

FROM REFUGEE TO ENTREPRENEUR

ERASMUS+ K2 Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices



In the past years, more than one million refugees have come to Europe, and the influx will continue.

From Refugee to Entrepreneur is an Erasmus + project with aim to gather good practices in the field of entrepreneurship of the refugees in the four partners countries (Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia).

A refugee entrepreneur brings many potential benefits to the host community and it is a challenge and not usual choice for a refugee.



REFENT Partnership

The REFENT partnership consists of four qualified European education providers:



Wissenschaftsinitiative
Niederösterreich
Science Initiative Lower Austria



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WIN, Science Initiative Lower Austria
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Inštitut Integra, Velenje, Slovenia
www.eu-integra.eu

QUALED, Žilina, Slovakia
www.qualified.net

REFENT Objective

The overall objective of our partnership is to provide an overview about projects, initiatives and methods which train, support and facilitate entrepreneurship for refugees and immigrants, especially in the field of IT entrepreneurship of women.



Output 1: Website and E-platform

- Will give access to a database of all initiatives and materials concerning the content of the e-platform
- Will be set up as a blog in order to allow interactivity of interested parties. The blog will provide links to relevant websites and platforms.
- Including other supporting programmes for immigrant entrepreneurs, in particular women

CONTENT OF THE E-PLATFORM

Market
conditions

Polices

Administrational
settings

Entrepreneurship
skills and support
programmes

How to train skills and knowledge to
generate creative ideas especially in IT
based business

Output 2: Online Interactive Forum

- ❑ Will facilitate the exchange between VET educators and counsellors working with future entrepreneurs on local and European level.
- ❑ Will provide possibility to break down language barriers between users from different countries.
- ❑ Will foster exchange and assist initiatives that contribute to the European society as a whole.



Output 3: Catalogue “Support for Refuge Entrepreneurs”

- ❑ Will give an overview about the current situation of the specific project environment in the partners’ countries.
- ❑ Will be enriched with the outcomes of the four transnational meetings in each partner country where experts from respective national and local VET organisations will discuss the issue with the representatives of our strategic partnership.



Target Groups

- VET and adult education trainers
- Organisations that will make use of the identified and selected materials to design and offer respective measures for refugees who want to become entrepreneurs.



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Intangible Results

Personal and professional enrichment

for approximately 100 to 150 vocational teachers and trainers who are participants in the four national events in Austria, Slovakia, Slovenia and Germany.

Intensive exchange of experience and discussions

on good practice examples, shared between the participants in the events and online forums, will create a sense of ownership of the project's content during the project life-cycle and beyond.



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