

# ARTEM ACCESS. A TIME BANK FOR INTEGRATION

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ARTEM ACCESS is the 4th Intellectual output of ARTEM project and 4th step of the ARTEM APPROACH, following the study focus groups, the story mapping training and the intercultural training programme. ARTEM ACCESS is a webplatform. ARTEM ACCESS is a pathway. ARTEM ACCESS is a time bank. Its main focus is to promote the encounter and exchange between migrants and local communities, fostering integration, participation and empowerment.

## Migration and Time banking

The migrant condition is often characterised by the need to be known and recognised by the other members of the new community, by the need to know and recognize oneself and one's own skills in a new environment, by the need to learn (a new language, new social functioning, a new way of behaviour). Timebanking is based on a process of mutual support through the exchange of services. But it is much more than that. It allows people to meet and know each other. It promotes an idea of volunteering that is both giving and receiving. It promotes collaboration and participation. The inclusive nature of the time bank network makes it a strategic tool for integration.

## ARTEM ACCESS. Share time, build community

ARTEM ACCESS is a time bank that promotes and facilitates the encounter between individuals and the community through voluntary service exchanges that allow people to know and value one another through their competences and the learning they can share. It is an online and multilingual time bank, built for 7 local communities in 7 European countries (France, Spain, Austria, Denmark, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Italy) with the aim to foster the integration of migrants. That's why, in ARTEM ACCESS:

- when an exchange takes place, both parts are giving and receiving. The artemisers take time to know each other
- the exchange of service is an exchange of learning: personal learning, cultural and intercultural learning
- timebanking starts from the offers people suggest based on their abilities rather than on requests of services based on their needs



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In each country the participation to Artem Access is facilitated by the figure of the Regional Contact Point Manager (RCPM). The RCPM is a guide that accompanies the members of the community to get involved, to identify their talents and communicate them as service offers. Artem Access includes 9 categories of offers, each visually personalised by a specific icon: Gardening, Sports & leisure activities, Pet sitting, Caring and support, Community and social, Art & culture, Education & languages, Information & technology, House aid & maintenance. The system of geolocation embedded online gives the sense of community and proximity to the users right from their first connection to the time bank. The graphic layout favours images and key words to make it short and simple also for members of the community that might not be very familiar with web tools. ARTEM ACCESS aims to build a strong sense of community, an inclusive and learning community. Stay tuned for the launch of ARTEM ACCESS Time bank!

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