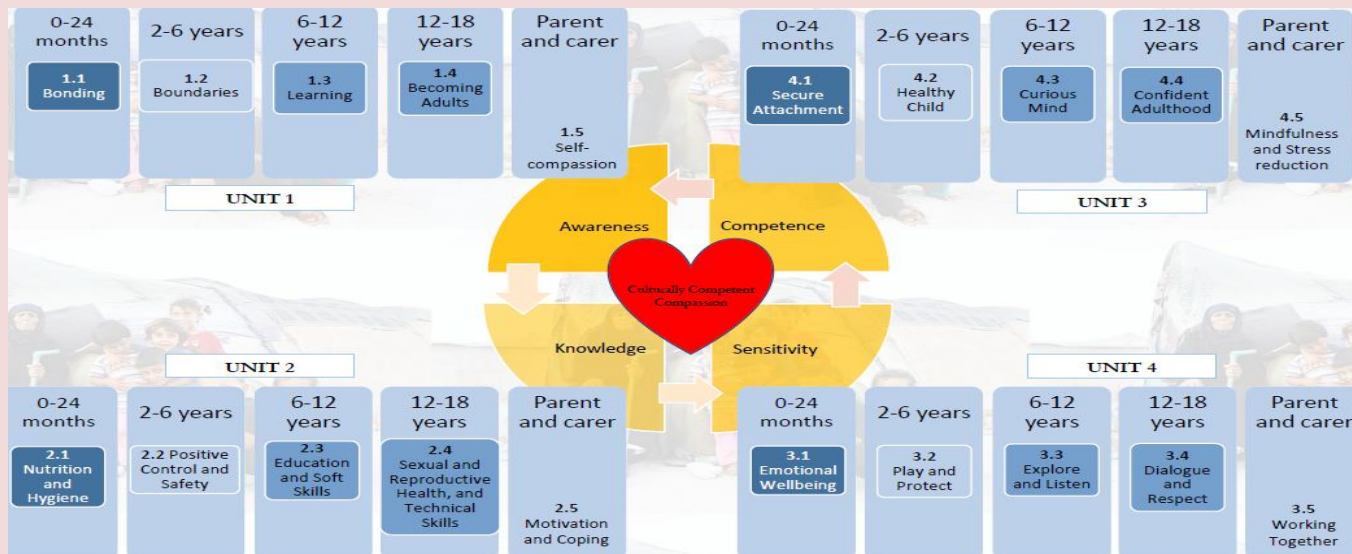
The overall goal is the **development of an online innovative curriculum which will include learning tools and bite-size learning units for health professionals and volunteers**, to enable them to provide support, knowledge and skills on parenting and child-family health care needs, under extreme and unique conditions. **IENE Knowledge hub** will be used to share stories from professionals, volunteers, refugees regarding parenting related matters and skills.

**The consortium designed a content map of a new innovative curriculum** for nurses and other health professionals and volunteers, to enable them to provide support, knowledge and skills on parenting and child-family health care needs, under extreme and unique conditions. The consortium currently is preparing the detailed version of the curriculum.



The curriculum will be translated into all partners languages: EN, EL, DE, IT, RO.

Each partner country will offer **curriculum training** to health professionals and volunteers in the beginning of 2020.



**IENE 8** products can be used as a vehicle through which culturally competent compassionate care is provided to refugee and migrant families based on the parenting skills.

**IENE 8** project is coordinated by Cyprus University of Technology with the contribution of six other partners organizations: Middlesex University (UK), Asociatia EDUNET (RO), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (EL), Doctors of the World – Greece (EL), St. Augustinus Gruppe (DE) and C&B SOC.COOP, SOC, Catania (IT).

