

# BRiDGE and BRiDGE II projects for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe



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## Welcome

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers.

# Refugees in Europe

- The highest number of first-time asylum applicants in the second quarter of 2018 was registered in **Germany** (25 % of all applicants in the EU Member States), followed by France (19 %), **Greece** (12 %), Spain (12 %) and Italy (10 %). These 5 Member States together account for 78 % of all first-time applicants in the EU28.
- **Sweden** and **Switzerland** have the highest chance for refugees to find employment
- Balkan Route (**Bulgaria**, **Serbia**, **Austria**) to achieve a thorough analysis of the situation and maximum distribution of the results.
- Citizens of 145 countries sought asylum for the first time in the EU in the second quarter of 2018. Syrian, Afghan and Iraqi were the top 3 citizenships of asylum seekers, lodging 18.300, 9.200 and 8.400 applications respectively.
- EU-**Turkey** Deal (03/2016):
  - Biggest refugee population worldwide (3,5 mil) is in Turkey
  - Criticism: a. precariat of legal status of refugees, b. political instability: 8000 Turks have sought asylum in Germany in 2017
- Eurostat, statistics explained, Asylum Statistics quarterly report: [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Asylum\\_quarterly\\_report](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Asylum_quarterly_report), Last Access: 01/12/2018
- Mediendienst Migration: <https://mediendienst-integration.de/migration/flucht-asyl/eu-asylpolitik.html>, Last Access: 11.01.2019
- "Labour market performance of refugees in the EU" (Working paper 1/2017: Analytical support to the Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2016 Review (ESDE 2016) Chapter 3: The Labour Market and Social Integration of Refugees in the EU, European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Unit A.4



# BRIDGE - „Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe“

- TOPIC: **Science4Refugees** - Support to highly skilled refugee scientists, Topic identifier: H2020, SwafS-26-2017
- 2 year project, 15/15 score
- April 2018-March 2020
- 7 participants
  - **Bielefeld University, Germany (coordinator):**
    - Welcome Centre, EURAXESS Contact Point (coordinator)
    - Vice Rector for International Affairs and Diversity
    - Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence
    - Media Pedagogy Laboratory
    - Refugees Clearing Office
    - Lehrkräfte Plus Program for Refugee Teachers
    - Research College on Refugee Health, FlüGE
  - ETH Zürich, Switzerland
  - Sofia University, Bulgaria
  - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey in Ankara
  - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, Greece
  - National Center of Social Research, Greece
  - Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Greece



# BRiDGE professional networks

- **A broad pool of relevant experts with advisory role is also consulted in BRiDGE:**
- Scholars at Risk Network, New York University, USA - [www.scholarsatrisk.org](http://www.scholarsatrisk.org)
- Adopt an Academic, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany - [agya.info/adopt-an-academic](http://agya.info/adopt-an-academic)
- Marie Curie Alumni Association, Belgium - [www.mariecuriealumni.eu](http://www.mariecuriealumni.eu)
- German-Syrian Research Society, Germany - [ds-fg.de](http://ds-fg.de)
- The World Academy of Sciences, Italy - [twas.org](http://twas.org)
- SCIREA, University of the Aegean, Greece - [www.scirea.aegean.gr/](http://www.scirea.aegean.gr/)
- OeAD, Österreichischer Austauschdienst, Austria - [www.oead.at/](http://www.oead.at/)
- IIE-Scholars Rescue Fund, USA - [www.iie.org/en/Programs/Scholar-Rescue-Fund](http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Scholar-Rescue-Fund)
- European Qualification Passport, Ministry of Education, Greece - <https://www.coe.int/en/web/education/recognition-of-refugees-qualifications>
- Vice Mayor for Migration and Refugee Affairs, City of Athens, Greece



# Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe Step II

- TOPIC: **Science4Refugees** - Support to highly skilled refugee scientists, Topic identifier: H2020, SwafS-06-2018
- 2 years project, 14,5/15 score
- Dec 2018 – November 2020
- 8 participants
  - **Bielefeld University, Germany (coordinator):**
    - Welcome Centre, EURAXESS Contact Point (coordinator)
    - Vice Rector for International Affairs and Diversity
    - Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence
    - Media Pedagogy Laboratory
    - Refugees Clearing Office
    - Lehrkräfte Plus Program for Refugee Teachers
    - Research College on Refugee Health, FlüGE
  - University of Gothenburg, Sweden
  - ETH Zurich, Switzerland
  - Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research, Austria
  - Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Niš, Serbia
  - Sofia University, Bulgaria
  - Centre for Research & Technology, Hellas, Greece
  - University of the Aegean, Greece
- 2 third parties
  - Marie Curie Alumni Association
  - German Syrian Research Society





# BRiDGE II professional networks

- **A broad pool of relevant experts with advisory role is also consulted in BRiDGE II:**
- Global Platform for Syrian Students, Portugal - <http://globalplatformforsyrianstudents.org/>
- Universities of the Sanctuary, United Kingdom - <https://universities.cityofsanctuary.org/>
- University of Copenhagen, International Staff Mobility and Career Development Centre, Denmark - <https://ism.ku.dk/test-sider/euraxess/>
- Scholars at Risk Network, New York University, USA - [www.scholarsatrisk.org](http://www.scholarsatrisk.org)
- IIE-Scholars Rescue Fund, USA - [www.iie.org/en/Programs/Scholar-Rescue-Fund](http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Scholar-Rescue-Fund)
- SCIREA, University of the Aegean, Greece - [www.scirea.aegean.gr/](http://www.scirea.aegean.gr/)





# BRiDGEs project target group

Following the inclusive principal:  
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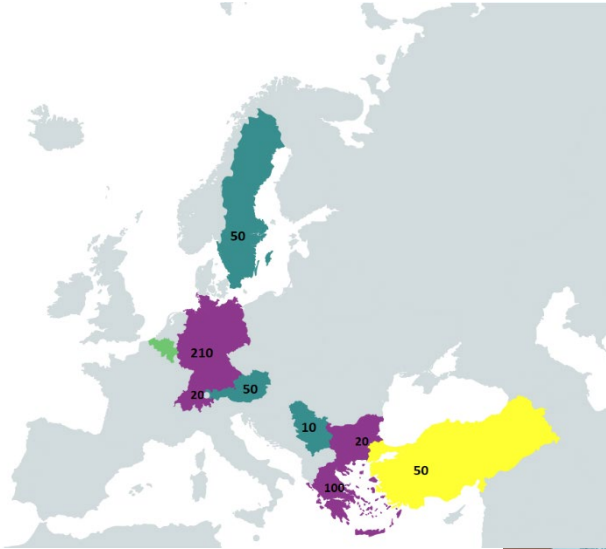
## Researchers in Danger

- Priority for researchers with asylum status
- Priority for postdocs and professors
- Priority gender
- Capacity 520 researchers

## Mentors

- Any interested professor (or postdoc) in any discipline
- Any interested employer
- Research and University administrators working with researchers in danger





**NEXT! BRIDGE Training**  
**July 19, 2019 in Bielefeld**  
 Open for researchers in  
 danger

„Bridge“ baut geflüchteten Forschern Brücke nach Europa

Das Bielefelder koordinierte Hilfsprojekt „BRIDGE“ baut Brücken für geflüchtete Wissenschaftler, die aus dem Nahen Osten nach Europa kommen wollen. Die Initiative ist ein Zusammenschluss von Wissenschaftlern, die sich um die Integration dieser Forscher in die deutsche Wissenschaft bemühen. Die Initiative ist ein Zusammenschluss von Wissenschaftlern, die sich um die Integration dieser Forscher in die deutsche Wissenschaft bemühen.



Hintergrund

Die Abteilung „bridge“ wird für „Bridges for Researchers in Danger“ gegründet. Die Initiative ist ein Zusammenschluss von Wissenschaftlern, die sich um die Integration dieser Forscher in die deutsche Wissenschaft bemühen.



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# Career Planning and Mentoring

- Up to date reached ca. **150 researchers in danger**
- Provision of mentorship → matching ca. **40 academic mentors**
- Services and support for the individual professional development and career planning of researchers in danger
- From Syria, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Venezuela, Yemen, Libya, Lebanon, Pakistan, Congo, Egypt, Russia, Zambia, Gambia
- In Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Finland, Greece, Turkey, Belgium, Netherlands, Lebanon, Sweden, Syria, Bulgaria, Denmark Croatia
- 68% male and 32% female researchers in danger;
- **64% of them have a PhD-degree, 22% a Masters degree and 14% a Bachelors;**
- in Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Educational Science, Biology, Literature, Political Science, Mathematics, Philosophy, Agricultural Science, Public Health, Theology, Archaeology, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Environmental Science, History, Computer Science, Law, Physics, Medicine, Dental Medicine, Journalism, Arts
- All ages
- Several Dual career cases in Germany, Sweden, Turkey
- 18 success stories in Germany, Sweden, Turkey
- All participants for the matching and mentoring activities have contacted the project partners on their own, allowing the conclusion that the promotion activities are highly effective (mainly: press, conferences, EURAXESS Extranet, Science4Refugees, Directory of Experts, Network Partners and mouth to mouth propaganda).





# Conducted Trainings for Researchers in Danger

- **BRIDGE, 11.2018/Sofia, 02.2019/Thessaloniki, 05/2019/Ankara**
  - All materials and presentations are on the homepage: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/training.html>
- ERA: Labour Market: what ERA is and what are the specifics of the European labour market; what qualifications, skills and knowledge are necessary for career development in Europe.
- Foster Your Employability and integrate better in the society: how to identify and overcome intercultural and required employability skills' gaps – enhancing intercultural dialogue and making use of the EURAXESS Portal, i.e. how to find suitable jobs, trainings, language courses and other resources
- National Funding and Legal situation



# Conducted Trainings for Researchers in Danger

## BRIDGE Step II

**03.2019/Mytilene**, “Career Development And Social Integration For Refugee Researchers”

**06.2019/Göteborg**, “Career Paths outside Academia”

All materials and presentations are on the homepage:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/training.html>



# BRiDGE Handbook

- Videocast 1: Making the first contact
- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFO0BB5eAdx1t9sHbCvQ9UGOatYpUWqiR>
  - provide feedback or input: [eleni.andrianopulu@uni-Bielefeld.de](mailto:eleni.andrianopulu@uni-Bielefeld.de)



# Building Networks

- Europe wide mailing list [scholarsatrisk@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:scholarsatrisk@uni-bielefeld.de) with 150 contacts:
  - Subscribe [bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de)
- European Directory of Support Services for Researchers in Danger: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/experts.html>
  - Provide input from your country: [bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de)





# BRiDGE and BRiDGE Step II

## When and where can you participate

- 4<sup>th</sup> BRiDGE Training for RRs, 19 July 2019, Bielefeld
- BRiDGE II Network Meeting for academic mentors, 17 September 2019, Bielefeld
- Scholars at Risk Germany Section Network Meeting, 1 October 2019, Bielefeld tbc
- BRiDGE Follow Up Meeting web conference, 8 October 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BRiDGE II Training for RRs, 21 October 2019, Vienna
- BRiDGE Training for academic mentors, 31 October 2019, Bielefeld
- BRiDGE II Mid Term Meeting, 5 November 2019, Borovets
- EURAXESS TOP IV Train the Trainer, 7 November 2019, Borovets
- BRiDGE Training for non academic mentors, 26 November 2019, Bonn tbc
- 4<sup>th</sup> BRiDGE II Training for RRs, 29 November 2019, Bonn tbc
- BRiDGE II Network Meeting for industrial mentors, 5 December 2019, Gothenburg
- BRiDGE Conference, 11-12 February 2020, Athens, tbc
- BRiDGE End of Project Meeting, 13 February 2020, Athens, tbc



# BRiDGE and BRiDGE II activities



- Quantitative Survey on career perspectives
- Internship program
- Dual Career Case study
- Peer networks for RR (discipline groups)



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- <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8782747/>
- <https://twitter.com/FZiogou?lang=en>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyEkQEJ3RERBhGz1HjZsodA>

# Questions?



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