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**PROJECT BRIDGE FOR RESEARCHERS GOING TO EUROPE
– TRAINING “CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL
INTEGRATION FOR REFUGEE RESEARCHERS”
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ABOUT THE LECTORS

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ELENI ANDRIANOPULU (MAIN RESPONSIBLE) (F), DIPLOMA IN TRANSLATION AND LINGUISTICS, IS THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY (UNIBI), HEAD OF THE WELCOME CENTRE / EURAXESS SERVICE CENTRE, SCHOLARS AT RISK (SAR) INSTITUTIONAL MAIN REPRESENTATIVE AND ASSISTANT TO THE VICE-RECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DIVERSITY. SHE HAS WORKED AS A GERMAN DELEGATE AT THE EUROPEAN STUDENT UNION (FORMER ESIB 2004-2005), MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD) (2006-2012) AND IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE AS AN ASSESSOR FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY FOR RESEARCHERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND AS AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OF THE EURAXESS TOP IV PROJECT UNDER HORIZON2020 SWAFS 24- 2017. FURTHER, SHE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONITORING OF ALL 14 PROJECTS IN THE INTERNATIONALISATION AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY (2016-2019) OF UNIBI AND HAS SINCE 2015 A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE STRATEGIES, THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF THIRD PARTY FUNDING IN PROJECTS FOR REFUGEES AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS AT UNIBI, LIKE HORIZON2020 (BRIDGE AND BRIDGE STEP II), HUMBOLDT-FOUNDATION (PSI 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH ROUND), MERCATOR FOUNDATION (REFUGEES), DAAD (STIBET-DOKTORANDEN) AND TOTAL E-QUALITY ADD ON DIVERSITY 2017. SHE IS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL STEERING GROUPS SUCH AS FOR THE DIVERSITY AUDIT AT UNIBI BY THE STIFERVERBAND, AND FOR THE INITIATIVE “BIELEFELD2000PLUS, RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR THE REGION”, AIMING IN

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Bridge for Researchers Going to Europe is a 24-month long EURAXESS project to support the long-term careers of 300 highly skilled refugee researchers and their integration into the labor markets of the European Union member states and its associated countries. It provides high quality guidance, mentoring and training for refugee researchers, especially postdocs and professors displaced for more than two years in Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden.

The main objective of the project is to support refugee researchers displaced in these countries to find their long term professional realization in research and business organizations in Europe by providing dedicated to their needs training, mentoring and internship program, as well as opportunities for beneficial networking, contacts and sharing of personal experience.

More information and news about the project is available on:

<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/bridge2.html>