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Feedback from Break out Session 2

"Building institutional capacities to welcome and integrate refugee students and scholars"
• We should not work in Competition
• We should avoid Regional Approach in favor of National Criteria and Situations (tailored situation)
• Lack of knowledge about EU Funds for Refugees
• We cannot just answer to Refugees in Higher Education and forget about their communities (social Responsibility of the University)
• Students come with their cultures, (Higher degree vis a vis TVET)
• The uncertainty on the future is affecting academic programs and offers
• Treating the Scholars in a special way
• Sustainability is an issue. How to convince universities to invest and build capacities on refugees.
• Needs analysis for the students and to know what and how to act
• Any capacities are not wasted capacities, because at the end, they will help their country and its development
• We should not neglect IDPs and Universities in Syria
• We are not only transferring capacities to South Med countries, but EU Universities are learning for the experience.
• This is an opportunity for Higher Education institutions in the region
• What is the “soul / mindset” of the Institution / Country
  • Guests?
  • Special Int. Students?
  • Employability? Educate to re build the country?
  • Etc.
• What is the “soul / mindset” of the Student
  • A scholarship program?
  • A settlement education? Language?
• Where are we heading in the future?
• The Third Party Approach
Building Institutional Capacities to welcome and integrate refugees students and scholars

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