

BOLOGNA



POPULATION AND REFUGEES IN BOLOGNA

Metropolitan City¹

Capital of the Emilia Romagna region

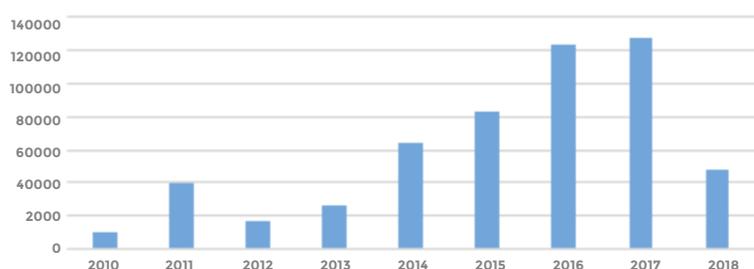
Number of total inhabitants in Italy: 60,461,826²

Number of total inhabitants in Bologna: 1,017,806³

Foreign born population in Bologna: 123,370⁴

REFUGEES IN ITALY⁵

NUMBER OF ASYLUM APPLICANTS PER YEAR ITALY- UNHCR



REGIONAL IMPACT

POSITIVE LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION ATTRIBUTES IN BOLOGNA:

- Co-operation between public bodies, private institutions, third-sector organizations and informal groups.
- Building integration models that foresee participatory methods involving all interested key actors, including refugees.
- Existing practices founded on co-creation approaches.
- Projects and activities involving Italians and refugees together, fostering relationship-building and knowledge exchange.
- Experimenting actions where migrants and local-residents can discuss without filters and mediations, allowing the overcoming of preconceptions.
- Non-institutionalized channels to support housing search and access to the labour market.

KEY INTEGRATION CHALLENGES FACED BY REFUGEES IN BOLOGNA (2015-2019)⁶

- Negative narration in the media concerning refugees
- Few relationships in the local community
- Limited access to the labour market
- Difficulties in securing housing
- Language barriers
- Positive interaction in the work environment

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CENTRAL EUROPE



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
Parma, Italy
Bologna, Italy
Ljubljana, Slovenia
Berlin, Germany
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.



ASP CITTÀ DI BOLOGNA

Azienda pubblica di servizi alla persona

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

SOCIAL INNOVATION HAS THREE CORE DIMENSIONS⁷

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

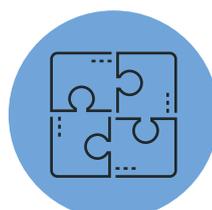
SiforREF PROVIDES A METHODOLOGICAL TOOL-BOX FOR IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL INNOVATION

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 INVOLVED⁸

1. Source: http://www.ponmetro.it/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/LEGGE_7-04-2014_n-56.pdf

2. Source: <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/italy-population/>. United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. World Population Prospects: The 2019 Revision. Last accessed on 5.8.2020.

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SiforREF COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN BOLOGNA

- Co-creation workshop – 17 Sept. 2019
- Training for selected stakeholders – 18 Sept.2020
- Transnational travel study visits - 8 & 9 Feb. 2021