

VIENNA



POPULATION AND REFUGEES IN VIENNA

Metropolis¹
Capital of Austria
Federal Province

Number of inhabitants in Austria: 9,011,437²

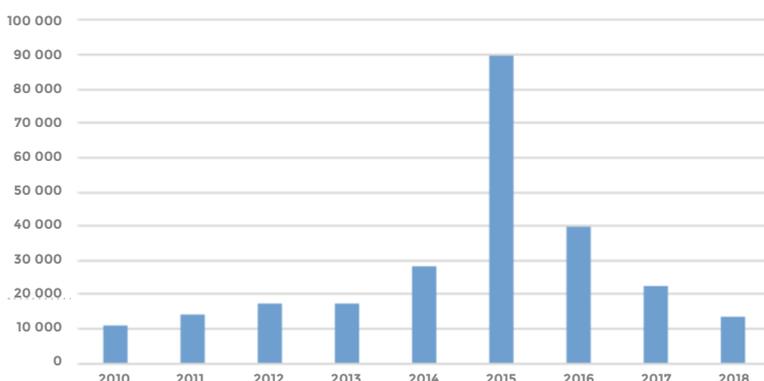
Number of total inhabitants in Vienna: 1, 931,497³

Foreign born population in Vienna: 572,834 - 30.2%⁴

Individuals with a migration background in Vienna : 854,900 |
45.9% of total Viennese population⁵

REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA⁶

NUMBER OF ASYLUM APPLICANTS PER YEAR AUSTRIA - UNHCR



REGIONAL IMPACT

POSITIVE LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION ATTRIBUTES

IN VIENNA:

- Dense network of supporting structures for refugees.
- Multi-level-governance system includes newly-established civic participation.
- Public support from the very beginning (“StartWien”) results in less socio-spatial segregation compared to other cities.
- Policy agenda for newcomers in Vienna (“Integration from Day 1”) regardless of the asylum status.
- Targeted education and language learning services for refugees and asylum seekers (e.g. “Bildungsdrehscheibe”, “Bildungspass”).
- International collaboration and knowledge exchange at European level.

KEY INTEGRATION POINTS FACED BY REFUGEES

IN VIENNA (2015-2019)⁷

- Public integration support from the very beginning
- Additional support from civil society
- Language proficiency
- Labour market access (mentoring/coaching needed)
- Trauma treatment (where necessary)
- Limited access to affordable social housing



THE PROJECT

Social Innovation for Refugees

(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.

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

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.

SOCIAL INNOVATION HAS THREE CORE DIMENSIONS⁸



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

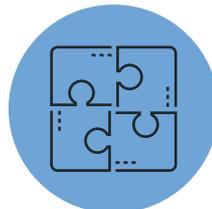
SiforREF PROVIDES A METHODOLOGICAL TOOL-BOX FOR IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL INNOVATION

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. 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: http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/menschen_und_gesellschaft/bevoelkerung/index.html Last accessed on 10.8.2020.

3. Source: <https://www.wien.gv.at/statistik/bevoelkerung/tabellen/bevoelkerung-bez-zr.html>. Last accessed on 10.8.2020.

4. Source: <https://www.wien.gv.at/english/social/integration/facts-figures/population-migration.html>. Last accessed on 4.8.2020.

5. Migration background: both parents were born abroad; the members of the first generation were born abroad themselves and persons of the second generation were born in Austria. This number for migration background includes first and second generation and is based on total Viennese population. http://www.statistik.at/web_de/statistiken/menschen_und_gesellschaft/bevoelkerung/bevoelkerungsstruktur/bevoelkerung_nach_migrationshintergrund/033241.html. Last accessed 10.8.2020.

6. Deliverable D.T1.1.3

7. Deliverables D.T1.1.2, DT.1.4.1, DT. 1.3.1

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

9. Deliverable D.T1.4.1



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SiforREF COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN VIENNA

- Co-creation workshop – 03 Oct. 2020
- Pilot development process – March/April/May 2020
- Training for selected stakeholders – 24 Sept. 2020
- Transnational travel study visits – 19-20 Nov. 2020