



HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORTING
REFUGEES IN EUROPE

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inHERE project recommendations

- >> The inHERE project has developed a series of recommendations to facilitate the integration and the access of refugees to HE in Europe.
- >> Recommendations have been identified during the project implementation and elaborated by the participating institutions in the inHERE events.
- >> Recommendations cover :
 - Access to information
 - Further development and sustainability of best practice
 - Funding
 - Harmonisation of procedures
 - Employability
- >> The identified ideas for improvement can be implemented at different levels, be it at the EU, national governments or institutions level.
- >> A number of actions are already carrying out in this regards by different actors, both in the EU and in third countries impacted by conflicts.
- >> Participants' inputs discussed during the inHERE final conference will also be integrated in the final recommendations paper.



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> ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- >> Improvement of European HE information resources, in the main languages spoken by refugees, in digital format.
- >> Creation of physical welcome desks dedicated to HE & training of staff working in the 1st contact points.
- >> Development of training and guidance materials for HEIs staff on different protection statuses & organization of activities to bring the information directly to the refugee students/researchers.
- >> Dissemination of success stories of refugees' pathways into HE & creation of ambassadors activities.

> FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY

- >> Development of more visible and better resourced initiatives & sustainability of successful projects within the EU policies framework.
- >> Reinforcement of synergies between the various successful initiatives to share ideas & encourage collaboration and common policies.
- >> Definition of national long-term strategies for the development of institutionalized and sustainable initiatives & more coordinated actions.
- >> Integration of support for refugees within the overall HEIs' strategies, as part of their contribution to society, under their 3rd mission.





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> FUNDING

- >> Extension of the existing European funding programmes to refugee students/scholars & creation of a dedicated programme.
- >> Development of existing measures to better finance specific refugee-oriented services, language programmes, cultural training sessions, either directly or by (co-)funding projects of HEIs and other organizations.
- >> Encourage synergies with other initiatives funded by international donors, not to duplicate the actions but to multiply their effects

> HARMONISATION OF PROCEDURES

- >> Reinforcement of efforts to better meet the Lisbon Recognition Convention requirements to ensure the recognition of degrees and prior qualifications.
- >> Enhancement of processes that relate to HE access for refugees at MS level, in consultation and close collaboration with the HE sector and in full respect of HEIs autonomy and academic freedom.
- >> Facilitation, by the EU, of exchange of experience among MS on these issues.





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> EMPLOYABILITY

- >> Better acting in favour of refugees' employment with more flexible working rules & favourable conditions to access work.
- >> Enhancement of the employability of refugee researchers by providing them with guidelines and training to navigate and access the European research market.
- >> Participation of the European HEIs in this process with the integration of academics and scientists in exile & the development of mentoring programmes to facilitate their return to work.

