

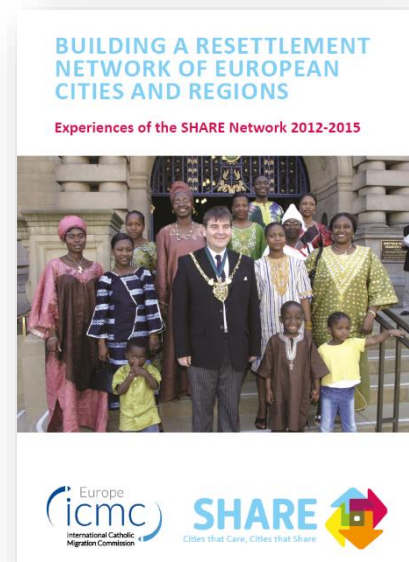
## SHARE Integration

**“A Network of (small-size) cities, towns and local actors committed to offering protection and welcome for resettled or relocated refugees in Europe”**

Led by ICMC and co-financed by the European Commission, the **SHARE Network** has since March 2012 built toward a network of European regional and local authorities and their civil society partners involved in and/or with a commitment to refugee resettlement, protection and integration. As an integral part of the European Resettlement Network, **SHARE** facilitates the inclusion of local and regional actors in the wider network, and ensures the visibility of the local and regional dimension of resettlement in European and global resettlement discussions and developments.

Since its launch, SHARE I + II have:

- engaged over 1.200 participants from European regions, cities, municipalities and their civil society partners in 28 European countries in a programme of structured dialogue, exchange of practice and networking between cities and regions in both experienced and emerging resettlement countries and those planning or considering resettlement;
- strengthened the capacity of cities, municipalities and civil society actors to facilitate refugee integration and offer welcoming communities;
- advocated for resettlement as a refugee protection tool and solidarity instrument;
- promoted synergies between resettlement and mainstream actors working in asylum/migration.



European funding to expand the SHARE Network during 2018-19 has now been confirmed, and SHARE in its third phase will be implemented from February 2018 to July 2019.

### SHARE Integration

#### **A. Partners and Advisory Committee**

In SHARE Integration, ICMC Europe will continue to work with a partnership of civil society organisations in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and the UK, together with partners Caritas Austria, Caritas Europa, Caritas International (BE), Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI) (FR); MigAfrica (DE); Consorzio Communitas (IT); The Dutch Council for Refugees (DCfR) (NL); Jesuit Refugee Services Romania; Jesuit Refugee Services Portugal; and Caritas Diocese Salford (UK).

The project will convene an **Advisory Committee** of experts from across Europe: 8 independent experts representing different types of stakeholders (national and European NGOs, EU FRANK /

EASO, local authorities, government, political representatives, research institutes and/or universities) from different Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, France, The Netherlands, Germany, the UK) to provide an additional platform to monitor the progress of the project activities, while contributing to the development of strategies for sustainability of SHARE Integration. The Committee will meet at the beginning of the project through a web meeting and throughout its course twice in Brussels (months January 2018, July 2018 and March 2019).

## B. Project activities

### 1. Linking pre-departure and post-arrival activities

In order to ensure a smooth reception and arrival process for resettled and relocated refugees, information sharing between all stakeholders, (those in the country of first asylum, as well as those in the receiving country) and management of expectations about the host country are critical. Furthermore, pre-departure language training offers soon-to-be resettled and relocated refugees a 'jump start' on the integration process. As such, this project will strengthen pre-departure and post-arrival systems and coordination through the following activities:

Activity	Time frame
Promoting <b>Language toolkits</b> supporting volunteers (pre-departure and/or during early arrival) with curriculum materials, intercultural communication tips and relevant tutoring techniques	May 2018 – July 2019
<b>Multi-stakeholder workshop “Multi-level governance &amp; placement of refugees”</b> co-organized by the Dutch ‘Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers’ (COA) and <b>“Multi-level governance &amp; Placement of Refugees” infographics</b> in collaboration with the Council of European Municipalities and Regions	September 2018
<b>SHARE Welcoming Communities video series:</b> creation of a video series to be included in pre-departure cultural orientation and early reception activities	July 2018 – July 2019
<b>SHARE Integration A (Istanbul, Turkey):</b> 'Building the basis for integration: innovative new practices and successful approaches in pre-departure Cultural Orientation (CO)'. Hosted by ICMC Europe, COA in cooperation with ICMC Turkey	May 2018

### 2. Preparing smaller communities

Building on previous experience supporting integration and volunteerism efforts, this project will leverage the energy and resources of local communities to enable smaller cities and towns to receive and integrate resettled and relocated refugees. The following five activities will promote best practices and professionalize reception services in small communities:

Activity	Time frame
<b>Working group &amp; Training curriculum ‘mainstreaming and preparing welcoming communities’:</b> engaging experienced CSO actors in trainings to initiate and strengthen partnerships with public employment bodies, local authorities,	April – August 2018



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mainstream service providers i.e. actors	
<b>National and regional roundtable meetings</b> to identify and engage relevant national, regional and local stakeholders from smaller communities to discuss mainstreaming of refugee relocation and resettlement within overall service provision, citizen engagement and volunteering welcoming environments	March-May 2018
<b>ICMC – Caritas Working Group: Private Sponsorship</b> and publication <b>“Preparing communities to sponsor and integrate refugees”</b> : To increase capacity of local communities in offering protection to refugees in need – in collaboration with Caritas Europa and partners Caritas in Italy, the UK, Belgium, France and Austria	May – December 2018
<b>‘Soft Landing’ comparative research</b> : led by the French research institute, IFRE, the comparative research study will explore the integration of resettled and relocated refugees in small-size communities across Europe	January 2019

### **3. Capacity Building of emerging resettlement countries**

Countries with new and less well-established resettlement programmes have unique learning and training needs. This project will work in cooperation with the Swedish Migration Agency-led EU-FRANK (Facilitating Resettlement and Refugee Admission through New Knowledge) project to build capacity and strengthen networks in and across emerging resettlement countries, in order to best support resettled and relocated refugees arriving to these countries. Specifically, the project will coordinate the following activities:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time frame</b>
<b>SHARE City Curriculum</b> : templates and guidance on reception, integration and casework translated into six different Central-Eastern European languages	April 2018
<b>SHARE Settlement &amp; Integration Roster and Trainings</b> : Up to 15 1.5-day training workshops coordinated by ICMC and Caritas International and tailored to the participating country’s specific context and learning needs identified through an individual assessment	June 2018 – March 2019
<b>Regional Resettlement Conferences in Bucharest and Vienna</b> : “Housing and reception for resettled refugees” (Vienna) and “Awareness-raising on refugee protection and welcoming communities” (Bucharest)	June 2018 May 2019

### **4. Strengthening the SHARE Integration Network and facilitating European best practice exchange**

Coordination and strong networks among resettlement and integration actors across Europe, as well as within respective national contexts, are essential to successful resettlement and relocation



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programmes. This project will strengthen coordination and networks through the following activities:

Activity	Time frame
<b>SHARE Integration Website:</b> a multi-purpose website to become a reference website for European actors that wish to exchange local practices in reception and integration of resettled/relocated refugees	August 2018
<b>SHARE Integration Look &amp; Learn Exchange Visits:</b> to Germany and Sweden for mixed delegations of local actors (local authorities, civil society)	March 2019 June 2019
<b>3 issues of the SHARE Integration magazine</b> will be distributed to partners and stakeholders throughout the project period	June 2018 November 2018 June 2019
<b>Integration Skills Share Day final conference,</b> gathering 80 resettlement and integration stakeholders in Brussels	July 2019

### C. Further information

For more information about the SHARE Network, please visit [www.resettlement.eu/page/welcome-share-network](http://www.resettlement.eu/page/welcome-share-network) or contact Magdalena Boehm, Programme Manager at ICMC Europe at [boehm@icmc.net](mailto:boehm@icmc.net).