



BRiDGE – Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe Newsletter

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About the Project

BRiDGE is a project funded under the Horizon 2020 call SwafS-26-2017: **Science4Refugees-Support to highly skilled refugee scientists**. BRiDGE is a two year project that started on April 1st, 2018.

From South East Europe to its heart **BRiDGE** gives an all-in-one solution for the localized guidance of refugee researchers (RRs) in the European Research Area (ERA) and enables the 40 EURAXESS country members in the ERA to identify and utilize the potential of RRs across Europe.

BRiDGE for refugee researchers at a glance

Support of 220 RRs focus on early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, especially those displaced in Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey. Priority will be given further to researchers with an asylum related status. The measures are nevertheless open also to researchers without asylum, such as threatened scholars, if capacity is given.

The case-to-case support focuses on career development advisory services, training, and academic and non-academic mentoring for the RRs.

Trainings for academic and non-academic mentors and refugee researchers

Promotion of best practices in the EURAXESS network through trainings and activities and network and pool of experts visible on the EURAXESS Science4Refugees site



Impact of BRiDGE

- The project facilitates the efforts of the European Union to help RRs settle into their host country of residence and prepare RR for the highly competitive and highly skilled EU job market.
- The project outcomes will contribute to increasing RRs' employability and making use of the EURAXESS Portal, more specifically the "Buddy System" and Science4Refugees Initiative¹. The knowledge and experience to be gained, the methodologies to be developed will enable the future integration of RRs in the European Societies.

BRiDGE Work plan

BRiDGE is structured in 5 interrelated Work Packages (WPs):

- **WP1 Ethics and Data Protection** focused on Ethics and data protection in line with national and European regulations and laws on personal data protection.
- **WP2 Project Management and Team Coordination** devoted to the coordination, monitoring and reporting on the project's progress.



- **WP3 Advice and Mentoring**, which is the base for the implementation of other WPs, will analyze and map existing services and legal conditions and then, offering **academic and non-academic mentoring to involve 220 RRs and expand the network services for RRs.**
- **WP4 Courses and Materials**, which aims at preparing and conducting of two (2) **pilot courses** and supporting materials for RRs, one (1) pilot Train the Trainer course for their academic and one (1) for non-academic mentors.
- **WP5 Dissemination and Outreach** with the scope to establish a comprehensive, consistent and sustainable dissemination strategy for the project which **enhances the impact** of the co-generated project activities for all target audiences, **especially for RRs and EURAXESS members.**

¹ Science for Refugees is a European Commission initiative to help refugee scientists and researchers find suitable jobs that both improve their own situation and put their skills and experience to good use in Europe's research system. For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/science4refugees/index.cfm>



Consortium

BRIDGE team consists of experienced members of the EURAXESS Network², who use their knowledge and expertise as well as the already established long term cooperation to resolve RRs' cases. Geographical coverage of the project team marks a **BRIDGE from South East Europe to its heart**, including so called final destination countries, entry countries and Turkey, a transit, conditional host and origin country of RRs at the same time.

Seek personalized assistance for refugee researchers here:

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² EURAXESS Researchers in Motion is a pan-European initiative established jointly by Members States and the European Commission to facilitate researchers' mobility within Europe and some Third countries, <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>



BRiDGE Pilot training courses

Within **WP4 Courses and Materials**, the following **pilot training courses** are planned to be held:

Opportunities for Refugee Researchers

What	Where	When
<p>Pilot training course for RRs: ERA Labour Market - what ERA is?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the specifics of the European labour market? <p>What qualifications, skills and knowledge are necessary for career development in Europe?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bielefeld, Germany • Thessaloniki, Greece • Ankara, Turkey • 1 more course in country to be announced in September 2019 • Follow-up training • 2 online trainings - webinars for Refugee Researchers located in different countries with mobility limitations 	<p>From January 2019</p>
<p>Pilot training course for RRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Foster Your Employability and Integrate Better in the Society -How to identify and overcome intercultural and required employability skills´ gaps? • enhancing intercultural dialogue • making use of the EURAXESS Portal : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ how to find suitable jobs, ○ trainings, ○ language courses and ○ learn about and use Buddy System 		



A good tool to start your intercultural training is the **intercultural assistant**:
<https://www.euraxess.bg/bulgaria/intercultural-assistant>

More support:

The team of **BRIDGE**, furthermore would like to drive your attention to the following projects and experts for refugee researchers:

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

This is a **preliminary pool of experts and useful projects**. Please contact us for changes on the list, and to include experts in your country.

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