

International cooperation for rehabilitation and social integration of refugee women in Turkey and in Europe

During the past years, there has been a massive influx of refugees, originating from the Middle East and North Africa countries heading towards Europe, fleeing from extreme political situations and war. As a consequence, the refugee crisis is a phenomenon appearing throughout Europe. Some countries are the final destination of the refugees (especially Northern Europe) while others are transit zones (such as Albania, Romania) and others are receiving the large number of a refugee population that arrives in the borderline of Europe (such as Greece). Greece and Turkey, especially after the EU-Turkey agreement, are providing accommodation and other necessary services to the majority of these refugees.

Particularly, the Refugee population in Greece has estimated to circa 62.000 and over half of them are women and children. During the year 2016, more than a fifth of refugees and asylum-seekers in Greece have been women. Mothers trying to take care of their family while facing discrimination. Women refugees are a vulnerable group and when it comes to their integration to the European society some steps need to be taken very carefully.

This is a very important matter for the European Union. As a result, the EU promotes actions towards migrant integration and in particular women. Through the implementation of European projects, organizations all around Europe are able to achieve desirable results.

One such project is '[REFUGEE WOMEN](#)'. This is a project being implemented under the Erasmus+ European programme and it is dealing with the issue of integration of these refugee women who are not hosted in a camp and face daily physical and psychological challenges. The project aims to produce an applicable model and training programs for integration into society as well as rehabilitation.

The project aims to the smooth integration of refugee women in the host society. Women living out of camps face numerous difficulties which need to be addressed and resolved not only for the well-fare of these women but also for the good of the society. Refugee women can contribute actively and play a major role in the economic and cultural advancement of the country that hosts them.

The project has a very strong consortium of partners, ready to implement every aspect and bring the best results to the picture. The project partners are:

- 1) Markalasma Yenilikcilikve Kalite Gelistirme Dernegi (MARKAYDER) from Turkey
- 2) Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (IED) from Greece
- 3) Aydin Genc Isadamlari Dernegi from Turkey
- 4) Slovenia Tool and Die Development Centre (TECOS)
- 5) Regions Development Foundation (FRR) from Poland
- 6) Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Craft of the Czech Republic (AMSP CR) from Czech Republic
- 7) Molise verso il 2000 from Italy

Women constitute the pillar of a family. Refugee women deserve equal opportunities to take care of their children. By helping the get integrated into the society we are giving these families a fighting chance to rebuild their life and their future. This is why these project could be considered the most important. They have a social impact that can change the world as we know it!