



## SHARE QSN

# Quality Sponsorship Network

### WHAT?

---

Established in March 2012 and led by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe, the **SHARE Network** provides a platform for mutual exchange and learning amongst regional and local actors to foster welcome, inclusion, and integration of newly arrived migrants and refugees in Europe.

**The SHARE QSN project**, co-funded by the European Union's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), supports pilot and ad-hoc sponsorship initiatives develop into sustainable, community-driven programmes, bringing together a consortium of actors in Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and the UK who are all experienced in refugee integration and are currently carrying out private sponsorship programmes in their national contexts.

The project uses a multi-stakeholder, grassroots and bottom-up strategy fostering refugee participation, bringing all grassroots sponsorship stakeholders and the lessons they are learning to the EU level. The project is in close alliance with UNHCR's Three Year Strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways as well as the EU's Action Plan on Inclusion and Integration.

### WHEN?

---

January 2021 – June 2023.

### WHO?

---

Coordinated by ICMC Europe's SHARE Network, the project is implemented in partnership with the Basque Government (ES), Caritas International (BE), Consorzio Comunitas (IT), the Fédération de l'Entraide Protestante (FR), DiCV Cologne (DE), the Irish Refugee Council (IE), and Citizens UK (UK).

### WHERE?

---

The project is implemented in seven countries where pilot and ad-hoc sponsorship initiatives are currently being implemented, including Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom.



## HOW?

### SHARE QSN has three specific objectives



To build up and strengthen the sponsorships stakeholder community by exchanging practices and information at EU level;

To ensure quality and sustained engagement, support and recognition of volunteer sponsoring groups ensuring refugee participation and feed-back;

To broaden the sponsorship base by engaging a wider spectrum of new actors in welcoming refugees through sponsorship, and by expanding programmes across national territories.

### Main activities

- EU best practice exchange, national roundtables, trainings and capacity building of sponsors;
- Monitoring and evaluation of local volunteer groups in partner countries including refugee feedback sessions;
- Awareness raising and local activities with grassroots sponsors and refugees which build leadership and inspire other actors to get involved;
- International best practice exchange workshops on various topics: evaluation and monitoring of sponsorships, inter-faith cooperation, regions and cities as sponsors, university and labour mobility sponsorship programmes, pre-departure cultural orientation and matching, and financial models and private sector/ philanthropy engagement;
- European Sponsorship Ceremony gathering grassroots stakeholders from across Europe to celebrate the unique contributions of local communities, volunteers and refugees.

### Main Beneficiaries

The main beneficiaries of the project will be host communities, volunteer sponsorship groups, sponsored and resettled refugees, lead sponsors (CSOs, churches, universities, region/territories, municipalities, local institutions, diaspora/refugee organisations, and private sector or 'blended' partnerships including national stakeholders).

For more information about the SHARE Network, please visit [www.resettlement.eu](http://www.resettlement.eu)



This information sheet was co-funded by the European Union's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

The content of this information sheet represents the views of the author only and is his/her sole responsibility. The European Commission does not accept any responsibility for use that may be made of the information it contains.