

# BERLIN



## POPULATION AND REFUGEES IN BERLIN

Metropolis<sup>1</sup>  
Capital of Germany  
Federal State

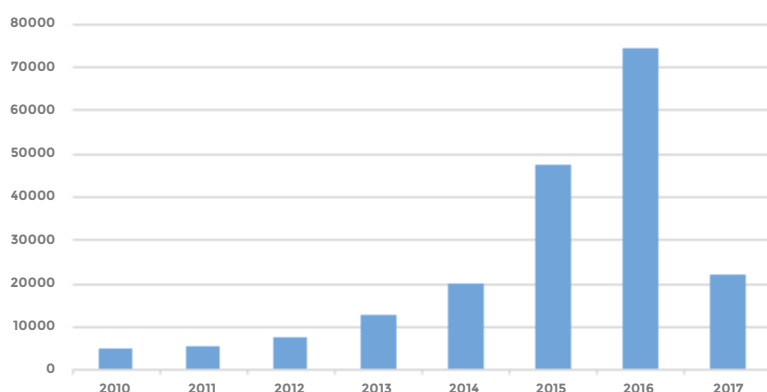
Number of total inhabitants in Germany: 83,042,235<sup>2</sup>

Number of total inhabitants in Berlin: 3,669,491<sup>3</sup>

Individuals with a migration history in Berlin: 1,3 million |  
35% of total Berlin population. <sup>4</sup>

## REFUGEES IN GERMANY<sup>5</sup>

NUMBER OF ASYLUM APPLICANTS PER YEAR GERMANY- UNHCR



## REGIONAL IMPACT

**POSITIVE LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION ATTRIBUTES IN BERLIN:**

- Highly motivated job -seekers in the refugee community.
- Cooperation between businesses, NGOs and public authorities.
- High demand for skilled workers in Berlin labour market.
- State funding more readily available for social innovation.
- Clearer definition of refugee challenges and solutions.
- Free German language courses for migrants.

**KEY INTEGRATION CHALLENGES FACED BY REFUGEES IN BERLIN (2015-2019)<sup>6</sup>**

- Limited access to the labour & housing market
- Fair assessment of educational level & professional experience
- Risk of social exclusion & marginalisation
- Cultural recognition
- Gender specific challenges and reunification of families
- Language proficiency

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**SiforREF**

European Union  
European Regional  
Development Fund

## THE PROJECT

SiforREF examines and tests solutions with the aim to support societal and labour market integration of refugees after their arrival in five Central European cities. Our team consists of researchers, representatives of local government and actors from civil society.



## PARTICIPANT CITIES

Venice, Italy, Lead Partner  
Berlin, Germany  
Bologna, Italy  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Parma, Italy  
Vienna, Austria

## AIM

Our goal is that social innovative and inclusive measures for refugee integration become mainstream and institutionalised.

## KEY INSTRUMENTS

Co-operation of key stakeholders at the local level, transnational cooperation and promotion of social innovation.



**WORK FOR REFUGEES**

**be.mim** Berlin

Senatsverwaltung  
für Integration, Arbeit  
und Soziales

Die Beauftragte des Senats  
für Integration und Migration

# SiforRef promotes the inclusion of social innovation into refugee policies and integration practices.

SOCIAL INNOVATION HAS THREE CORE DIMENSIONS<sup>7</sup>

## WHAT IS SOCIAL INNOVATION?

Social innovation fosters social inclusion and counters conservative forces that prevent it. Social innovation encourages bottom-up participation, the protection of citizen's rights and collective decision-making systems.



**CONTENT DIMENSION**  
To satisfy the basic social needs of refugees



**PROCESS DIMENSION**  
To transform social relations regarding governance



**EMPOWERMENT DIMENSION**  
To increase socio-political capabilities & access to resources for refugees

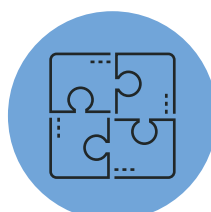
SiforREF PROVIDES A METHODOLOGICAL TOOL-BOX FOR IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL INNOVATION

## HOW DOES SiforREF CONTRIBUTE?

SiforREF aims to support policy makers, practitioners and NGOs as operators in the design and implementation of measures to improve societal and economic integration of refugees.



**PROVIDES RESEARCH BASED GUIDELINES**



**MAPS SOCIAL INNOVATION PRACTICES IN THE CITIES INVOLVED**



**ORGANISES CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITIES INVOLVED<sup>8</sup>**

1. The SiforREF team defines the term metropolis as a significant historical, cultural, political and socio-economic city/ centre that serves as an important hub for regional or international connections. See: Mieg, H.A., Metropolen (2010).

2. Source: <https://www.destatis.de/DE/Themen/Gesellschaft-Umwelt/Bevoelkerung/Bevoelkerungsstand/Tabellen/zensus-geschlecht-staatsangehoerigkeit-2019.html>. Last accessed on 4.8.2020.

3. Source: <https://www.destatis.de/DE/Themen/Gesellschaft-Umwelt/Bevoelkerung/Migration-Integration/Tabellen/auslaendische-bevoelkerung-bundeslaender.html#fussnote-1-116844>. Last accessed on 4.8.2020.

4. Migration history refers to persons where either they or one parent was born abroad. Federal Office of Statistics 27.2.2020

5. Deliverable DT. 1.1.3 - Based on the Königsteiner Schlüssel for 2019 Berlin receives approx. 5% of all refugees arriving in Germany: <https://www.bamf.de/EN/Themen/AsylFluechtlingsschutz/AblaufAsylverfahren/Erstverteilung/erstverteilung-node.html>. Last accessed on 10.8.20.

6. Deliverable D.T1.1.3

7. Moulart et. al (2005) cited in Gerometta, OpCit, p.2007.

8. Deliverable D.T1.4.1



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## SiforREF COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN

- Co-creation workshop – 2 Oct. 2019
- Pilot concept development workshop – Incubator for female refugees – 8 July 2020
- Training for selected stakeholders – 24 Sept. 2020
- Transnational travel study visits – 18 & 19 Feb. 2021