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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Bridge for Researchers Going to Europe – Step II 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