

LJUBLJANA



POPULATION AND REFUGEES IN LJUBLJANA

Capital of Slovenia

Largest city in the statistical region of Central Slovenia

Number of total inhabitants in Slovenia: 2,078,967¹

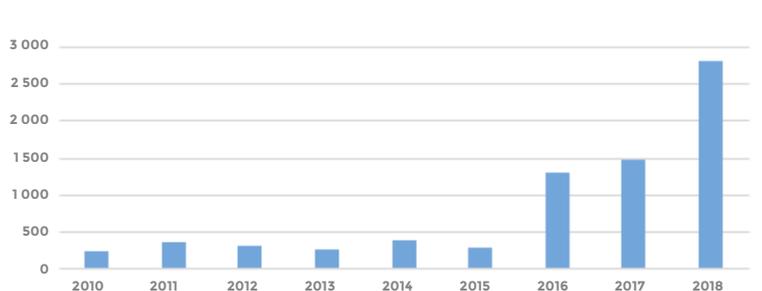
Number of total inhabitants in Ljubljana: 292,988²

Number of foreigners with valid residence permit in Slovenia - 148, 014³

Foreign population in Slovenia: 7.6 % of the Slovenian population are foreigners.⁴

REFUGEES IN SLOVENIA⁵

NUMBER OF ASYLUM APPLICANTS PER YEAR - UNHCR



REGIONAL IMPACT

POSITIVE LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION ATTRIBUTES IN LJUBLJANA:

- Refugees with international and subsidiary protection have full access to the labour market.
- The Employment Service of Slovenia provides a variety of occupational courses and also includes/invites refugees.
- Networks of NGOs organize special courses for migrants covering the fundamental steps of business creation and self-employment opportunities.
- Grassroots and informal networks supply essential social spaces for inclusion and motivation.
- NGO networks offer and assist with the first-period orientation regarding the labour market and social inclusion.

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

- Lack of adequate information regarding self-employment, weak labor market opportunities.
- Gender discrepancy regarding labour market access – inadequate childcare possibilities.
- Understanding of the bureaucratic landscape of Ljubljana (social and labour rights).
- Educational mentoring for refugee youth, vocational trainings.
- Lack of motivation due to bureaucracy, sophisticated system of the Employment office
- Social exclusion, lack of common social space, lack of interaction with local population
- Slovene language proficiency

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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

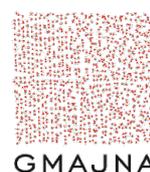
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Parma, Italy
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AIM

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.



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

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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

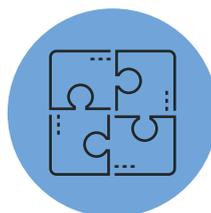
SiforREF PROVIDES A METHODOLOGICAL TOOL-BOX FOR IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL INNOVATION

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

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2. Source: SURS, 1.1.2019: <https://www.ljubljana.si/en/about-ljubljana/ljubljana-in-figures/>. Last accessed on 4.8.2020.

3. This number includes both temporary and permanent third country nationals: Source: Data valid for 1.1.2019. Republic of Slovenia, the official page of the government. Immigration to Slovenia. <https://www.gov.si/en/policies/state-and-society/immigration-to-slovenia/>. Last accessed 11.8.2020.

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5. Deliverable D.T1.1.3.

6. Deliverable D.T1.1.2 and DT.1.4.1

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 LJUBLJANA

- Co-creation workshop – 9 Oct. 2019
- Pilot concept development workshop – Jan.- Apr. 2021
- Training for selected stakeholders – 9 Sept. 2020
- Transnational travel study visits – 12-13 Jan. 2021
- Video: Kulturno društvo Gmajna and ZRC SAZU present

A documentary film titled "Five Perspectives". The film looks at the lives and experiences of five refugees coming from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan.