



Science 4 Refugees in Aegean Archipelago

Organisation: University of the Aegean

Project Presentation

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

The refugee's fluxes in the Mediterranean area that passed through Greece have shown high numbers particularly since 2015. The number of refugees and asylum seekers is estimated to be 58,000 (2018 data). Recent survey about the qualifications of the refugees incomers in Lesbos island showed that almost 7% of the refugees have a university degree and 1% of them a Master's or even a PhD degree (SCIREA project findings). SCIREA project (<http://scirea.aegean.gr/index.php>), with the University of the Aegean to act as main coordinator, focuses on highly skilled refugees, to re-integrate them in research and education.

TARGET GROUP

Asylum seekers and Refugees scientists in Aegean Archipelagos

LOCATION

Lesvos island, Mytilene

DURATION

03/2018-03/2020

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the project is to help asylum seekers and refugee scientists living in Greece to re-integrate in the academia and in the labour market of Europe and to improve their qualifications. In particular, the attention is addressed specifically to the highly skilled refugees (Tertiary education, ISCED 2011 levels 5-8).



SCIREA, 19/09/2018, Brussels, Ourania Tzoraki

Project Activities

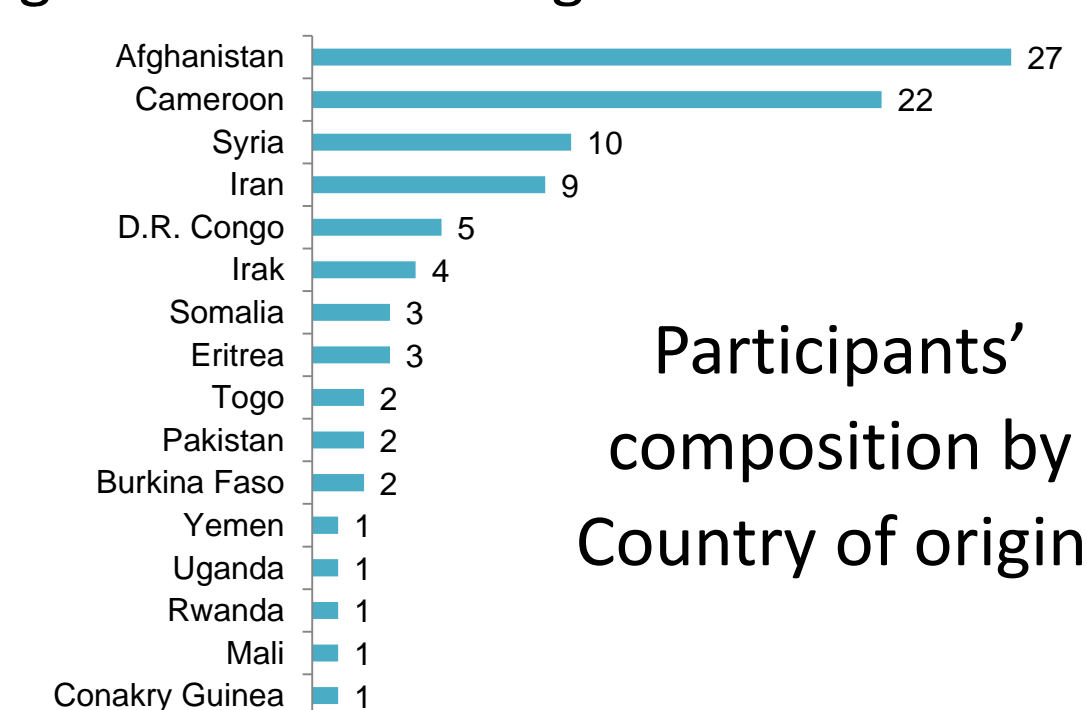
The main project activities are summarized as:

- Screening the training needs of highly skilled scientist refugees living in the Greek islands in relation to the foreign labour market dynamics,
- Create webinars and companion book (application preparation, CV, degrees translation) in order to apply to a European university or to a research institute (Farsi, Arabic to English)
- Organize 'tailor made' life-long learning seminars dedicated to highly skilled (programming, statistical analysis, proposals preparation);
- Organize 25 months of Fellowships for experienced researchers' refugees (3-12 months internship duration) for short research/training stays in its premises in various laboratories and scientific fields.
- Organize match-making events of the highly skilled refugees with the academics and the labour market.
- Organize dissemination events that refugees present their progress and achievements to the academic community and to the public sector.

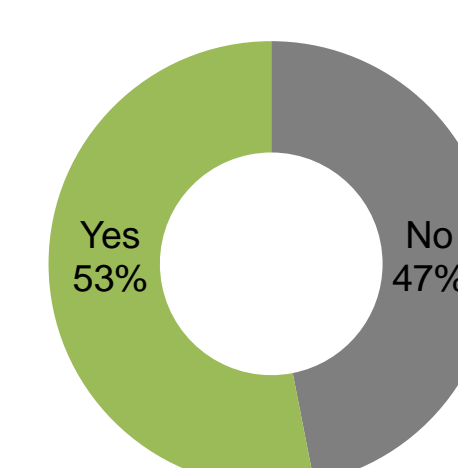
The ultimate goal is the highly skilled refugees to get familiar with the European research and academic community through the University of the Aegean, to get a real chance to catch up, provided they shows further progress in vocational training, as well as in the enlargement of their contacts.

Project Results

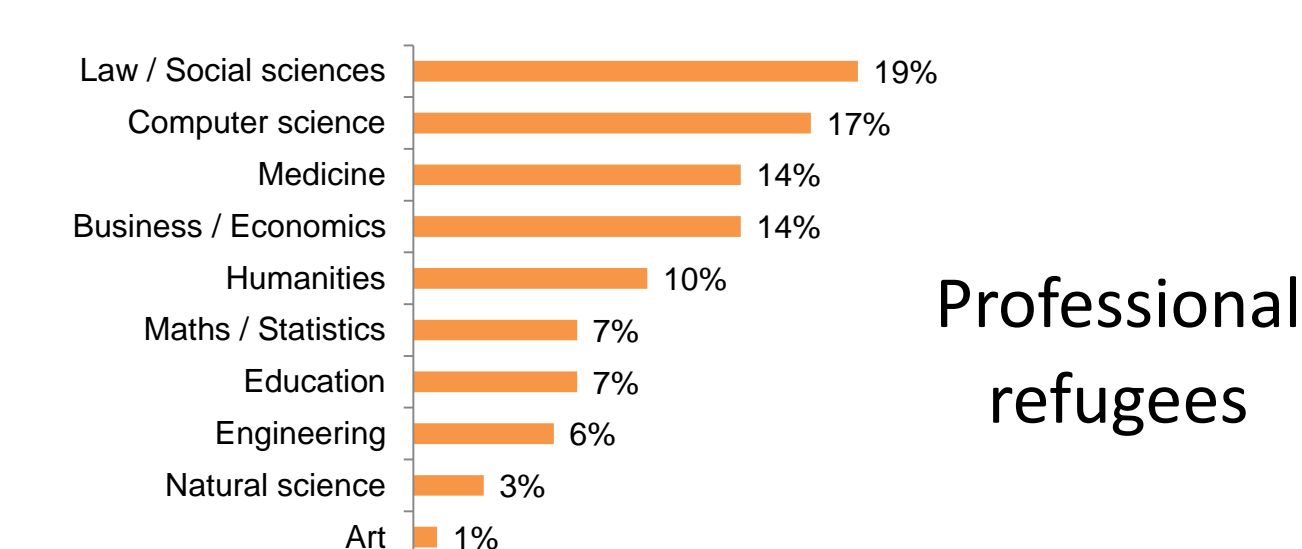
Refugees scientists living in the Greek islands



Participants' composition by Country of origin



Participants having their certifications (documents)



Professional refugees

Seminars Topics

- E-mail management
- Curriculum vitae - Europas
- Microsoft office
- Photoshop
- Statistics software (SPSS)
- Studying in Europe
- Working in Europe

Sustainability & Synergies with other Projects

BRIDGE II EU- Horizon project:

Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe - Part II (BRIDGE II). SCIREA is supporting with its available human resources database refugee researchers to reintegrate in research and academic community.

RESPOND EU- Horizon project: Multilevel Governance of Mass Migration in Europe and Beyond. SCIREA field work experience exchange with the RESPOND project.

The **Erasmus + / Directorate for Scholarships National Agency**, delivered to the University of the Aegean 2,000 language learning licenses online to be granted to refugees in the Aegean islands. SCIREA is supporting the University Erasmus + office to deliver the licenses.

Information exchange with the Independent Department for the Coordination and Monitoring of the Refugee Education of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs related to the EU program **"European Qualifications Passport for Refugees"**.

Information exchange with the **UNEP MAP, One Happy Family, MOSAIC** and other related NGOS.

Participation in the **INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATION FORUM** meetings chaired by UNHCR for information flow related to the refugees education matters

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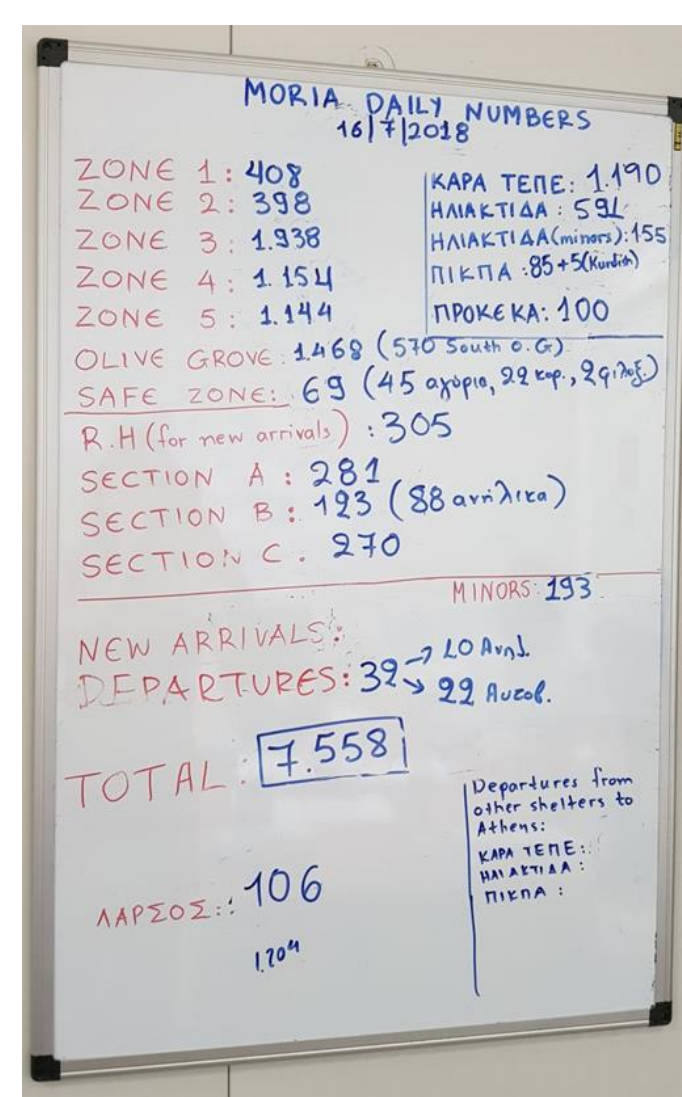
<http://scirea.aegean.gr/index.php>
https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/214823_en.html



Field research



"Software" & "Sustainable Agriculture" Seminars



Refugees Camps visits to inform about SCIREA



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