Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe – BRiDGE

Projects Presentation

**RESEARCHERS in DANGER GOING to EUROPE**

- The highest number of first-time asylum applicants in the second quarter of 2018 was registered in Germany (25 % of all applicants in the EU Member States), followed by France (19 %), Greece (12 %), Spain (12 %) and Italy (10 %). These 5 Member States together account for 78 % of all first-time applicants in the EU28.
- **Sweden and Switzerland** have the highest chance for refugees to find employment.
- One main channel for researchers in danger going to Europe is the Balkan Route (Bulgaria, Serbia, Austria).
- Citizens of 145 countries sought asylum for the first time in the EU in the second quarter of 2018. Syrian, Afghan and Iraq were the top 3 citizens of asylum seekers, lodging 18.300, 9.200 and 8.400 applications respectively.
- **EU-Turkey Deal** (03/2016): a) Biggest refugee population worldwide (3.5 mil) is in Turkey, b) Criticism: a. precariat of legal status of refugees, b. political instability; 8000 Turks have sought asylum in Germany in 2017.

**TARGET GROUP**

Highly skilled refugee researchers, especially early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, especially those with asylum related status.

**LOCATION**

Europe and especially BRIDGE: Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey

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- **DURATION**
  - BRIDGE II: 04/2018-03/2020 (24 months)
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**OBJECTIVES**

Both BRIDGE projects aim to change the life context of RRs and to build a bridge back to a productive environment for researchers. For a long-term integration into a highly competitive labour market both BRIDGE projects in:

- advising, matching and mentoring of RRs,
- involving and supporting academic and industrial mentors for RRs,
- training the above to guide RRs better and manage the involved expectations,
- training non-academic mentors, especially ones from the EURAXESS network,
- training RRs to orientate in the ERA and use the provided resources to restart their career as researchers,
- building networks for RR, mentors and professionals
- providing data, analysis and policy for a complex situation

**BRIDGE Activities**

- BRIDGE and BRIDGE Step II are two complementary projects funded under the Horizon 2020 call Science4Refugees-Support to highly-skilled refugee scientists. From South East Europe to its North the BRIDGE projects give an all-in-one solution for the localized guidance of researchers in danger in the European Research Area (ERA) and enable the 40 EURAXESS country members in the ERA to identify and utilize the potential of refugee researchers (RRs) across Europe.
- Support of up to 520 researchers in danger, with focus on early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, especially those displaced in Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece, Sweden, Austria, Serbia and Turkey.
- Priority will be given further to researchers with an asylum related status.
- The measures are nevertheless open also to researchers with an alternative risk documentation.

The case-to-case support focuses on career development advisory services, training, and academic and non-academic mentoring for the RRs. BRIDGE provides instructive and motivating materials to academic and non-academic mentors; trainings for academic and non-academic mentors and researchers in danger; promotion of best practices in the EURAXESS network through trainings and activities; forming of a network and provision of a pool of experts visible on the EURAXESS Science4Refugees site; networking events and fitting webinars. BRIDGE Step II additionally, launches peer groups and provides stipends for internships for researchers in danger. It supports dual career and gender equality measures, by introducing a quota and piloting a dual career study for refugee researchers.

A quantitative survey on career perspectives of researchers in danger will be conducted.

**EURAXESS** – Researchers in Motion is an initiative of the European Research Area strategy that addresses barriers to the mobility of researchers, supported by 40 European countries and coordinated by the European Commission. It provides support to RRs and their families in mobility and career related issues. More than 500 Service Centres are in place.

**Coming Soon:**

- Pilot Training Course for RRs: ERA Labour Market - what ERA is?
- PIlot training course for RRs: Foster Your Employability and Integrate Better in the Society How to identify and overcome intercultural and required employability skills’ gaps?
- Follow-up webinars
- Publication of Pool of Experts per country

**Contact**

**BRIDGE**

- Location of publications: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/bridge](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/bridge)
- Please send us an e-mail to include you on the expert’s pool of your country: bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de

**Project Results BRIDGE**

- Coming Soon:
  - Career Plan tools for mentors
  - Fostering networks of mentors
  - Piloting a peer mentoring program
  - Piloting an internship program in non-academic sector
  - Piloting a Dual Career Study
  - Pilot training courses “Manage your research career”, “Research career outside academia”,”Transferable skills supporting your research career”, “cultural and social integration”
  - Pilot training courses for academic and industrial mentors
  - Pilot training courses for EURAXESS service centres

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**Partners**

[Bar chart showing contributions of different partners]

**Projects**

- BRIDGE Network Meeting March 27, 2019 in Athens
- Open for researchers in danger, mentors and policy makers

**Register for the next event: BRIDGE Network Meeting March 27, 2019 in Athens**

**Open for researchers in danger, mentors and policy makers**

**BRIDGE for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe**

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**Hands on! Start matching refugee researchers with academic mentors in your institution!**

Photo: Miguel Lins, How to best to integrate academics and students refugees into higher education, European Science Open Forum 2018

**Find out more about BRIDGEs**

[Image of a bridge]

**BRIDGE and BRIDGE Step II, 28.01.2019, Bielefeld, Eleni Andrianopulu**

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