BOLOGNA

The SIforREF team identifies Best Practices as innovative projects or initiatives that have proven to add value, can be mainstreamed into the existing ecosystem, and may be replicated in other regions.



HOUSING HOLISTIC MIXED



LABOR MARKET



QUALIFICATIONS APPRENTICESHIPS



SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES LEGAL COUNSELING

BERLIN		WORK FOR REFUGEES Assessment, job-placement, job fairs. INITIATIVE FOR SELF- EMPLOYMENT (I.S.I.) Entrepreneurship for migrant & refugee women. BRIDGE NETWORK General advice on labour market access EVEREST Apprenticeships for young adults.	FRAUENLOOP Training for IT specialists BRIDGE NETWORK Assistance in obtaining qualifications and finding employment. Apprenticeships for young adults & coopera- tion with employers. EVEREST Dual Training.	WELCOME CENTER Multilingual information and orientation center. EVEREST
BOLOGNA	CIAC Social & housing integration/ holistic, inter-cultural networks/ between refugee families and locals. S.A.L.U.S W SPACE Holistic, intercultural housing, small shops, construction, training and employment. VESTA Partnerships for unaccom- panied minors/ care, housing, social integration.		SCHOOL4JOB Preparatory labour-market training for refugee/migrant youth. S.A.L.U.S W SPACE	S.A.L.U.S W SPACE
LJUBLJANA		SKUHNA Intercultural-social enterprise, restaurant/catering, (mixed) culinary specific employment, training and storytelling.	SKUHNA	THE HUMAN LIBRARY Storytelling from the refugee, minority population to counteract racism.
PARMA	ATLAS AT DINNER TIME Supports co-housing & cul- inary exchanges between Italian & refugee youth. WONDERFUL WORLD Secures housing along with services that assist in the path to integration. TANDEM A co-housing & social net- working project co-operating with the project "Rifugiati in famiglia". COMMUNITY ORIENTED In this project initiated by CIAC, Italian families host adult and underage refugees.			WONDERFUL WORLD ATLAS AT DINNER TIME
VIENNA	HAUS AWAT Provides labour market integration service & social support	HAUS AWAT MAGDAS HOTEL Creates apprenticeships, jobs and future prospects for refugees. WERKSTART Is an accessible gender-sensitive project for educationally disadvantaged women.	HAUS AWAT STAND 129 MAGDAS HOTEL WERKSTART	STAND 129 Caritas-social integration, events - interaction activities with locals.



THE PROJECT

Social Innovation for Refugees

(SIforREF) examines and tests solutions with the aim to support societal and labour market integration of refugees after their arrival in five Central European cities. Our team consists of researchers, representatives of local government and actors from civil society.

PARTICIPANT CITIES

Venice, Italy, Lead Partner Berlin, Germany Bologna, Italy Ljubljana, Slovenia Parma, Italy Vienna, Austria

AIM

Our goal is that social innovative and inclusive measures for refugee integration become mainstream and institutionalised.

KEY INSTRUMENTS

Co-operation of key stakeholders at the local level, transnational cooperation and promotion of social innovation.



THE BOLOGNA PROJECTS

The Best Practices outlined below fill the gap where additional and innovative support is still required in existing labour market integration and inclusion ecosystems.

1. VESTA

TIMELINE October 2016 – December 2019

CATEGORY Housing Integration

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The main goals of the project are the promotion of the social inclusion and the autonomy of the SPRAR¹ beneficiaries, and at the same time the engagement of the local community in the integration process. Vesta wants to contribute to the protection, welcome and integration of unaccompanied foreign minors and young refugees who are beneficiaries of the SPRAR project.

Vesta involves families, couples and individual residents who voluntarily choose to host refugees in their own homes and actively accompany them in their integration process. The project includes different opportunities: family hospitality, family support, volunteer mentor, foster care and volunteer work.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Vesta project partnership involves the Municipality of Bologna as lead institution, ASP City of Bologna with a coordinating role and CIDAS Social Cooperative like managing body. The Vesta project is offering a new opportunity to build increasingly integrated, innovative and safe communities and represents an important contribution to integration, in which families and individual citizens can be personally involved.

The most important success factor regards the involvement of families and citizens in the integration path of SPRAR beneficiaries.



- 1 Sistema di protezione per richiedenti asilo e rifugiati- Protection System for Refugees and Asylum Seekers)
- 2 ASP- Azienda pubblica di servizi alla persona Public Company of Personal Services











2. SCHOOL4JOB

TIMELINE 1 November 2018 – 1 November 2019

CATEGORY Labour Market Integration, social Integration

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The project builds on the assumption that asylum-seekers and students share a similar challenge, namely that of seeking a job and accessing the job market. Based on this commonality, several venues were set up (two intensive kick-off meetings and 20 additional seminars over a one-year period) during which newly-arrived migrants and students of a similar age could personally meet so as to exchange their knowledge, skills, and capabilities, with the prospect of labor integration. Insights were provided on how to build-up a résumé, prepare a job interview, develop a technical/professional jargon, and deepen the knowledge of the English and French languages.

http://www.aspbologna.it/ccerca-nel-sito/news/school-for-job

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The practice is based on a co-creation approach and on the involvement of assorted state and non-state actors. The project responded to similar needs expressed by different target groups (asylum-seekers and high-school students of a similar age), which were thus enabled not only to having greater job opportunities, but also to build mutual relationships. Relatedly, the innovativeness of the project consisted in its ability of connecting different groups and enhancing the social cohesion of the whole local community, especially through dissemination activities.

3. S.A.L.U.S W SPACE

TIMELINE 1 November 2016 - 31 July 2020

CATEGORY Housing Integration

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The project was designed to turn the former clinic "Villa Salus", which have been in a state of abandonment and decay for years, into a centre for hospitality, work, intercultural and social welfare where students, workers, migrants and families are trained for the future management of the property and the creation of business activities.

A maximum number of about eighty people will be hosted, including families, refugees or asylum seekers. There is a bed & breakfast facility with twelve places available.

The purpose of Salus Space is to create and define an innovative and replicable model of reception and integration for refugees, to be used also in other European contexts.

The project's main goals focus on the social inclusion and the development of a hub of proximity services that are economically sustainable and replicable in other territories.



http://www.saluspace.eu/?lang=en

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Ongoing monitoring and evaluation procedures are used during the whole process and are shared with all the partners and citizens. A dedicated evaluation team has been set up in order to evaluate the project. This group, composed of professional evaluators and citizens, meets regularly and supports the project partners in achieving the expected results and guaranteeing quality and sustainability over time.



