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Resettlement / relocation

The situation of Luxembourg



a resettlement experience of more than 30 years,

- **Over a period of 35 years. LU has resettled/ relocated between 500 and 600 refugees**
- **A large variety of ethnic, national, cultural, social and economic backgrounds**
- **From single persons to large families, including disabled family members**
- **From mostly low professional qualification in the 1st generation to high qualification for the 2nd generation attending a European school system in LU, Belgium or France and universities**



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- **Starting in 1978 with Vietnamese refugees from Laos followed in 1979 by 100 Vietnamese and Chinese boatpeople**
- **North Vietnamese refugees from camps in Hong Kong (1986)**
- **Iranian refugees from Afghanistan (1988)**
- **Albanians from Brindisi /Italie (1991), (based on a selection mission)**
- **single Bosnian Muslim men from Serbian camps (1993)**
- **1st group of Iraqi refugees (Christian) coming from Turkey, (initiative of LU Caritas 1998)**
- **Relocation of 6 refugees staying in Malta (2010) (based on a selection mission)**



Step by step

- **preparation time before arrival**, once the composition of the target group is known: - organisation of a collective housing facility, - health screening, - school for children and young people, - adjustments for people with special needs, - various contacts with ministries and local administration
- **Upon arrival**: documentation, -health check up, -individual counseling and guidance, - language training, - immediate access to school for all children ≤ 17 , - access to social benefits
- **On a long term**: access to individual housing, difficult access to labor market, integration into LU society



Cost of asylum

In LU, (almost) all the costs related to asylum are covered by the public administration's budget, namely the *LU reception and integration agency (OLAI)*

- *cash benefits: pocket money*
- *Vouchers: a variety of items*
- *Other benefits: health insurance,*



Partnerships

- In LU, a public administration (OLAI) has a leading role in reception of asylum seekers and resettlement of refugees; it worked in close relation with the LU Red Cross for material and financial aspects from 1979 to 2011. The very first reception center was a Red Cross property;
- In the early 1990 Caritas become involved in counseling ,guidance and housing of asylum seekers,
- At the same time, the LU Red Cross started the management of several housing facilities , among which the “first reception center” for all newly arrived asylum applicants. A new “first reception center”, with a capacity of 120 beds, is under construction in LU-city.



The Syrian crisis

- **On September 13, 2013, the LU government decided to resettle 60 Syrian refugees, the selection of which will be done in cooperation with UNHCR**
- **Following the elections of a new parliament on October 20, the administration is waiting for further instruction from the new Government. Nevertheless it has been decided to give priority to families with children.**
- **Upon arrival in LU, the 60 refugees will live in a collective housing facility together with other asylum seekers**



Thank you for your attention!

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