



**PROJECT BRIDGE FOR RESEARCHERS GOING TO EUROPE – STEP II
MEETING “DEFINING THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR AN EFFECTIVE PILOT PEER
GROUP OF RESEARCHERS IN DANGER (RD) AT EUROPEAN SCALE”
07 OCTOBER 2019, MYTILENE, LESVOS, GREECE**

**VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF AEGEAN, MARINE SCIENCES BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, MEETING
ROOM**

I N V I T A T I O N

WE WOULD LIKE TO KINDLY INVITE YOU TO THE UPCOMING

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PLEASE, FIND BELOW THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MEETING.

ALL EXPENSES OF RESEARCHERS IN DANGER (TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, PER DIEM) ARE
COVERED BY THE PROJECT.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS **13TH OF SEPTEMBER** OF 2019.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU AT THE MEETING!



BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

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 labour 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.

More information and news about the project is available on:

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

One important task of BRIDGEII project is to create a **pilot peer group of researchers in danger (RD)** of various nationalities, living in European countries. This task focusses in bringing together RD on their path to a future career. Therefore, the University of the Aegean and Bielefeld University in collaboration with the German Syrian Research Society will invite RD in discipline groups to collaborate and share knowledge and build up peer mentoring relationships. The pilot group will meet at 7th of October in Mytilene (Lesvos – Greece) is going to

1. Bring together 20 RD from all disciplines (humanities, social sciences, life sciences, natural sciences) to exchange their experience
2. Discuss and define the strategic priorities, which are important for an effective pilot peer group of RD at European scale (i.e. information exchange, use of existing social networks, new IT tools etc).
3. Discuss existing networks, IT tools (i.e. social network platforms, E-mail), knowledge inventories, best practices of existing initiatives in the topic will be examined in order to set the main path for the pilot peer group formation.
4. Plan next activities of the “peer group”



Agenda of 7th October 2019

Registration	08.30 – 09.00
Introduction and Welcome Welcome words by the organizers Eleni Andrianopoulou “An Introduction to the BRIDGEII project” Rania Tzoraki “Introduction of the University of the Aegean” Dimitris Papageorgiou Vice rector of the Aegean University - welcome words	09.00 – 09:20
Welcome Round and Check- in All participants briefly introduce their work	09:20 - 10:00
Setting the Scene Part 1 Brief input on the current state of play of the BRIDGEII pilot peer group Rania Tzoraki introduction to the seminar methodology Shadi Hambo (GSRS) presents “What we expect for a Peer group as a Syrian-German network”	10:00 - 11:00
Coffee break	11:00 - 11:30
Pro – Action Café Round 1 Moderators (Eleni Andrianopulu-Rania Tzoraki-Shadi Hambo)	11:30 - 13:00
Lunch	13:00 - 14:00
Pro – Action Café Round 2 Moderators (Eleni Andrianopulu-Rania Tzoraki-Shadi Hambo)	14:00 - 16:00
Coffee break	16:00 – 16:30
Pro – Action Café Round 3 Moderators (Eleni Andrianopulu-Rania Tzoraki-Shadi Hambo)	16:30 – 18:00
Summary, next steps, wrap up Moderators (Eleni Andrianopulu-Rania Tzoraki-Shadi Hambo)	18:00 – 18:30
Open Invitation for the academic community of the Aegean University and the stakeholders in a video presentation „BRiDGE - VIDEO HANDBOOK FOR MENTORS OF RESEARCHERS IN DANGER” and discussion with the BRIDGE II coordinator about the work done so far	19:00-19:30
Dinner	20:00



METHODOLOGY

The methodology of the meeting is based on the concept of the “Pro Action Café”, which is a methodology for creative and inspirational conversations. Participants are invited to share their questions (around projects – seed ideas) and get group input from others. In a Pro Action Café, topics are brought forward by participants themselves. There is no set agenda, only overall guiding questions, ideas and “setting-the-scene” presentation with the intention of deepening the learning process of all participants. Pro Action Café combines both the concepts of World Café and Open Space Technology. From World Café is the usage of tables, from Open Space is the idea of self-organised agenda building and session hosting incorporated. (<http://www.plays-in-business.com/proaction-cafe/>, Access 30/07/2019)

Short setting-the-scene presentations provide a possibility for BRIDGE II RR and invited stakeholders to bring in key information. After the Introduction and the setting the scene presentations, there are three rounds of conversation in café style – each guided by a few generic questions to help deepen and focus the conversations.

- (1) **Round 1:** *“What is the quest behind the question/project?”* —
- (2) **Round 2:** *“What is missing?”*
- (3) **Round 3:** *“What am I learning about myself?”* — *“What am I learning about my project?”* — *“What next steps will I take?”* — *“What help do I still need?”*

In each round, a new set of participants joins together at the tables, benefiting from the collective intelligence present during the event.

LOCATION

The event will take place at the University of the Aegean premises, University hill, Marine Science Department Building, (2nd floor- meeting room) 81100 Mytilene (Greece).



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PLEASE SEND TO US AN E-MAIL

- A) EXPLAINING IN A SHORT PARAGRAPH THE REASON WHY YOU WANT TO JOIN THE PILOT PEER GROUP OF RESEARCHERS IN DANGER
- B) THE ELECTRONIC FORM OF THE CONSENT FORM, SIGNED, IN AN ATTACHED FILE (AS PICTURE OF PDF FILE).

LINK TO CONSENT FORM FOR BRIDGEII PROJECT:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/BRIDGE2-Consent-Form-EN.pdf>

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