



INSPIREUROPE+

An Overview



INSPIREUROPE+ FACTS

Title:	Initiative to Support, Promote and Integrate Researchers at Risk in Europe PLUS
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INSPIREUROPE+ ACTIONS

- **Coordinating & improving** support for researchers at risk
- **Providing** career development opportunities
- **Building** institutional capacity & preparedness
- **Advising** national-level initiatives
- **Informing** European policy on researchers at risk
- **Growing & diversifying** support for researchers



Meet our speakers

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At-risk scholar

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INTEGRATING THE REFUGEE RESEARCHER IN THE HOST ORGANISATION, WHY MAKE A DEDICATED EFFORT?

CAREER ASSESSMENT FOR RESEARCHERS AT RISK, WEBINAR 2, WP3, 08 JUNE 2023



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Possible Case of a Refugee Researcher

I am Xxx, a refugee researcher from Xxx

Xxx
University
in Europe

Local Culture, incl. Language

Local Research System

Organisational Culture



What I would need?

Accommodation, Bank account, Health care, ...
Family care – school, spouse job, ...
Language course/s,
Introduction to local traditions, habits

People

Knowledge about
how the research system works
in the local country –
Laws, Regulations, Institutions,
etc.

Knowledge about
internal rules and procedures and a number
of soft skills – Problem solving, Time
management, Team work, Intercultural
competence and emotional intelligence,
etc.



What the host organisation could do for me?

Xxx
University
in Europe

Engage staff that would take care of
general integration issues - welcome office

Engage academic staff that would take care of
academic integration issues – academic mentor

Why I was invited to this webinar?

EURAXESS Network



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The network is global:

43 countries in Europe,
WorldWide Officers on **all continents**,
> **650 research organisations** and
> **1600 contact points**
support **career development and mobility of researchers.**



EURAXESS Science4Refugees Hub

that accommodated the ERA4Ukraine initiative of the European Commission.

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EURAXESS Network <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>



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Experienced staff

- that work as a global team
- that offers free of charge and professional service
- that provide personalised assistance
- that support career development and mobility
- at all career stage of researchers and
- dedicated integration support for refugee researchers

So if you are to host a RR you'd just need to reach your EURAXESS staff!



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What to do if you don't have EURAXESS?

National coordinators of the EURAXESS network

5 dedicated hubs for:

- Talent Management
- Researcher Careers Beyond Academia
- Scientific Entrepreneurship
- Science 4 Refugees
- Supporting Talent Circulation



Online toolkits that include:

- Self assessment tools
- Career planning assistance
- Video recorded training sessions on soft skills
- Jobs portal
- Mentoring programs



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Back to the case - how to use EURAXESS support?



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EURAXESS contact point/ national coordinator

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/choose-your-country>

will take care of:

- Accommodation, Bank account, Health care, ...
- Family care – school, spouse job, ...
- Language course/s,
- Introduction to local traditions, habits, cultural events, etc.
- Access to online tools and to the video recorded sessions on soft skills

EURAXESS Mentoring Program <https://mentoring.euraxess.bg/>

will help to gain knowledge about :

- how the research system works in the local country
- Laws, Regulations, Institutions, etc.
- internal rules and procedures in the university



Annie and I



Venezuelan refugee researcher, Nutritionist-Dietitian and Biochemist – PhD student

Arrived in Italy with language barrier, no accommodation, no contacts, no chance to continue the studies, no money, no job, no legal status

18 months language courses, cleaning 16 hours a day to survive

Contacted the EURAXESS [BRIDGE project](#) consortium 5 years ago

- ✓ I started with psychological help,
- ✓ advised on how to arrange the refugee status,
- ✓ encouraged to read and follow the publications in her specialty,
- ✓ made the connection with the local EURAXESS contact point to introduce her to the university staff and to make some connections that helped her to
- ✓ get hired through a project,
- ✓ entered the mentoring program – 3 mentors

Now preparing to apply for a grant to continue with the PhD study

The story continues...



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