

European Resettlement Network & Developing Innovative European Models for the Protection of Refugees

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About ICMC

Mission :

- Created in 1951, ICMC serves and protects uprooted people – refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons and migrants – **regardless of faith, race, nationality**, and implements rights-based policy for the most vulnerable.

Operations in Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan

Resettlement Core Activity: Resettlement Support Center

/Deployment of Protection/Resettlement Experts

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RESETTLEMENT SAVES LIVES - 2020 CAMPAIGN

RESETTLEMENT SAVES LIVES: Resettlement is a vital protection tool for many thousands of refugees. In 2012 alone, 172,000 refugees are in need of resettlement. Currently the Member States of the European Union offer only 5,500 resettlement places each year, compared to the 60,000 places offered by the United States, 8,000 places by Canada and 6,000 by Australia for 2012 alone.

2020 campaign **Resettlement saves lives**

To become a significant global player, Europe should and could increase its resettlement places

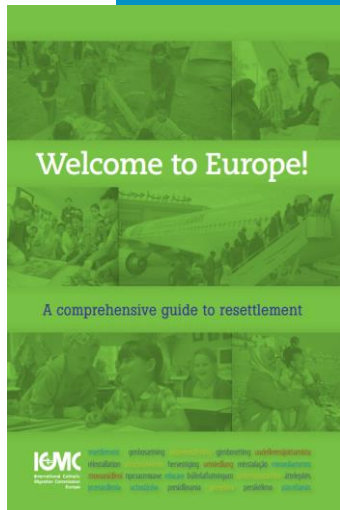
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ERN Activities



ERN has supported resettlement in Europe through:

- Building a network of close to 4,000 (including SHARE 1.200 local and regional actors) resettlement actors: Governments, International Organisations, local actors and civil society in 28 EU countries and beyond.
- 'Tailor-made' capacity building, thematic best practice exchange (regional, national, local) and targeted training in new and emerging resettlement countries (in cooperation with SHARE: linking pre-departure to post arrival planning).
- Research on national resettlement programmes, integration, programmes receiving Syrians under resettlement and HAP.
- Tools and resources
- Awareness raising + campaigning on refugee situations / increased resettlement quotas (e.g. [Resettlement Saves Lives Campaign](#))



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ERN+ Resettlement and Complementary Pathways of Admission

Three-pillared approach

Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3
<p>Research /Knowledge sharing on Innovative Models and Capacity for New Forms of Admission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">° Sponsorships° Scholarships° Humanitarian Admission	<p>Engaging with New Resettlement States and Actors (EASO, EU FRANK).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">° News digest & News letter on EU resettlement and HAP developments° Multi-Stakeholder meetings in 3 emerging countries	<p>Strategic Recommendations for New Forms of Admission in the EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">° Final Policy paper: Innovative forms of admission to Europe complementary to resettlement

ERN+ Complementary Pathways of Admission

UNHCR	IOM	ICMC
Project activities (over 18 months)		
Webinar, scoping paper & feasibility study	Webinar, scoping paper & feasibility study	Webinar, scoping paper & feasibility study
Targeted roundtable and national stakeholder meeting	Targeted roundtable and national stakeholder meeting	Targeted roundtable and national stakeholder meeting
Engaging churches in private sponsorship conference		
Policy paper: 3 case studies and recommendations on new forms of admission in the EU		
New forms of admission and resettlement conference (in collaboration with EU FRANK, EASO)		

Reresettlement State of Play

Places & state of play in emerging resettlement countries (EC State of Play resettlement 16 May 2017)

Emerging /new resettlement countries in the EU	Places for resettlement (20 July scheme including 1:1 Turkey mechanism)	Total received resettlement (May 2017)
Bulgaria	50	0
Croatia	150	0
Cyprus	69	0
Czech Republic	400	52
Estonia	20	20
Italy	1,989	946
Latvia	50	10
Lithuania	70	25
Slovenia	20	0
Slovakia	100	0
Spain	1,449	418
Romania	80	0



Courtesy of Burma Centre Prague

Private Sponsorship : Legal Entry + Integration support

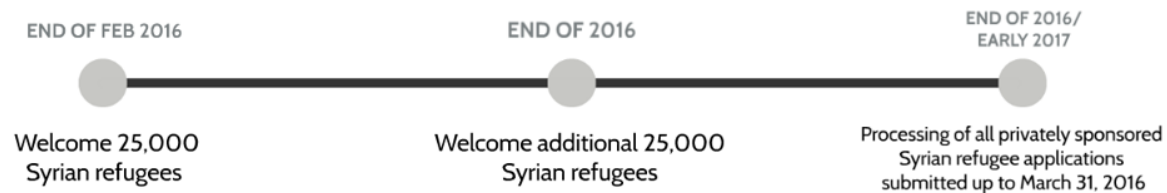
- *facilitates legal entry for refugees*
- *formal commitments between government and private actors*
- *financial, social and/or emotional support : pre-departure, reception and integration.*

Channels, bundles and coordinates civil society engagement in Sponsorship offers an opportunity to directly engage with the resettlement process and, as a result, it builds **welcoming communities** and directly contributes to long-term integration efforts; it also provides an important opportunity to reframe migration debate, generating public support for refugee protection.

CANADA

Canada's Syrian Approach

The Commitments



29,817

Syrian refugees have arrived in Canada since NOV 2015

54% GARs
36 % PSRs
10% BVORs

Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (GRSI)

- The **Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (Govt Canada, UNHCR, OSF, University of Ottawa)** assists and inspires countries around the world to open new pathways for refugee protection, sharing Canada's history, experience, and leadership in private sponsorship offering support to create new programs in cooperation with local organizers:
- increase and improve global refugee resettlement by engaging private citizens, communities, and businesses in resettlement efforts; <http://refugeesponsorship.org>
- strengthen local host communities that come together to welcome newcomers; and
- improve the political narrative about refugees and other newcomers.

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Developments in Europe

- Humanitarian Corridors in Italy (1,000) , France (500) –ongoing discussions in Belgium, Netherlands and Spain
 - Private Sponsorship Programme in the United Kingdom (nrs not defined)
 - Extended Family Reunification Programmes in Germany/Ireland (Lander Programme under the Residence Law)

New 'contract social' state and civil society

- Builds upon welcoming initiatives that emerged since 2015- potential to widen citizen support for refugee protection
- 1 out of 10 citizens willing to volunteer in Germany. Hundreds of initiatives across Europe.
- UK's 'Refugees Welcome' campaign and *Aktion Neuer Nachbar*, the New Neighbours Action in Cologne, Germany);
- Programs for private citizens to offer accommodation to refugees (i.e. *Rifugiato a Casa Mia*, A Refugee in my Home, in Italy Support for university students (i.e. Portugal's Global Platform for Syrian Students, and the University of Créteil's collaboration with the *Association Démocratie et Entraide en Syrie* in France)

BUILDING UPON WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Making Sponsorships Work

We **present four main recommendations** with regard to the key features of a successful sponsorship programme:

1. roles, responsibilities and rights of sponsors, the government and sponsored persons should be clearly defined;
2. sponsorship should complement and add to national resettlement quotas;
3. sponsorship initiatives should adopt a long-term perspective, and provide refugee status with a pathway to citizenship for sponsored persons;
4. sponsorship programmes should ensure a safety net in place should sponsors fail to meet their obligations

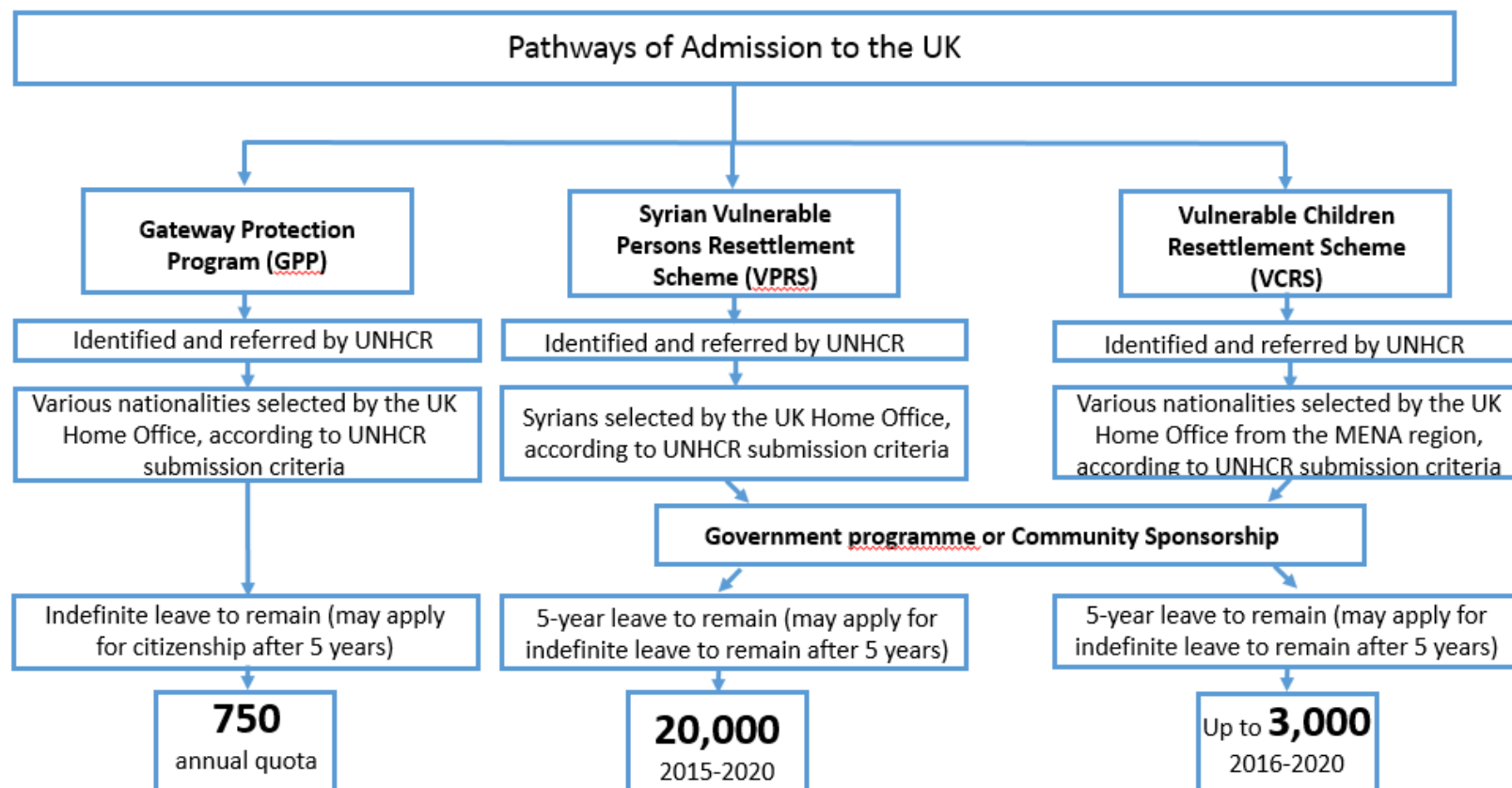
Sponsorship in the UK

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MT3aaKEkLUU>

Complementary Pathways of Admission PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

United Kingdom

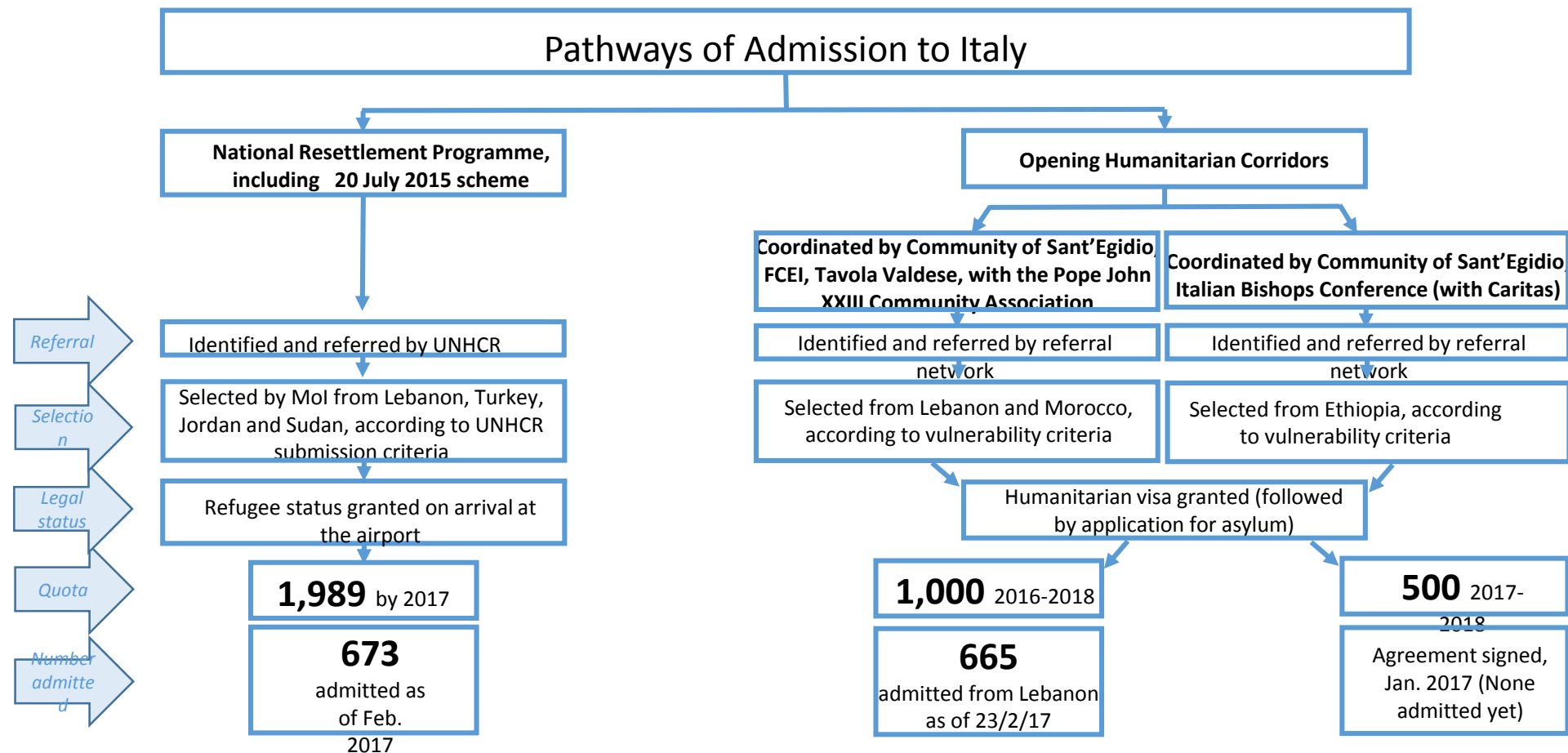
Overview based on
ongoing research,
Feb. 2017



Humanitarian Corridors

- Developed by the Community of St. Egidio in Italy
- 1000 persons in Italy – humanitarian visas- refugees and vulnerable migrants
- 500 in France- humanitarian visas –refugee status
- Focus on smaller communities –partnerships with churches and religious organisations.
- Opportunities to expand welcome across territory and engage new actors

Complementary Pathways of Admission Humanitarian Corridors - Italy



OFFERING WELCOME AND ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY



Extended Family Reunification

- **German Regional Admission Programmes (Landesaufnahmeprogramme)**, July 2013 –December 2016.
- Entry to Germany was facilitated for approximately **22,000 persons**.
- Administered separately by the German Länder (regions), based on section 68 of the German Residence Act, which allows individuals to sign a declaration of commitment (*Verpflichtungserklärung*) to ‘sponsor’ family members.
- The declaration obliged sponsors to account for all expenses linked to their relatives’ travel and stay (including housing, income and social services) for five years. Sponsored persons were admitted on humanitarian grounds and offered a 2-year renewable residence permit.

Slovakia Experience

- 149 Christian Iraqis came to Slovakia in 2015
- 550 Student Scholarships as of 2017
- How to define Sponsorships: Link with humanitarian Admission.
- Flexible concept : need to agree on benchmarks in the future!

Thank you

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