

**EURAXESS Services for Refugee
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Science with and for society

- Call identifier: H2020-SWAFS-2016-17
- **TOPIC : Science4Refugees - Support to highly skilled refugee scientists**
- Provide financial and employability **support to initiatives that support the integration of refugees** into their new employment setting and culture, and to prepare refugees for the highly competitive and highly skilled job market. The visibility of these financially supported initiatives will be increased by making use of the **EURAXESS Portal for dissemination, giving them high EU visibility & offering EU coordination support.** In the medium term, the action aims at supporting research jobs and growth; it will increase the number of highly skilled workers who are sufficiently prepared to access the European labour market by using their newly gained skills and experience through the supported actions.



BRIDGE – Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe

- Duration April 2018 –March 2020
- Funding: European Commission, Horizon2020
- Coordinator: Bielefeld University
- Partners: ETH Zürich, Sofia University Bulgaria, CERTH, ELIAMEP, EKKE Greece, TÜBITAK Turkey
- Experts/Advisers: wide network of NGOs, projects, institutions, such as Scholars at Risk, Adopt an Academic, SCIREA, German Syrian Research Society, TWAS, MCAA,
- Very high synergy effects and network enhancement



BRIDGE Aim

BRIDGE –Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe enhances the support of 220 refugee researchers (RR) during the 24 project months, with special attention paid to early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, especially those displaced in Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey. **The case-to-case support focuses on career development advisory services, training, and academic and non-academic mentoring for the RRs.** The project transfers the given knowledge and experience to the EURAXESS network, the largest relevant network in Europe.



BRiDGE Eligibility

- Horizon2020 Science4Refugees Call Criteria: „Refugee Researchers“ defined as „asylum granted researchers in Europe and Horizon2020 eligible countries“
- This means for BRiDGE
 - 1. a PRIORITY for „asylum granted researchers in Europe and Horizon2020 eligible countries“
 - 2. eligibility is not exclusive, all other categories of refugee researchers, scholars at risk, threatened scholars, asylum seekers will be supported by BRiDGE directly, if capacity is given



BRiDGE Capacity

- Mentoring for 220 Refugee Researchers
- Involving of 200 mentors
- Training of 90 Refugee Researchers and
- 30 mentors
- Activating 500 institutions (universities and research institutes across 40 countries) = EURAXESS Network



BRiDGE for EURAXESS

- Support of refugee researchers (RRs), with special attention paid to early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, especially those displaced in Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey.
- The case-to-case support focuses on career development advisory services, training, and academic and non-academic mentoring for the RRs. Identify and utilize the potential of RRs across Europe.
- Instructive and motivating materials to academic and non-academic mentors
- Trainings for academic and non-academic mentors and refugee researchers
- Promotion of best practices in the EURAXESS network through trainings and activities, and forms a network and pool of experts visible on the EURAXESS Science4Refugees site.



BRIDGE Deliverables in 2018

- Services' map: Gap analysis and map of career advice services for refugee researchers
- Video Handbook (Vlog): Description of the target process for refugee researchers and advisers
- Publication of pool of experts per country – Contributions are needed!
- Test training for Refugee Researchers in Sofia, Bulgaria – Nominate participants!
- Webinar for Refugee Researchers



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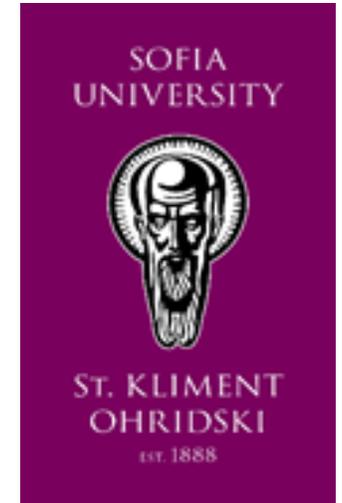
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- Call identifier: H2020-SWAFS-06-2018
- **TOPIC : Science4Refugees - Support to highly skilled refugee scientists**
- This action is addressed to legal entities such as universities, NGOs, the **EURAXESS Service Centres** to bring **involuntary immigrants with a refugee background** into the European research labour market in the new host country.
- Collaboration or coupling with national labour market initiatives are welcome, **however the involvement of an accredited EURAXESS Centre would be beneficial for their experience in welcoming international researchers.** These initiatives will give refugees researchers/scientists the opportunity to develop their knowledge and careers by improving their skills and employability.
- Provide support for the career development of refugee researchers, both women and men, to support their integration into their new employment settings and culture, and to prepare female and male refugees for the highly competitive and highly skilled job market.



BRiDGE Step II – Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe Step II

- Duration January 2019 – December 2021 (tentative)
- Funding: European Commission, Horizon2020
- Coordinator: Bielefeld University
- Partners: University of Gothenburg, ETH Zürich, OeAD Austria, MEF Serbia, Sofia University , CERTH, University of the Aegean
- Third parties: ELIAMEP, MCAA, German Syrian Research Society
- Advisory Board: Researchers on Migration issues, Community members, NGOs
- Very high synergy effects and network enhancement



BRiDGE Step II Aim

Bridge for Researchers Going to Europe – Step II (BRiDGE II) is a EURAXESS project to support the career and identify the individual career planning and development needs of 300 highly skilled refugee researchers (RR) in the 24 project months to a long-term integration in the labour market of the European Union member states and its associated countries. It focusses especially on early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, who are affiliated with a research institution in the European Research Area or a Research and Development department of a company and especially those displaced for the last two years and meets their needs, by providing 300 career case plans.

The case-to-case support places a focus on high quality guiding and career development services, training and academic and industrial mentoring for the RRs. The project aims further at transferring the given knowledge and experience to the EURAXESS network.



New Call: MSCA for researchers at risk

- H2020-MSCA-RR-2018
- Deadline: 04 December 2018
- Funding will be given to a consortium of organisations with (i) experiences in supporting researchers at risk and (ii) knowledge of related European and national R&I funding programmes. “Researchers at risk” refers to researchers who are either at risk in their origin countries (due to discrimination, persecution, suffering and/or violence), or are seeking refuge out of these reasons or have recently found refuge in Europe.
- Special attention will be given to assess the effectiveness of existing measures in European and national R&I programmes and to develop recommendations for policy-makers for effective programmes addressing support to researchers at risk to continue their scientific career in Europe, to find employment in line with their expertise and to support their integration in society in Europe.^[1]
- The consortium should also build up cooperation with other related networks. It should also increase visibility of these R&I programmes to potential beneficiaries, especially in the non-academic sector. Therefore, particular focus should also be given to training schemes for researchers at risk, in line with the recommendation set out in the Report of the independent High Level Group on maximising the impact of EU Research & Innovation Programmes^[2].



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- The focus throughout these activities should be on **topics specific to MSCA in relation to researchers at risk, in particular scientific excellence, skills and career development, intersectoral mobility, entrepreneurship, equal opportunities and inclusiveness, attractive working conditions, work/life balance, and lead to policy recommendations in this thematic area. It should not duplicate other actions foreseen under Horizon 2020, notably Science4Refugees.** Furthermore, the activities should complement actions in Member States and Associated Countries.
- In order to ensure maximum inclusiveness, the consortium should gather a group of legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries with broad experiences in the field of supporting and integrating researchers at risk in Europe and beyond. Representatives from other entities from EU Member States, Associated Countries or third countries from outside the consortium might however be invited to participate in the CSA's activities (e.g. workshops and conferences) for exchanging best practices.



New Call: MSCA for researchers at risk

- An improved, sustainable and professionalized support network for researchers at risk across Europe, facilitating access to Horizon 2020 calls, creating level playing field for applicants to MSCA and other R&I programmes, and raising the average quality of submitted proposals.
- A more consistent and sustained level of preparedness for supporting researchers at risk in Europe.



**Thank you for your
attention!**

