

Diversity Dialogue Fora in Czech Republic
Storytelling through the camera of Antonio
Cossa

September 9th 2021, Prague

Youth Included, partner of the MAX project organised a digital exhibition with a panel discussion over the perception of migrants and refugees in Europe and how MAX has contributed to the topic.

MAX is an AMIF funded project which aim is to change public attitudes towards migrants. The goal is to improve the public image of migrants in Europe by changing the narrative around the immigration discourse and putting on the front the stories of real people. Storytelling, creation of positive messages for the media and dialogic encounters between locals and newcomers are the key figures of the project.

Storytelling through the camera of Antonio Cossa was one of the Multiplier events conducted in each of the partner countries, in this occasion by Youth Included, in September 9th in Prague. This was a photojournalism exhibition by the documentary photographer, who is a visual master of the stories which are hidden behind the numbers in the articles, behind the reportages on the TV about war or refugee camps, he is a person who speaks out loud for those, who often do not have a voice and are doomed for silence. Besides the interactive lecture-exhibition there were a debate with all the participants on the topic of refugee crisis, its representation in media, the attitude of the general public towards the topic. Moreover there were networking sessions for all of the participants, who turned out to be of different professional and cultural backgrounds.

This event became a great ground for sharing with the audience the outcomes of MAX, its mission and how everybody can contribute to it.

All in all, the team of MAX have succeeded in the following deeds

- 3 reports on the impact of migrant populations in Europe (social, economic and cultural) and the opinions, fears and prejudices regarding migrants in Europe;

- 50 'success stories' about outstanding achievements and contributions to European society, economy and culture done by migrants;
- a set of 20 messages aiming to improve the public image of migrants in Europe;
- a database of good and bad practices (success and failures in migrant integration), press clippings and media monitoring;
- a training for media professionals based on the Solutions Journalism paradigm;
- the organisation of 15 Diversity Dialogue Fora and a final European Diversity Festival and conference;
- a media-friendly award ceremony;
- the delivery of stories and messages through the project's website, social media and press.

If you are interested about the details, visit <https://maxamif.eu/>.

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