



Inspiring practices: Higher Education helping newly arrived refugees

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This list is the result of responses to an EU Survey launched by the European Commission on 24 September 2015 among universities and student organisations. It has been further completed following a workshop organised on 6 October 2015 with 25 representatives of Erasmus+ National Agencies, universities and student organisations. The aim is not to be exhaustive, but to share some practices taking place in different parts of the EU.

Challenges	Inspiring practices (<i>examples italicised</i>)
<p>Develop refugee access to higher education outside Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of volunteers in the camps to provide advice in the areas of study and employment opportunities (<i>Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt</i>). • Offer education, including language courses, in refugee camps (<i>University of Groningen; Hamburg University of Technology</i>) • Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) as preparatory courses for language and study skills (Ready4Study MOOC consortium made of Goethe Universität Frankfurt Am Main, Stifterverband, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, DAAD, FernUniversität in Hagen, Bilderfest factual entertainment and Candena; Organisation of MOOCs by European Association of Distance Teaching Universities (EADTU) members; IN-Touch programme at University of Bremen, with distance language learning, with a view to integrate a University course in the future; TESSA -Teacher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa project- offers continued professional development in a distance learning format). • International university for refugees (KIRON University's crowdfunding campaign: blended learning tailor made and free of charge with the possibility to get an accredited degree). • HEI partnerships (<i>Artesis Plantijn University College is one of the participating partners in the ASSUR project that intends to develop mobility-based cooperation between 7 Syrian HE institutions and 11 EU HE institutions, Italy</i>).
<p>Raise awareness in society / cultural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of teachers to adopt inclusive practices when working with young refugees/migrants (Ludwigsburg)



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[University of Education](#); Uppsala University is training teachers and other school officials to work with migrant children).

- **Hold talks, debates and conferences to raise awareness among students, staff and externals** (*University of Groningen; Universiteit Hasselt; the Central European University held a conference called "Unifying Refugee Aid: Building Civil Society Cooperation Along the Western Balkan Route" in February 2016; the Blekinge Institute of Technology addressed the issue of migration during an International Day where external lecturers, experts in relatreas spread research results and good practices to students, local High School students and to the public; In the context of incoming staff mobility from Kazakhstan funded by Erasmus+, the Leiden University's graduate school of teaching (ICLON) held a workshop during which Syrian, Kazakh and Dutch colleagues assembled a curriculum for an imaginary study programme in higher education).*
- **Specific calls for projects and research on the refugee crisis** (*University of Applied Sciences Ludwigshafen in the Rhine; Malmö University allocated funding for 3 years devoted to research on the refugee crisis; Södertörn University issued a special call for academic projects relating to the refugee crisis; Mid Sweden University has launched a research project on Migration and Health; "Halaten" project led by the University of Turku aims to analyze the integration experience of unaccompanied children and youngsters who settled in the host country).*
- **New Courses dedicated to the refugee crisis** (*PH Salzburg Stefan Zweig has implemented a curricula: "Migration und Schule - Migration in Education" and offers an additional course programme for teachers at primary and secondary schools; Oslo and Akershus University College have developed a master's course in psychosocial work with minority patients with special focus on asylum seekeres and refugees. This course also develops practical treatment/rehabilitation skills and organisational skills; the University of Applied Labour Studies of the German Federal Employment Agency set up a 3-month practice for 250 students to register refugees, including a guided-practice period with two mandatory reflection reports; Hasselt University has developed more modules/programmes on cultural diversity, global citizenship and peace education).*
- **Organize mediation services to prevent conflicts and share practices between mediators and refugee workers**



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<i>(Grünes Netz Mediation network).</i>

Have you implemented other types of activities that are not listed above and that could be interesting to share?
Please share them with us via EAC-HIGHER-EDUCATION-FOR-REFUGEES@ec.europa.eu. We will regularly update the above list.