

NEWSLETTER CULTSENSE

Start Cultsense – First learning & training event – June 2022

On 8 and 9 June 2022 we had our first Learning & Training meeting in Almelo, the Netherlands as part of our Erasmus+ project 'Culture sensitive education for health and care workers working with elderly with a migration background (CULTSENSE)', which is designed by Knowledge Center WWZ, IMEAN and Activa International.

It was a fascinating exchange with our ('associated') partners from Belgium and the Netherlands in which we worked hard on the first steps to arrive at a blueprint for setting up a training program for professionals who work with older people with a migration background; culture-sensitive working is central to this.

The first day (evening) was all about informal acquaintance during a dinner. On the second day, presentations were given by Shirley Ramdas, Network of Organizations of Older Migrants (NOOM), Chris Soels and Olivia Vanmechelen from Kenniscentrum WWZ.

In interactive discussion tables initial ideas were exchanged on culture-sensitive working. No matter how different Belgium and the Netherlands are when it comes to government policy and also where our culture is concerned, we are clearly on the same page when it comes to the need for culture-sensitive working.

There will be four Learning & Training meetings in total. The next meeting is in Brussels in October, where we will discuss making visible the degree of "culturally sensitive thinking and working of organisations" and how to monitor developments over time.

