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Ampel – recognising education

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The counselling centre for migrants

has been existing since 22 years and was continuously run until today. The counselling centre offers multilingual labour-market-related counselling activities for legal and social matters which determine the life of foreign employees and their relatives in Austria. The long-standing experience, a well-founded education in the social sector and the socio-cultural background of the employees enable to eliminate language and cultural barriers and to offer a well-directed and individual problem solving strategy for migrants. A successful integration into education, profession or career shall thereby be achieved.

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Recognising education

Ampel (*Traffic Lights*) is a partial project of the Viennese development partnership *InterCulturExpress* and is carried out by the counselling centre for migrants.

Migrants frequently possess qualifications, knowledge and skills which cannot and are not allowed to be employed in Austria. Especially the formal recognition is connected with the overcoming of many hurdles. This results on the one hand in inequalities on the labour market and on the other hand in the fact that potentials they have to offer are left unexploited.

The information blocks and workshops of **Ampel** are supposed to ensure a wide-ranging transfer of knowledge concerning *recognising education*. They aim at showing migrants ways to obtain an equal opportunity for development in the world of labour. In this way the target group shall be strengthened and dequalification be avoided.



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Target group

The offers of **Ampel** are directed at experts, multipliers and counsellors who work in the sector integration, migration and counselling at Viennese institutions.

Offers of Ampel

- | Recognition of formal educational achievements in Austria
“Equalisation – nostrification”
- | Regulations for EU citizens concerning the professional recognition
 - general
 - in the health sector
 - in the trade sector
- | From the application to the notification – certification procedures for the recognition of formal educational achievements
- | General and professional education systems in an international comparison
- | Cross-national agreements on the professional and academic recognition
- | Financial support for further and continuous education
- | Intercultural educational counselling
- | Intercultural opening of the adult further education institutes
- | Migration process from a psychological view
- | Strategies against inequalities on the labour market – elimination of discrimination on an individual and social level
- | Legal instruments for equal treatment in the world of labour
 - nationally and internationally
- | The power of language
 - Professional life and language competence



- | Promotion of equal opportunities by
 - Company agreements
 - Codes of conducts
 - Examples of good practice
- | Dequalification
 - Exclusion by descent down the job ladder
 - Integration by advancement
- | Diversity Management – optimization of existing resources of male and female migrants
- | The offers of **Ampel** are created by experts from science and practical application as well as male and female referees from authorities.

Further products of Ampel

The themes of the information blocks are provided to the broad public by means of electronic newsletters. The content of the project has been published as a compendium and is supposed to serve as a tool for dealing with *recognising education* and thereby achieve an equal treatment of male and female migrants on the Austrian labour market.

General conditions

The individual offers can also be booked independently of each other.

For institutions individual thematical blocks may be tailored and additional priorities be established.

Registrations for the offers of **Ampel** may be carried out with immediate effect!