

SHARE II

'A resettlement network of cities, regions and local actors committed to offering protection and welcome for refugees resettled to Europe'

Led by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), the first SHARE Project (**SHARE I**) began in March 2012 and is due to close in February 2014. SHARE I is an EU-wide networking programme implemented with the lead city of Sheffield, UNHCR and other key partners. Embedded in the wider European Resettlement Network, SHARE I brought together a range of resettlement actors with the objective of engaging cities and regions that have experience in refugee resettlement and those that are interested to engage in resettlement in the future.

Since its launch, SHARE I has:

- engaged over 300 participants from European regions, cities, municipalities and their civil society partners in 15 European countries in a programme of structured dialogue, exchange of practice and networking between cities and regions;
- facilitated a programme of 9 SHARE City Exchange Visits to the UK resettlement programme for regional and city-based delegations from 9 European countries;
- begun a dialogue with cities that have made commitments to human rights to build an understanding of the role of resettlement in offering protection to persecuted refugees;
- undertaken research and produced publications and resources to promote the role of European cities and regional partnerships in resettlement and enhance local resettlement capacity and expertise;
- developed a SHARE Network brand identity, a dedicated SHARE webspace and a contact database of local and regional resettlement actors in Europe and beyond.



European funding to expand the SHARE Network during 2014-15 has now been confirmed, and SHARE II will be implemented from March 2014 to August 2015.

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1. Partners

In SHARE II, ICMC Europe will continue to work with a partnership of European cities and regions, international organisations and networks and civil society organisations in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the UK, together with associate partners in all the aforementioned countries and Austria, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Romania. Full details of SHARE II partners are included as Annex A.



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2. Project activities

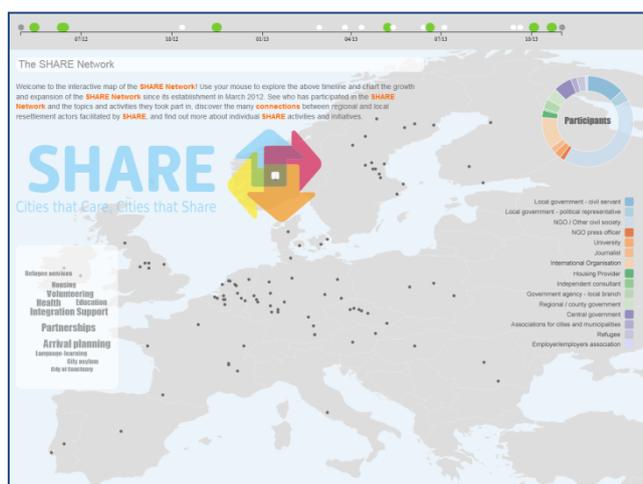
a. Expanding & strengthening the SHARE Network

Together with our SHARE II partners and stakeholders, ICMC will continue to expand the SHARE Network via an **intensive programme of outreach, assessment and engagement** with European regions, cities, municipalities and their civil society partners. Outreach will focus on explaining refugee resettlement and promoting the opportunity it offers for cities to play a direct role in protecting refugees and upholding human rights, and on looking at concrete solutions for specific aspects of resettlement such as planning for arrivals and securing housing.

SHARE II will continue to develop SHARE as an **integral part of the European Resettlement Network**, facilitating local/regional participation at national resettlement meetings organised in cooperation with the National Network Focal Points, and continuing the development of the 'Resettlement Saves Lives' campaign and awareness-raising initiatives such as those currently ongoing for Syrian refugees.

SHARE II will continue to develop **web-based tools, resources and information** at www.resettlement.eu, including:

- the **SHARE Network peer-learning resource** (pictured opposite)
- profiles of SHARE associate partner cities and regions
- an online **SHARE Network Member Directory**
- news and features on resettlement arrivals in European cities.



A **SHARE Network Magazine** will be distributed to all SHARE II partners and stakeholders at regular intervals throughout the project period.

b. Advocacy & awareness-raising for refugee resettlement

Previously resettled refugees play a vital role in raising awareness of and advocating for resettlement. To facilitate the participation of previously resettled refugees in advocacy and media work for resettlement at the local, national and European levels, SHARE II will facilitate a **SHARE Resettlement Ambassador Programme** for 10 previously resettled refugees from 5 different European regions and cities.

Resettlement Ambassadors will benefit from an **online training and capacity-building programme**, and SHARE II will promote the availability of ambassadors for media enquiries and advocacy activities undertaken by partners and stakeholders. Refugee ambassadors from specific cities and regions will be highlighted in **3 video case studies** made available via www.resettlement.eu for use as advocacy tools and in work with European media. To conclude the programme, SHARE Resettlement Ambassadors will be supported to co-facilitate a **SHARE Resettlement Ambassador panel at the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR)** in the summer of 2015.



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- **Strengthening capacity in new resettlement countries**

In order to engage new municipalities in resettlement and promote new practices in the reception and integration of refugees at the local level, SHARE II will facilitate **national SHARE platform meetings** in Belgium, the Czech Republic, France and Spain.

To provide new regional and city resettlement partnerships with practical tools and guidance, SHARE II will develop and pilot a **'You Can Do It!' assessment action-planning tool**. A Mentor City Core Group of resettlement cities will act as mentors for newcomer cities and regions.

Continuing its engagement under SHARE I, the city of Sheffield will facilitate 3 more **SHARE City Exchange Visits** to enable municipalities, cities and regions and their civil society partners from new resettlement countries to learn about how to operate a local resettlement programme.



- **Increasing resettlement capacity & promoting welcoming communities**

To promote city peer exchange and learning, SHARE II will develop and pilot a **'SHARING through MENTORING' process** focusing on volunteering in refugee resettlement. ICMC and EURO CITIES will work with the Dutch region of Limburg and the Limburg Refugee Council to develop the peer-learning and assessment tools and guidance, to be implemented in the City of Tampere (FI). The tools and guidance will be refined and published, and made available for use in other cities.

To facilitate cross-border collaboration and exchange on refugee resettlement in the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion of Germany (Aachen), Belgium (Liège, Eupen) and the province of Limburg in the Netherlands, SHARE II will facilitate **2 cross-border collaboration exchange visits on resettlement**.

To showcase municipality participation in selection, local preparedness for emergency resettlement and planning for integration, SHARE II will facilitate a **2.5-day Look & Learn Visit to Norway**

- **Services for SHARE Network Members**

To enable training and capacity-building events, seminars and activities to take place online, and to ensure training events are available to view after they have taken place at www.resettlement.eu, SHARE II will facilitate a **programme of live and recorded webinars** co-facilitated by ICMC and SHARE II partners identified throughout the project period. Possible webinar topics may include placement strategies, municipal cooperation for dossier arrivals, the role of previously resettled refugees in European resettlement and 'pre-departure Cultural Orientation in resettlement'.

- **Research & evaluation**

SHARE II will develop and test a **common evaluation framework for local resettlement** for use by local and regional practitioners of the SHARE Network that wish to evaluate local resettlement programmes.

SHARE partner NGOs, regions and cities in France will co-produce with ICMC an **annual report on the 2013 French resettlement programme**, including data on the programme, profiles of resettlement



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cities and partnerships, case studies of refugees resettled to France and challenges, opportunities and recommendations for the future development of the programme.

Additionally, SHARE II will facilitate a minimum of **5 targeted online surveys on thematic areas of integration**. Survey outcomes will be published on SHARE webpages and incorporated into SHARE II events, discussions and activities throughout the lifetime of the project.

3. Further information

For more information about the SHARE Network, please visit www.resettlement.eu/page/welcome-share-network or contact Rachel Westerby, City Coordinator at ICMC Europe at city.coordinator@icmc.net.



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Annex A

The SHARE II Partnership

Full Partners

International organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR • IOM
European networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECRE • Eurocities
Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caritas International
Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burma Centre Prague
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Tampere
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France Terre d'Asile • Forum Réfugiés-Cosi
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Catherine's Community Services Centre
Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch Council for Refugees
UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Sheffield

Associate Partners

Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Austrian Red Cross ➤ Caritas Austria
Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FEDASIL ➤ City of Gent ➤ Convivial ➤ Sociaal huis Wetteren
Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bulgarian School of Politics
Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City of Kutna Hora ➤ Organisation for Assisting Migrants (OPU) ➤ Bzenec municipality ➤ Podebrady municipality ➤ Czech Ministry of the Interior
Denmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Danish Refugee Council
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Employment and Economy ➤ Vamlas ➤ ELY Centres ➤ City of Oulu ➤ Finnish Red Cross
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Isard Cos ➤ City of Paris ➤ City of Lyon
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Caritas Osnabrück



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Caritas Friedland ➤ City of Munich ➤ Innere Mission München ➤ Refugee Council Schleswig-Holstein ➤ City of Aachen ➤ Amnesty International & Save Me Aachen
Hungary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Office of Immigration & Nationality
Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Foundation for Assisting Refugee Students (UAF) ➤ Justitia et Pax (the Hague) ➤ Roosevelt College
Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN)
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights ➤ Polish Humanitarian Action
Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ JRS Portugal
Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ JRS Romania ➤ ADO SAH ROM
Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City of Madrid ➤ Ministry of Employment and Social Security
Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ljusdal Municipality ➤ Norsjo Municipality ➤ Lycksele Municipality ➤ Stromsund Municipality ➤ Caritas Sweden ➤ Gavleborg County
UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City of Sanctuary network ➤ City of Bradford ➤ Horton Housing Association ➤ Gateway Protection Refugee Communities Forum ➤ North West Gateway Resettlement Partnership



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