

REFREC-TR Project

Integrating Syrians into Turkish Higher Education through Recognition of Qualifications

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Project Consortium:

- 1. Yasar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration
- 2. Turkish Ministry of Interior, Izmir Provincial Directorate General of Migration Management (Izmir DGMM)
- Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT)

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AIMS of the Project

- To develop a comprehensive, functional and tailor-made suggestion of a recognition tool for Turkish higher education concerning Syrians with documents that needs to be validated and more specifically Syrians without proper documents
- To publish a comparative research report and a guideline for Turkish higher education system by conducting an evidence-based academic research on how to better cope and integrate Syrians and prospective refugees into Turkish higher education system.











 Testing NOKUT's "Qualification's Passport for Refugees" and benefit from the interview technique, recognition experience











Training Programe on Recognition Processes

22 May, 2017, Istanbul

44 participants from universities, policy institutions and NGOs

Procedures, prospects and challenges on Syrians' access to Turkish

higher education













TESTING NOKUT'S QUALIFICATIONS PASSPORT

- 11 Syrian candidates were interviewed in 2 days by 3 credential evaluators from NOKUT
- Interviews took place in cooperation with Turkish Red Crescent Sultanbeyli Community Center and Refugees Association
- What we observed? How to contribute to the cases in Turkey?
 - Divergent refugee profile in Turkey (<u>admitted in Syria (not yet enrolled)</u>, graduate in Syria, high school diploma?)
 - Need for academic evaluation and assessment of qualifications
 - No problem at all in accessing higher education, procedures are clear and flexible within university's competence area
 - Challenges: Regular attendance, recognition of courses, equivalency of competences
 - The technique is useful for advisory boards at universities for verbal evaluation
 - Companies, civil society might also benefit from the QP in terms of working with refugees.

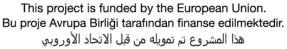














Achievements

- ✓ QP works well in Turkish case as well
- ✓ We need a database as NOKUT has
- ✓ Different context of candidates' profile in Turkey
- ✓ Contributions to NOKUT's QP
- ✓ How Turkey can benefit?
- ✓ New partnerships

Challenges

- ♦ Reaching candidates and informing them
- ♦ Participation of female candidates
- ♦ Advice for further guidance
- ♦ Translator

Special thanks to Turkish Red Crescent Sultanbeyli Community Center and also Refugees Association















About the Project

The project titled "Integrating Syrians into Turkish Higher Education through Recognition of Qualifications" (REFRECTR) aims to offer an improved, functional and ratilor-made recognition tool for Turkish higher education concerning Syrians with documents that needs to be validated and more specifically Syrians without proper concerning Syraian with decrements that needs to be validated aim more specifically syraian without propier documents. As one of the project activities, NOMET's Qualification Paragrapt for Pelocities is tested in Turber, The Comparison of the Com

The Qualifications Passport for Refugees

The document explains the qualifications a refugee is likely to have based on the available evidence. Although this document does not constitute a formal recognition ast. It numerates and presents available information on the constitution of the constitution of the constitution of the constitution of a nazessment of vanishle documentation, the considerable experience gained through previous evaluations and the use of a structured interview. Thus, the document provides credible information that can be relevant in connection with application for employment, intervaline, qualification correspond and instruction to studies.

Who is it for?

"The Qualifications Passport for Refugees" is issued to refugees who claim to have completed or partially completed studies at the level of upper secondary school and above, including qualifications for which there is insufficient or missing documentation. The aim is that it will help applicants continue further studies, improve their language profi-ciency, apply for formal recognition or authorization or find employment.

What it is not?

- Qualifications Passport for Refugees is not: · a formal recognition / statement / decision
- a substitute for identification or educational documentation
- a substitute for regular recognition statements/authorization issued by the national recognition authorities.
- an automatic system that guarantees admission to studies or employment.

Period of validity - The Qualifications Passport for Refugees is valid for five years from the date of issue

















Interviews conducted: Good Practices

- Gaziantep University
- Mersin University
- Cukurova University
- Koc University
- INGEV (HOPES Project)

! Not a good practice due to administrative approach: Bilgi University











INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

COMPARATIVE COUNTRY CASES























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