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OVERVIEW OF THE REGION OF OCCITANIE
A VAST, DENSE, AND DYNAMIC REGION

13 departements and 2 capital cities, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> most populated cities in France

5.8 millions inhabitants, 2<sup>nd</sup> French region in population growth.
COMPETENCE OF FRENCH REGIONS

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SOLIDARITY HERE AND THERE : 1ST REACTIONS TO THE SYRIAN CRISIS
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2015: 1st convention for a scholarship to 5 student refugees

2016: 2nd convention for 9 student refugees

2017: 3rd convention for 19 students from Zaatari camp in Jordan

2018: 4th convention for 9 students from Zaatari camp in Jordan

2015: 1st Regional mechanism in support of cities welcoming refugees fleeing the Syrian conflict
- Limited to cities and city groupings
- Limited to the ex-Region of Midi-Pyrénées
- 1 000 euros per refugee welcomed

➔ 6 cities and 42 refugees supported through this mechanism.
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SOLIDARITY HERE AND THERE: FROM REACTION TO POLICY
Evolution of flows of asylum seekers

1st asylum claims in 2015 = 2352
1st asylum claim in 2017 = 4197
THE REGIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

Context

• Important increase in the influx of migrants.

• The State decides:
  • the share of asylum seekers hosted in each region.
  • the distribution of the places of accommodation intended for them.

Stakes

• Support and encourage the welcoming of refugees throughout the territory

• Take into account the specificities of each parts of the territory

Objectives

• Contribute to offering decent reception conditions to asylum seekers and refugees in Occitanie.

• Lay the bases for an effective social integration of asylum seekers and refugees.
THE REGIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE RECEPTION AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

Adopted in 2017

Eligible beneficiaries

- Cities and grouping of cities
- Asylum seekers and refugees reception structures
- Public institutions

Budget

- A total of 1 000 000€ /year
- 1000 €/person up to 50 000€ for cities and grouping of cities
- A maximum of 60% of the cost of the project and up to 150 000€ per project for reception structures and public institutions

Eligible projects

⇒ Any project that complements or furthers State requirements for the reception of asylum seekers and refugees.
RESULTS

As of February 2019:

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<th>Cities and grouping of cities</th>
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<td>• 21 cities in 8 departments</td>
<td>• 33 projects in all 13 departments</td>
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<td>• 179 000 euros in support of 186 beneficiaries.</td>
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A TOTAL OF 4 531 BENEFICIAIRIES OVER LESS THAN 2 YEARS
RESULTS

Types of projects supported by the Regional mechanism

- French courses (16)
- Transport (7)
- Psychological care and access to health (13)
- Access to rights (4)
- Professional integration (7)
- Citizenship (4)
- Other (3)
GEOPHITICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS

- Lot: 2 projects
  - Cahors
- Tarn: 5 projects
  - Montauban
  - Albi
- Gers: 2 projects
  - Auch
- Tarn et Garonne: 3 projects
  - Rodez
- Haute-Garonne: 14 projects
  - Toulouse
  - Foix
- Aveyron: 3 projects
  - Mende
- Gard: 2 projects
  - Nîmes
- Hérault: 7 projects
  - Montpellier
- Ariège: 5 projects
  - Perpignan
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  - Perpignan
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THE WAY FORWARD 1 : PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS
The Way Forward: Professional Integration of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

**Context**
- Stabilisation of the influx of migrants
- A majority of migrants settled in Occitanie intend to remain there
- The state launched a call for application on the professional integration of migrants in fall 2018

**Stakes**
- The first years upon arrival are crucial to the social and professional integration of new comers
- Many barriers to professional integration, mainly due to a lack of knowledge of the labour status for foreign workers.

**Objectives**
- Guarantee access to the job market throughout Occitanie for asylum seekers with more than 6 month of stay in France and refugees.
- Benefit from the Regional integration into networks for employment and professional training.
THE WAY FORWARD: PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Adopted 21 February 2019

Eligible beneficiaries

• Cities and grouping of cities
• Asylum seekers and refugees reception structures
• Associations involved in the professional integration of migrants

Budget

• Included in the 1 000 000€ /year of the first regional system
• A maximum of 20% of the cost of the project and up to 150 000€ per project.

Eligible projects

➔ Projects specifically directed to the targeted audience, involving a wide range of territorial actors in professional integration with a capacity of deployment in large parts if not all of the territory.
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THE WAY FORWARD 2 : INHOUSE TRAINING ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICITIES OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES
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WHAT ABOUT THE “EXTERNAL DIMENSION”? 
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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