

NGO involvement in the Danish Model

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Reasons for having an NGO in the resettlement programme

- > The expertise of the Danish Refugee Council
- > The participation of an independent body
- > The humanitarian aspect
- The guarantor that selection will not be based on politically motivated criteria
- > Counselling
- 'Critical eyes' on the implementation (monitoring)



Reasons for having an NGO in the resettlement programme

- Useful knowledge easily transferred to the DRC's voluntary integration work
- Improving the working relationship between two important stakeholders in Danish protection work



The DRC – DIS contract for 2012

- > DRC participates in app. 3 selection missions
- > DRC staff participates in the work of the delegation, reg.:
 - Information on Denmark
 - Interviewing the refugees
 - Assessment of the need for protection
- DRC staff on selection mission should have relevant knowledge on asylum.
- DRC will take part in national and international activities regarding resettlement in Europe and internationally



DRC involvement

- > DRC takes no part in the planning phase
- > Two DRC employees on each selection mission
 - > Asylum Dep./Integration Dep.
- > Pre-departure meeting
- DRC participates in external meetings, morning briefings, interviews and assessment of the cases.
- > Colleagues working with voluntary integration takes over



Questions?