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# FACILITATING THE INTEGRATION OF RESETTLED REFUGEES IN CROATIA, ITALY, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

## A BRIEF OVERVIEW

DONOR	Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the European Union
CONSORTIUM	IOM Adecco Foundation Consorzio Communitas UNISTRASI
PROJECT DURATION	January 2019 December 2020
GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE	Croatia, Italy, Portugal and Spain

## BACKGROUND

### WHAT IS RESETTLEMENT?

Resettlement is an **international protection tool** to meet the specific needs of refugees. Resettlement is also a durable solution for refugees as well as a **demonstration of international solidarity and responsibility-sharing**, relieving pressure on countries hosting large numbers of refugees. It gives a chance to begin life anew to many who would otherwise have neither home nor country to call their own.

To prepare refugees for resettlement and to prepare States to receive them, IOM works closely with governments on the design and implementation of their resettlement programmes. At the earliest opportunity prior to departure, States should ensure that each refugee is **well informed, appropriate attention is given to their health and well-being**, and by extension to host and receiving communities to ensure necessary arrangements are in place for their **safe travel and meaningful integration**.



## OBJECTIVES

The COMMIT project aims at facilitating the integration of resettled refugees in Croatia, Italy, Spain and Portugal by:

**Enhancing pre-departure orientation (PDO)**, including by enabling contacts with reception community members since the pre-departure phase;

**Strengthening community support**, including through building the capacities of key stakeholders in receiving communities and piloting community mentorship schemes with specific attention to supporting vulnerable groups;

**Fostering transnational exchange** between newer and more experienced resettlement countries to identify and disseminate lessons learnt and best practices beyond the project's geographical scope.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Building on their extensive experience in research, the **University for Foreigners of Siena (UNISTRASI)** works together with IOM to prepare a comprehensive **assessment of PDO** effectiveness.

The **Adecco Foundation for Equal Opportunities** brings its expertise in vocational training for refugees. Adecco will work together with project partners to prepare a set of **guidelines on accessing the labour market**, with a specific focus on strengthening work-related skills in **women and young refugees** engaging in their first work experience.

Relying on their wide network of member organizations and parishes, **Consorzio Communitas** works with IOM and other project partners to select, train and provide guidance to **local mentors** who will support resettled.