

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



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Welcome

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

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



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- **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
 - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, Greece
 - National Center of Social Research, Greece
 - Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Greece



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 years project
- Start – Dec 2018
- 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 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
- + Affiliation with a HEI or RI (BRiDGE II)

Mentors and Lectors

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



BRiDGE and BRiDGE Step II

What is ahead in the next months?

- 2nd BRiDGE Network Meeting, 27 March 2019, Athens
- 1st BRiDGE II Training for RRs, Cultural and social integration, March 29 2019, Lesbos
- 2nd BRiDGE webinar – TBA, Apr 2019
- 3rd BRiDGE Training for RRs, 9 May 2019, Ankara
- 1st BRiDGE II Network Meeting for academic mentors, 12 June 2019, Bielefeld
- 4th BRiDGE Training for RRs, 19 July 2019, Bielefeld



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 and BRiDGE II activities



- Europe-wide Experts' Directory: www.uni-Bielefeld.de/bridge
- Internship program
- Dual Career Case study
- Peer networks for RR (discipline groups), academic mentors, industry mentors
- Provision of mentorship, services and support for the individual professional development of refugee scientists;



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**



Questions?



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**Thank you for your
attention!**

