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Title: Practices towards good life? The role of religion and faith in the integration

process of immigrants – is it threat or possibility?

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There are rapid changes going on in Europe due to the influx of migrants. In many countries we are facing a challenge to live together in culturally – and religiously – diverse societies in different scale than before. It is largely agreed that some new practices are needed to promote integration of the newcomers. But how ready we are to open up the discussion about the role of the religion(s) and faith(s) in this context?

We express that dialogue between the representatives of different religions and faiths is essential to build mutual understanding and cohesion. But before the parties are capable to start the dialogue they might need some new tools to help the process to begin. Religious literacy is our contribution to introduce one practice to improve the competence of meeting and cooperate with people with different backgrounds. To join us in this workshop we are welcoming all who have practices or examples or other interests concerning religion/faith and integration.