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The context in which this project operates is that immigrants are often at the risk of being excluded from the work force in their new home countries. There are some barriers facing this group, making finding work hard, such as language and cultural differences. At the same time there's a growing demand for labor in many sectors in Europe, one on which is the health sector. With a population who's growing older, there's a need for more employees working with care.

The VOLCANO strategic partnership developed courses that combined sector specific language learning with practice in health institutions. The project was based on existing best practices and methodologies and developed this further by adding competency and language benchmarking, employer engagement and work experience opportunities. The overarching purpose was to demonstrate that people with lower level language skills, given some training, can be employed in this sector.

During the course of the project, 179 adult learners took part in the pilot courses and were given the opportunity to learn sector-specific language and skills. This was later put to practical use during work placements. As a direct result of this, over 70 of the participants were given some sort of employment after the placement.



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