



BRIDGE and BRIDGE II projects for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe

BRIDGE II NETWORK MEETING
(OPEN INVITATION TO RR AND NETWORK)

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EURAXESS is 1 of the ERA key priorities:

- Network of more than **500** research org. in **40** European countries and more than **1100** supporting staff members
- Free services and support to the mobility and career development of researchers

EURAXESS corresponds to

- **An open labour market for researchers**

Facilitating mobility, supporting training and ensuring attractive careers





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EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers.



Germany's universities and refugees at a glance

418 universities; 2,85 millions students; 358.895 international students from China, India, Russia, Austria, Italy, 24206 international doctoral students; international researchers from USA, UK, Switzerland, France, Austria. Germany is in the TOP 3-5 in all host country parameters of internationals

35% of the refugees entered Germany 2013-2016 have a secondary school certificate (Germany average 51%); 13% have a degree in the tertiary education (17% average Germany)

Sources: destatis 2017/18, 2016/17, Wissenschaft weltoffen 2017, IAB-BAMF-SOEP 2017

Full Services for app. 60 Researchers at Risk at Bielefeld University

- Guiding
- Matching
- Mentoring
- Access to all services of Uni Bielefeld on the spot, such as
 - Welcome Services (full portfolio, individual services)
 - German classes, seminars, library etc.
- Lehrkräfte Plus Teachers' Program

Results from Bielefeld University for immediate use

- Europe wide mailing list scholarsatrisk@uni-bielefeld.de
- Pool of ca. 20 mentors
- Pool of ca. 60 RR
- Networks
- Expertise
- Questionnaire and Results of Educational Backgrounds and Aspirations: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/bi2000plus/projekte/befragung_gefluechtet.html

Refugees in 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

Balkan Route (**Bulgaria**, **Serbia**, **Austria**) to achieve a thorough analysis of the situation and maximum distribution of the results.

Citizens of 145 countries sought asylum for the first time in the EU in the second quarter of 2018. Syrian, Afghan and Iraqi were the top 3 citizenships of asylum seekers, lodging 18.300, 9.200 and 8.400 applications respectively.

EU-**Turkey** Deal (03/2016):

- Biggest refugee population worldwide (3,5 mil) is in Turkey
- Criticism: a. precariat of legal status of refugees, b. political instability: 8000 Turks have sought asylum in Germany in 2017

Eurostat, statistics explained, Asylum Statistics quarterly report: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Asylum_quarterly_report, Last Access: 01/12/2018

Mediendienst Migration: <https://mediendienst-integration.de/migration/flucht-asyl/eu-asylpolitik.html>, Last Access: 11.01.2019

“Labour market performance of refugees in the EU” (Working paper 1/2017: Analytical support to the Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2016 Review (ESDE 2016) Chapter 3: The Labour Market and Social Integration of Refugees in the EU, European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Unit A.4

BRiDGE - „Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe“

- **TOPIC : Science4Refugees** - Support to highly skilled refugee scientists
- Topic identifier: H2020, SwafS-26-2017
- 2 year project
- Start – April 2018
- 7 participants
 - Bielefeld University (Germany), coordinator
 - (ETH) Zürich (Switzerland),
 - Sofia University (Bulgaria),
 - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey in Ankara (TÜBITAK),
 - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (Greece)
 - National Center of Social Research (Greece),
 - Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (Greece)



BRiDGE project target group

Following the inclusive principal:
WHO is eligible?

Refugee Researchers (RRs)

- Priority for RRs with asylum status
- RRs awaiting for the status
- HE degree holders
- Master students



Mentors and Lectors

- Any interested academic representative in any field of science
- Any interested industrial or NGO representative
- Research and University administrators working with RRs

Opportunities for RR training

Pilot courses for RR

- **ERA Labour Market - what ERA is ?**



- what are the specifics of the European labour market
- what qualifications, skills and knowledge are necessary for career development in Europe

- **Foster Your Employability and integrate better in the society - how to identify and overcome intercultural and required employability skills' gaps**

- enhancing intercultural dialogue
- making use of the EURAXESS Portal – how to find suitable jobs, trainings, language courses and learn about and use Buddy System

BRiDGE What we did?

- 1st BRiDGE Training for RRs, 27th Nov 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria



BRiDGE What is ahead?

- 1st BRiDGE webinar “How Do I Present Myself and My Skills?” – 28 Jan 2019
- 2nd BRiDGE Training for RRs, 13th Feb 2019, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2nd BRiDGE webinar – TBA, Apr 2019
- 3rd BRiDGE Training for RRs, 10th May 2019, Ankara, Turkey
- 4th BRiDGE Training for RRs, 19th July 2019, Bielefeld, Germany

Opportunities for Mentors



1. Pilot course for the **15 academic mentors in Germany**
~Sept-Oct 2019
 - one (1) online training (suitable webinar)
2. Pilot course for **15 non-academic mentors in Greece**
~ Sept-Oct 2019
 - one (1) online training (suitable webinar)



BRiDGE activities

- Matching and Mentoring
 - Researcher to Researcher
 - Supporting relations and networks
 - Peer and non-peer mentoring
 - Examining potential and policy recommendations of existing mentoring schemes and concepts
 - Hypothesis 1: Transborder team for case-to-case work
 - Hypothesis 2: Mentoring Networks
- Participation:
 - address directly the controllers in the specific countries
 - www.uni-Bielefeld.de/bridge

BRIDGE II - „Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe - Step II“

- **TOPIC : Science4Refugees** - Support to highly skilled refugee scientists
- Topic identifier: H2020, SwafS-06-2018
- **2 year project**
- **Start – Jan 2019**
- 8 participants
 - **(Coordinator) Bielefeld University, Germany**
 - University of Gothenburg, Sweden
 - ETH Zurich, Switzerland
 - Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research, Austria
 - Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Niš, Serbia
 - Sofia University, Bulgaria
 - Centre for Research & Technology, Hellas, Greece
 - University of the Aegean, Greece
- 2 third Parties
 - Marie Curie Alumni Association
 - German Syrian Research Society

BRIDGE II project target group

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- RRs awaiting for the status
- HE degree holders
- Students
- Affiliation with a HEI or RI



Mentors and Lectors

- Any interested academic representative in any field of science
- Any interested industrial or NGO representative



BRiDGE II activities

- Pilot **courses** and training for social integration and career development of RRs;
- **Internship** program
- 300 **Career Plan** Cases for RRs
- **Dual Career** Case study
- Pilot **courses** and training **for mentors** of RRs;
- Peer networks for RR (discipline groups), academic mentors, industry mentors
- Provision of **mentorship, services and support for the individual professional development of refugee scientists**;

Opportunities for RR training

Four (4) pilot courses for RRs

- *Manage your research career*
- *Research career outside academia*
- *Transferable skills supporting your research career*
- *Cultural and social integration*

The courses will be tested in four different countries (e.g. **Greece**, **Austria**, **Germany**, **Sweden or Switzerland**) with **15 RRs** per training

Four (4) suitable webinars (Milestone 2e)



Opportunities for Mentors

Two (2) pilot courses for academic and industrial mentors

- Two (2) one-day **‘Train the Trainer’** courses for **15 academic mentors** and **15 industrial mentors** in two different countries (e.g. **Germany, Austria or Sweden**)
 - Two (2) online trainings (suitable **webinar** to complement the courses)
- **Continuous support** and information will be provided **to each individual** after the completion of the training course by the task team. (Milestone 3b and 3c)



Opportunities for EURAXESS Staff

One (1) pilot course for EURAXESS Service Centres

- One (1) 'Train the Trainer' course for **15 EURAXESS Service Centres** members (staff) and other related advisers (e.g. in **Bulgaria** or **Serbia**)
- Materials published on the portal for further use





EURAXESS TOP: Task RR Integration

EURAXESS Conference May 2019

- **WS 3: Support Services for Refugee Researchers** – Werner Fulterer, OEAD, BRiDGE II Partner
- **WS 5: Intercultural competence workshop** – Svetlana Dimitrova, Sofia U, BRiDGE and BRiDGE II Partner
- **Discussion Table 3: Intercultural integration** – Svetlana Dimitrova, Sofia U, BRiDGE and BRiDGE II Partner
- **Discussion Table 7: Researchers at Risk in Europe: EURAXESS Networks, Support and Integration** – Eleni Andrianopulu, Bielefeld U, BRiDGE and BRiDGE II Coordinator

WHAT and HOW you can get involved?



- **Contacts** with RRs
- Identification of **participants** in the project activities – trainings and mentoring
- Become **mentors**
- Join the project activities as **lecturers** in the pilot **trainings for RRs**
- Join the project activities as **lecturers** in the pilot “TTT” courses **for mentors**

Thank you!



QUESTIONS

