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FALK in short...

“FALK: First Aid Language Kit for Migrants” is a European cooperation project aimed at making healthcare services more accessible for migrants through developing and upgrading language skills on medical issues in the host languages of 6 EU countries – Turkey, Bulgaria, Spain, the UK, the Czech Republic and Cyprus. FALK is developing a First Aid Language Kit as a comprehensive multi-device language tool providing country-specific information on the healthcare systems of the host countries as well as health-related language skills for successfully seeking and receiving medical help.

FALK is highly relevant, among others, to newcomer migrants who arrive with different medical consequences of their journey (e.g. injuries, infectious diseases, health problems specific to women, post-traumatic stress, etc.). The project also facilitates healthcare providers to overcome communication barriers resulting from language differences with migrants, reduce misunderstandings and offer adequate medical help.

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KICK-OFF PROJECT MEETING

18-19 January 2018 / Lancaster, UK



FALK kick-off meeting...

The kick-off project meeting was held on 18-19 January 2018 in Lancaster, UK and used for discussing and planning the project activities and developing an approach towards the involvement of relevant stakeholders and target groups representatives. The partners analysed the document *The public health dimension of the European migrant crisis* published by the European Parliamentary Research Service which distinguishes 6 topics as priority medical areas for addressing migrants' health needs. They will be used as a basis for the development of the FALK Medical Language Pyramid – the first part of the First Aid Language Kit, which will be available in 12 languages.





FALK aims to...

- ✓ improve language competences of adult migrants on healthcare matters in the host country language
- ✓ facilitate the access to healthcare of adult migrants by providing them with country-specific information about the healthcare systems in 6 EU countries
- ✓ develop innovative language products and thus improve the capacities of organisations working for the integration, language training and welfare of migrants
- ✓ support healthcare professionals to communicate efficiently with migrant patients and improve the quality of the offered medical services

The First Aid Language Kit includes...

- ✓ ***Medical Language Pyramid*** in 12 languages as word and phrase glossary providing medical terminology in priority topics related to health problems of migrants
- ✓ ***Medical language study-videos*** in 6 languages providing visual and audio recreation of different medical scenarios for (self) language learning purposes
- ✓ ***Learning platform*** providing a Virtual Map on the healthcare systems of the partner countries in 12 languages and a Testing Ground for practicing language content in 6 languages

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