

# BETTER FUTURES

enabling young  
refugee entrepreneurs



Improving access to, and the quality of,  
**entrepreneurship education**  
for  
**young refugees**

## Introducing the Enabling Young Refugee Entrepreneurs programme

Enabling Young Refugee Entrepreneurs (EYRE) is an Erasmus+ project bringing together partners from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Ireland, and Denmark. The overall goal of this programme is to improve access and quality of entrepreneurship education for young refugees.

### **Achieving meaningful integration, fulfilling potential**

Europe has received more refugees in the last four years than at any time since the end of the Second World War, and the majority are young people. Yet, ensuring their effective integration is a significant problem for most member states. This programme will bridge the

youth, entrepreneurship and refugee sectors to develop and mainstream an innovative framework of tools and resources that will help thousands of young refugees fulfil their potential and achieve meaningful integration through entrepreneurship.



### **Why is entrepreneurship a good route for young refugees?**

Entrepreneurship education and subsequent business creation has enormous potential as a route to social integration and financial autonomy for young refugees and asylum seekers. It provides direct opportunities for self-employment as well as engagement in the community, creating value for everyone.

### **Why do young refugees particularly need support?**

As our economy and society undergo transformation, self employment and community engagement opportunities are important for all young people, but they are especially important for refugees and asylum seekers who are most at risk of suffering discrimination, leading to social and labour exclusion.



### **Programme activities and outcomes**

The programme will develop and create three practical resources for youth and entrepreneurship organisations.



#### **1. Practice Guide**

Aims to lay the groundwork to change attitudes and policies regarding the inclusion of refugees.



#### **2. Rapid Assessment Tool**

Will enable in situ evaluation of each individual's unique entrepreneurial aptitude.

## What are the programme benefits?

The programme will contribute to the following Erasmus+ priorities:

### 1. Entrepreneurship Education

Equipping youth and entrepreneurship organisations with knowledge, skills and resources to better reach and teach young refugees.

### 2. Engaging, Connecting and Empowering Young People

In the short term, entrepreneurship education can lead to successful business creation, in the long term it can be empowering, with positive spill-over into young people's social and political lives.

### 3. Social Inclusion

While entrepreneurship education for marginalised home-born young people, has improved in recent years, current provisions exclude refugees almost entirely and are still far from being systematically inclusive and intercultural.



### 3. Teaching Resources for Refugee Entrepreneurship

To fast track the mainstreaming of intercultural education that is responsive to young refugees' needs.

## Get involved

Look out for further information about the programme, including ways in which you can get involved. To register your interest now, please email us

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