

PROMISE

Promoting refugee Integration Support through youth
Engagement: 1951 Convention and nowadays refugees



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FACT SHEET



Project aim

Promote better acceptance of European decisions for refugees in host communities through: a) creation of discussion forums around key concerns in Europe due to refugee emergency in the context of the 1951 Refugee Convention, and b) development of tools for youth engagement in refugee integration at (trans) national level. The aims of the project will be achieved by creation of (trans)national network of youth motivated to support refugees.

RESULTS

- network of youth supporting refugees created at national level in 6 project countries and linked to transnational network;
- at least 15 active young persons empowered through training with knowledge and skills on refugee protection and work with refugees in each partner country;
- strengthened cooperation between youth, municipalities and NGOs that work with refugees;
- enhanced understanding of 1951 Convention in societies receiving refugees;
- at least 50 persons involved in public debates in each partner country;
- 5 background papers on key contemporary issues related to refugees in Europe produced;
- Guidelines for municipalities on youth engagement in working with refugees;
- European Handbook "Share your voice and time with refugees: good practices of youth engagement in refugee integration".

Impact

Engagement of youth motivated to speak for and support refugees through networking created by the project will contribute to more welcoming environment for relocated/resettled refugees in the mid-term and improved conditions for refugee acceptance and integration in participating countries in a long run, including those opposing recent European decisions on refugees. Linking these youth networks to existing youth organizations and NGOs working with refugees who are project partners will ensure the sustainability of their operation in a medium term, as NGOs frequently need motivated young people in their work. Through transnational network covering all project countries youth groups will have access to good practices in other countries, while training will empower them to shape their actions beyond the project duration. These networks will have a multiplying effect by attracting new members among the youth. Public debates in municipalities and European conference will stimulate a constructive debate on contemporary refugee issues among citizens, since media reports are frequently one-sided.

EVENTS:

- Kick Off Meeting (October 2016)
- First round of public debates I (January-March 2017, partner countries)
- Second round of public debates II (April-June 2017, partner countries)
- European Conference (October 2017, Vilnius, Lithuania)

LEAD PARTNER:

Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

PARTNERS:

- Lithuanian Youth Council (LiJOT) (Lithuania)
- The Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania (Lithuania)
- Foundation for Access to Rights – FAR (Bulgaria)
- Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek (Croatia)
- University of Pécs (Hungary)
- Sopianae Kulturális Egyesület (Hungary)
- University of Catania (Italy)
- London South Bank University Lbg (United Kingdom)
- Associazione AccoglieRete per la Tutela dei MSNA (Italy)
- Volunteer centre Osijek (VCO) (Croatia)
- Svjetski savez mladih Hrvatska (Croatia)

Countries

- Lithuania
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Hungary
- Italy
- United Kingdom

Duration

- 1 September 2016-1 January 2018

Budget

- 97.250 €

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