a european resettlement network for cities and regions

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT & INTEGRATION IN EUROPEAN CITIES AND REGIONS: a comparative overview

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RESETTLEMENT IN EUROPE TODAY

5,500 resettlement places in Europe (2013)
16 European resettlement countries by 2013

More countries, small numbers

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Other solidarity instruments

- Protected Entry Procedures (PEPs)
- Humanitarian Evacuation Programmes (HEPs)
- Intra-EU relocation

Resettlement departures (2012)

United States: 77%
Canada: 7%
Australia: 7%
Europe: 8%
Others: 1%

Under-utilization of the resettlement quota: around 10% of the 2012 quota had not been filled by July 2013
### WHO RESETTLED WHOM?
**Refugees resettled to Europe in 2012**

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ORGANISING RECEPTION & INTEGRATION FOR RESETTLED REFUGEES IN EUROPE

- Resettlement quota
- Government selection
  - Selection missions
  - Dossier selection
  - Pre-departure CO

Arrival
- Centralised reception
- Direct reception

Region/province placement coordination
- Municipality

Decision to receive:
- Distribution key
- Voluntary
- Mandatory

Influencing factors:
- Costs
- Housing availability
- Integration services availability

Coordination with stakeholders to plan arrivals

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PLACEMENT OF RESETTLED REFUGEES: role of municipalities, cities and regions

Factors:
- Population
- GDP
- Employment
- Housing availability
- Availability of integration services

Voluntary

UK Gateway Programme (Call for tender)

Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Norway, Portugal

Distribution Key

Strict application of a distribution key for refugees: the case of Denmark

Criteria:
- Available quota
- Local integration capacity
- Personal profiles of refugees (social network, education, employment skills, special needs)

The negotiated option: the case of Sweden

County level distribution quota:
1. County Administrative Boards agree with municipalities the nr. of refugees they will receive.
2. SMB tries to place refugees close to relatives who may already be residing in Sweden.

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INTEGRATION SERVICES & SUPPORT FOR RESETTLED REFUGEES

Mainstream integration programmes
(mainstreamed into services/programmes for all third country nationals) including language learning, civic integration, family reunion, housing, employment assistance: BE, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, NL, NO, RO, SE

- Mix with other refugees and migrants
- More sustainable in the long-term?

Other mainstream programmes (mainstreamed into service provision for all residents) including health, education, employment.

Initial reception (center or at local level)
- Center based: Orientation class in Portugal during the 1st week (CPR), cultural, civil and language course during the 1st 8-12 weeks in Ireland (reception center)
- Welcome to Germany’s initial orientation programme (Friedland)
- Post-arrival integration programme in the CZ

Specialised integration programmes: UK and Iceland (12 months)
- Tailor made to particular groups
- Development of local expertise
- Gradual and structured entry into mainstream services
But limited in time + additional time inputs

INTEGRATION SERVICES & SUPPORT for resettled refugees

Additional ERF programmes:
- Network for the Integration of Resettled Refugees (FTDA)
- Participative integration project in FI
- Reception arrangements for highly educated refugees (UAF in the NL)

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