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Immerse yourself again! The poetry and drawing exhibition on "Language" and integration interpreted by children and young people within the IMMERSE project

- More than 80 poems and drawings are digitally exhibited at the IMMERSE Hub.
- The IMMERSE Hub is the first virtual network aimed at uniting the efforts of entities involved in the integration of refugee and migrant children in Europe, by allowing sharing experiences and recommendations.

An enchanting poetry and drawing exhibition showcases children's voices from around the world. **IMMERSE YOURSELF AGAIN!** Exhibition on the theme of "Language," is now available in [the IMMERSE HUB](#). Following the success of the previous exhibition on "Belonging," students aged 7 to 18 from schools and centers in the six participating countries in IMMERSE were invited to submit their drawings and poetry expressing what "Language" means to them.

At its core, this campaign champions inclusivity, providing a platform for children to eloquently convey their personal perspectives on the profound significance of "Language" through their artistic and literary talents. Language is not only a form of communication; it's a bridge to inclusion, particularly for migrant and refugee children and teenagers.

Language plays a crucial role in ensuring that these young individuals find their place in their new communities, connect with others, and express their thoughts, emotions, and experiences. Through their artwork and words, these young minds from different backgrounds shed light on the significance of language as a tool for fostering understanding and unity in diverse societies.

The "Language" digital gallery currently features over 80 wonderful and imaginative drawings and poems from primary and secondary schools in Greece, Ireland, and Italy. The digital exhibition can be viewed by signing up for the IMMERSE HUB and joining the ["IMMERSE YOURSELF AGAIN!" group](#), then clicking on the link to the [exhibition gallery](#).

Once logged into the IMMERSE HUB, you can also enjoy the previous "Belonging" exhibition by joining the ["IMMERSE YOURSELF!" group](#) and clicking on the [exhibition gallery](#). This exhibition includes 150 drawings and poems from primary and secondary schools in Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Italy, and Spain.



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The **IMMERSE hub** is an online platform aimed at creating a virtual community of professionals, institutions and other actors interested in the socio-educational inclusion of refugee and migrant children. The platform provides a common space to share experiences, ideas and concerns, and a place to obtain relevant information, resources and the best practices and initiatives. Through the hub, it will also be possible to disseminate the activities and results of the project and, ultimately, raise awareness within the society about the relevance of including this sector of the population. Migrants represent 10% of the EU population and each year around 2.5 million asylum seekers arrive, almost half of them children. The integration of this particularly vulnerable group is essential to build the society of tomorrow.

IMMERSE aims to improve the socio-educational inclusion of refugee and migrant children in Europe through the development of new indicators and research tools. Among its purposes is to develop a set of recommendations for European entities and stakeholders involved in integration, incorporating the perspective of children, their families and the educational community. IMMERSE is a European Commission's founded project within the Horizon 2020 programme. The project involves 11 organisations from 6 countries (Germany, Belgium, Spain, Greece, Ireland and Italy). It began in December 2018 and will last 4 years.

For more information and interviews:

IMMERSE website: <https://www.immerse-h2020.eu>

IMMERSE hub, link for registration: <https://bit.ly/39k6fJP>

IMMERSE promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkdI5rvo9pU>

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