University of Barcelona Refugee Support Programme. Opportunities in challenging environments

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Welcome to Barcelona!

67.75 million persons of concern globally - end of 2016

UNHCR STATISTICS
The World in Numbers

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Filter by population type

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<td>IDPs</td>
<td>36,627,127</td>
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<td>Returnees</td>
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<td>Stateless persons</td>
<td>3,242,207</td>
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<td>Others</td>
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First challenge. Political will
File: Asylum applications (non-EU) in the EU-28 Member States, 2006–2017 (thousands) YB18.png
File: Countries of origin of (non-EU) asylum seekers in the EU-28 Member States, 2016 and 2017 (thousands of first time applicants) YB18.png
<table>
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<th>Country</th>
<th>Number of Expatriates</th>
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**Note:** The table contains data on the number of expatriates from various countries.
Sea and land arrivals from January 2014

Last updated 20 Sep 2017
### Nationality of arrivals in 2017 (land and sea)

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<td>31 Dec 2017</td>
<td>19.4%</td>
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<td>Syrian Arab Rep</td>
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<td>8.0%</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>31 Dec 2017</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
<td>1,577</td>
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<td>Cameroon</td>
<td>31 Dec 2017</td>
<td>3.2%</td>
<td>919</td>
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<td>Mali</td>
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<td>2.2%</td>
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<td>Guinea-Bissau</td>
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<td>State of Palestine</td>
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### Location of arrivals in June 2017 (land and sea)

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<td>31 Mar 2018</td>
<td>20,985</td>
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<td>Melilla</td>
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<td>31 Mar 2018</td>
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<td>Canary Islands</td>
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### Links
- ACNUR España
  - Página de la Representación de ACNUR en España
- UNHCR Spain website
  - UNHCR Spain website
Second challenge. Higher Education, Young People and the Present (and the Future as well)
Third challenge. Political (in)stability, limited labour and economic resources

Fourth challenge. Social support to welcome movements and political opportunities

Fifth challenge. Spanish refugee recognition status policy
University of Barcelona: Facts and figures

18 faculties and 1 university school
106 departments
676,153 m² constructed area
18 libraries
6 affiliated centres (7 during 2014-2015)

5,190 teachers and researchers
254 contracted research doctors
2,352 administrative and service staff

Students 2013-2014
45,318 bachelor’s degree and pre-EHEA degree/ diploma students
4,791 university master’s degree students
5,387 trainee researchers
9,323 postgraduate students (provisional data)

10,100 bachelor’s degree, pre-EHEA degree and university master’s degree graduates in 2012-2013 and 675 doctoral theses read
UB Solidarity Foundation

- It is the **cooperation & solidarity organization** of the UB.
- It was **created in 1996** by the UB & Món-3 Foundation.
- It **focuses its work** on:
  - social action and volunteerism,
  - development cooperation,
  - the promotion of peace culture, human rights & democratic memory.
- Its work **consists in**:
  - providing advisory and evaluation services,
  - launching its own projects,
  - collaborating with projects of other institutions and organizations, which involve the mobilization of university community members.
- It exercises UB’s social responsibility in the **different environments** in which it is located:
  A. The university community.
  B. Local and national levels (social action).
  C. Internationally (development cooperation).
- Since September 2015, it’s **coordinating the UB Refugee support program**.
Main characteristics:

• Top – bottom process. Rector’s mandate

• Budget

• Resources: Accommodation

• Professors and Administrative staff are very receptive and collaborative
Gestió acadèmica

Hospital Odontològic

Col·legi Major Penyafort

Fac. Psicologia

Esports UB

Fac. Dret

Col·legi Major Ramon Llull

Fac. Medicina

OMPI

EIM

Serveis Lingüístics

Voluntariat UB

Formació Complementària
Some keys of the work

External network

- Public administrations (local and autonomous)
- NGOs and local entities (ACCEM, CEAR, ACATHI)
- Universitat de Barcelona
Refugee support program (Since September 2015)

Coordinated by the UB Solidarity Foundation, it’s based on developing Human Rights perspective; with two fields of action:

- **Humanitarian response (first reception actions):**
  - Academic and educational support (with scholarships).
  - Accommodation (students residences).
  - Social integration (support to language learning & daily life).
  - Legal advice and psychological assistance by University experts.

- **Academic response**
  - Academic cooperation with different countries to palliate the circumstances.
  - Information, training and awareness campaigns (e.g. Mare Nostrum project).

Poster of the exhibition “Syria, the word from exile”, displayed at the University of Barcelona hall during Solidary Autumn
Lines of action

- **Suport a estudiants refugiats o situacions afins**
  - Accés a grau, postgrau, master i doctorat
  - Accés a cursos d'aprenentatge de llengües
  - Allogjament concertat amb ACCEM i CCAR

- **Curs de transició a la Universitat**
  - 15 alumnats de zones en conflicte becats
  - 3 mòduls: cast/cat, selectivitat, DDHH
  - Cofinançat per Aj. Barcelona i UB

- **Projecte Mare Nostrum**
  - Bones pràctiques àmbit local, formació de formadors, articles de reflexió i ànàlisi.
  - Cofinançat per Aj. St. Feliu de Ll. i FCCD

- **Projecte europeu InHere**
  - Identificació i aprofundiment en experiències universitàries de suport a les persones refugiades.
  - Partners: UNIMED, EUA, Campus France, Sapienza Università di Roma

- **Projecte europeu RESCUE**
  - Suport a la creació i gestió d'oficines per l'assessorament de persones refugiades a universitats de Turquia, Iraq, Líbn i Jordània

- **Iniciatives solidàries**
  - Identificació i posada en comú d'aprenentatges i pràctiques en el marc de la cooperació al desenvolupament i la cultura de pau i els DDHH

- **Espais de participació**
  - Col·laboració i participació en espais multilateals: Barcelona Ciutat Refugi, ACUP, Xarxa Vives d'Universitats, CRUE, Grup de Coimbra...
1. Support to Refugee Students or students coming from conflict zones

- 15 posts per year in universitary residence and 2 flats (CEAR and ACCEM agreement)

- 100 free tuition fees to study degrees, postgraduates, masters. Social Conseil exemption of tuition.

- Access to Spanish courses for foreigners

- Psychosocial care

- Legal advice (CITE and in a short term with the legal clínic of the UB)

- Health care
2. Transition course to the University

- Main objective: to promote the access to the university. Network
- Official course recognized as university extension course. UB Students
- Duration: 500 hours
- 15 posts addressed to students, mainly Syrian, that are leaving in Syria, Lebanon,... That are in a vulnerable situation
- Full scholarship: accommodations, pocket Money, free tuition for the course and after (degree, master)
- Cofunded by University of Barcelona and Barcelona City Council
- Buddy program: linguistic exchange and social relations
  - Perspective of Human Rights

Language course (Catalan and Spanish). B2 levels

Preparation to the University

Human Rights
•Challenges (not exhaustive):
  • Visa approvals
  • Renewal of identification cards
  • Emotional and social adaptation
  • Expectations and educational Systems
  • Recognition of studies (PROTOCOL)
  • Changes at the University levels
  • Labour integration
3. Mare Nostrum

- **Aim:** Research about stereotypes and behaviours of public servants and civil society towards refugee and training in order to inform what refugee is, and items to take into account (legal status, psychosocial risks, etc).
- ‘Ajuntament de Sant Feliu de Llobregat and funded by Fons Català de Cooperació al Desenvolupament

- Training. Local servants and local NGOs
- Proposal. Guide of good practices
- Research, analysis and dissemination.
4. Participation in European projects
Xarxa Vives d’Universitats. Coordinació grup de treball sobre cooperació al desenvolupament

ACUP. Participació en la campanya #UniversitatRefugi

Espai Social de Ciutat Refugi. Ajuntament de Barcelona

CRUE (Conferència de Rectors de les Universitats Espanyoles)

Grup de Coimbra
Thank you!

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