

PARMA

POPULATION AND REFUGEES IN PARMA

City of the Emilia Romagna region

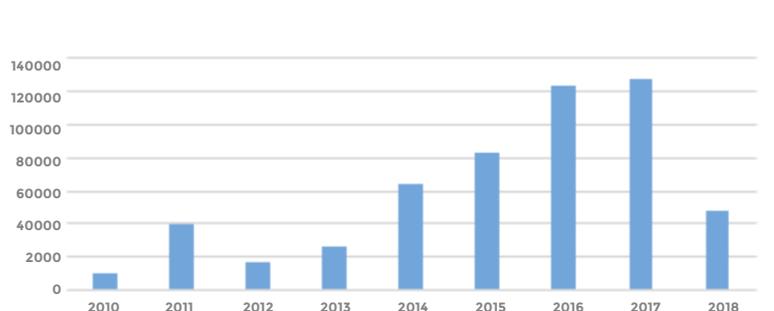
Number of total inhabitants in Italy: 60,461,826¹

Number of total inhabitants in Parma: 198, 292²

Foreign born population³: 34,104⁴: - 17.4%⁵

REFUGEES IN ITALY⁶

NUMBER OF ASYLUM APPLICANTS PER YEAR ITALY- UNHCR



REGIONAL IMPACT

POSITIVE LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION ATTRIBUTES IN PARMA:

- Chain of services that promote the reception of refugees in small apartments that encourage interaction with the local population and reduce isolation.
- Implementation of devices and an integration team that guides the integration paths of refugees after the reception phase.
- Willingness of refugee communities to perform volunteer work and be involved in public utility activities.
- A bottom-up approach that allows for the creation of best practices in which the local community is committed to fostering better integration.
- Various foreign businesses and local associations that can facilitate the entry of refugees into the labour market and further societal participation.
- Involvement of the University of Parma with a structured plan that entails the programming of work plans, actions and projects.

KEY INTEGRATION CHALLENGES FACED BY REFUGEES IN PARMA (2015-2019)⁷

- Adequate and acknowledge documentation
- Acquisition of basic skills
- Understanding the bureaucratic landscape of Parma
- Education
- Precarious housing - social exclusion by dominant population
- Lack of mobility for employment purposes
- Italian 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

Venice, Italy, Lead Partner
Parma, Italy
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.



Comune di Parma



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

SOCIAL INNOVATION HAS THREE CORE DIMENSIONS⁸

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

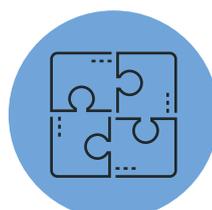
SiforREF PROVIDES A METHODOLOGICAL TOOL-BOX FOR IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL INNOVATION

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 INVOLVED⁹

1. 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.

2. Source: https://www.citypopulation.de/en/italy/emiliaromagna/parma/034027__parma/. Last accessed 4.8.20.

3. Based on total population of Parma.

4. Source: https://www.citypopulation.de/en/italy/emiliaromagna/parma/034027__parma/. Last accessed on 4.8.2020.

5. The percentages are distributed as follows: Romania 13.8%, Moldova 12.2%, Albania 8%, Philip-pines 7.9%, Nigeria 6%, Tunisia, 5.1%, Morocco 4%, Ukraine 3.8%, Ghana 3.6%, Ivory Coast 2.9%, Others. Source: tuttitalia.it/emilia-romagna/34-parma/statistiche/cittadini-stranieri-2019/. Last accessed on 6.8.20.

6. Deliverable D.T1.1.3- In Emilia Romagna more than 2 out of 3 residents (68.3%) have a long-term residence permit. This share is 6 percentage points higher than the Italian average.

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

8. Moulaert et. al (2005) cited in Gerometta, OpCit, p.2007.

9. Deliverable D.T1.4.1



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SiforREF COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN PARMA

- Co-creation workshop – 23 Oct. 2019
- Pilot concept development workshop – 23 Sept. 2020
- Training for selected stakeholders – 8 & 9 Feb. 2021
- Transnational travel study visits Parma/Bologna - 8 & 9 Feb. 2021