

[CESIE](#) is a non-profit and non-governmental organisation based in Palermo (Italy), established in 2001. It is committed to promote the cultural, social, educational and economic development at all levels. It contributes to growth and development through the active participation of people, civil society and institutions, always valuing diversity.

Inspired by the work of Danilo Dolci, we focus our work on the research of social needs and challenges and the use of innovative learning approaches. Through more than 100 projects currently under implementation, CESIE actively connects research with action through the use of formal and non-formal learning methodologies.

The internal structure is divided into **6 thematic units** working in cooperation and managing activities in their specific fields: **Higher Education and Research, Rights and Justice, Adult, Migration, School, Youth**.

Staff is composed of 70 people with a wide range of qualifications and professional profiles. The team has an international character being composed not only by Italians, but also by people from the UK, Germany, France, Spain, Serbia, Lithuania, etc. CESIE relies on about 150 external experts that collaborate for specific activities. CESIE can count on 100 interns and volunteers engaged in internships at our organization per year.

CESIE acts to promote **intercultural dialogue** among people from over the world and enhances capacities and values of each person building up a bridge of knowledge and sharing.

Through the work of the [Migration Unit](#), CESIE aims to centralise and connect all the activities carried out, aimed at the target groups of **asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants of all ages** (children, youngsters, adults). The overall objective is to develop effective and inclusive approaches for the target groups. Therefore, the unit tries to increase the impact on the beneficiaries, to offer structured **paths of integration and social inclusion** among young people, foreigners, and local young people as well as to activate learning paths based on the training needs of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, no matter what age. Non-formal methodologies are used in the majority of activities, as these turn out to be the most appropriate to the needs of the target group.

CESIE is currently participating in the project [Working for a Better World](#) (Erasmus+ KA2) which deals with the **psyco-social support to the professionals** who work with migrants and refugees.

CESIE also coordinates the project [HEAL](#) – enHancing rEcovery and integrAtion through networking, empLoyment training and psychological support for women victims of trafficking, which developed the [Toolkit for the psychological support sessions “Fanzines and coping with trauma”](#).

In 2019 CESIE also collaborated in the [CURO’](#) project which arranged workshops for the **health and inclusion of unaccompanied minors and young adult migrants**.

CESIE benefits from a broad network of partners with 3000+ civil society organisations, youth centres, social actors, schools, universities, VET centres, research centres, public authorities, enterprises and entrepreneurs and it is part of various international, regional and local networks.

CESIE is also part of the informal network of organisations in Palermo supporting the integration, social and labour inclusion of TCNs. It includes SPRAR centers, adult education schools, University of Palermo, Municipality of Palermo, social enterprises, diaspora organisations, associations and CSOs providing support to operators and migrants.

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Considering our work in the support of migrants and refugees and our commitment to the mental health issues for this target group, we look forward to creating synergies within the CoReMH Consortium.



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