



European Resettlement Network

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The membership comprises both organisations and individuals working in resettlement and integration policy and practice at different levels, in a variety of sectors, and at all stages of the resettlement process.

For more information about the European Resettlement Network, please contact the coordination team at info@resettlement.eu or visit us at www.resettlement.eu and become a member of the European Resettlement Network.

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Background to the European Resettlement Network

Since 2007, IOM, UNHCR and ICMC have worked in partnership to facilitate European cooperation in refugee resettlement. The previous 'Practical Cooperation in EU Resettlement' (2010-11) and 'Linking-In EU Resettlement' (2011-2013) projects enabled actors in established, new and emerging resettlement countries in Europe to pool expertise, exchange knowledge and share good practice, as well as to link the implementation of resettlement programmes in Europe with processes outside of the EU. In May 2012, the project partners launched the European Resettlement Network and the www.resettlement.eu website.

Members include those from national, regional and local government, international organisations, civil society, academia, as well as others working at all stages of the resettlement process – selection and identification, pre-departure assistance and orientation, in addition to travel, reception and integration in the country of resettlement. The Network also includes refugees previously resettled to Europe whose unique experience contributes to the development and enhancement of European resettlement programmes and practices.

Strengthening the response to emergency resettlement needs

In 2013-14, the European Resettlement Network entered a new phase of development under a joint IOM, ICMC and UNHCR project entitled, 'Strengthening the response to emergency resettlement needs.'

Project activities

This project supports the existing European Resettlement Network and, as such, further promotes cooperation among different stakeholders and builds their capacity to increase and improve resettlement efforts. It also focuses on raising awareness of emergency resettlement, conducting outreach, and facilitating mutual learning and exchange of good practice amongst European Resettlement Network members and stakeholders.



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In an effort to enhance the sustainability of the Network and further advance ownership of it amongst stakeholders, **14 National Network Focal Points** were appointed, for whom specific terms of references were developed, and who were recruited through a call for expressions of interest. The National Network Focal Points are drawn from civil society, national, regional and local authorities, International Organisations, NGOs, and faith-based organisations. They are responsible for gathering and disseminating information and knowledge, contributing material and input for the website, creating awareness of emergency and priority situations, and developing activities at the national level.

An initial **European Resettlement Network meeting** took place in November 2013 in Brussels, which brought together 45 of the most active members of the Network, and served as an opportunity to discuss the Network's structure, and to share ideas and expectations.

Over the course of the project, the National Network Focal Points, with the support of the project coordinators, will organise **a series of thematic and regional awareness-raising, networking and capacity-building events on resettlement**, bringing together participants from government, International Organisations, NGO's, civil society, as well as regional and local authorities. These events will serve as a platform to highlight the particular needs of refugees, to highlight emergency resettlement and priority situations, to share best practice and experiences, and to offer inspiring solutions to common challenges.

The project is also focused on further developing the www.resettlement.eu website to highlight emergency resettlement needs and priority situations, and to build the capacity of European countries to respond to emergency resettlement situations. In this effort, the website now also includes a resource library, a directory of resettlement policymakers and practitioners, and an online Community of Practice to facilitate discussion groups and consultations.

Should you wish to receive more information, please feel free to contact any of the European Resettlement Network coordinators, as outlined below:



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