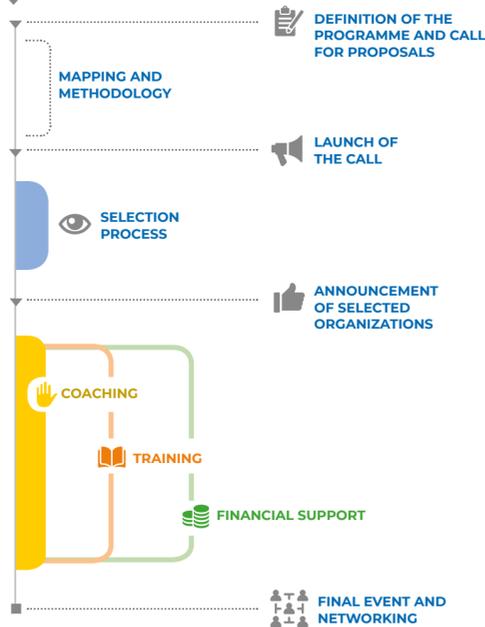


## HOW TO ACCESS THE PROGRAMME

Organizations interested in accessing the programme must submit a project proposal that meets at least **one of the following strategic objectives:**

- EMPOWERING THE ORGANIZATION'S CAPACITIES**
- ENHANCING SOCIAL COHESION WITHIN THE HOST COMMUNITY**
- BOOSTING INTEGRATION**

**PARTECIPAZIONE** IS A PROGRAMME RUN BY UNHCR AND INTERSOS THAT TARGETS REFUGEE-LED AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTING THE PARTICIPATION OF REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER COMMUNITIES



ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY **PARTECIPAZIONE** **2022**

over **350** PEOPLE including **181** REFUGEES

**4** LEGAL AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT/ HELPDESK SERVICES

**6** ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

**2** PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

**15** ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS RAISING EVENTS

**74%** WOMEN **26%** MEN

## THE PROGRAMME NETWORK

| Region           | Year                                       | Organization                               |
|------------------|--|--|
| PIEDMONT         | 2018                                       | Generazione Ponte, Mosaico                 |
|                  | 2019                                       | Donne Africa Subsahariana e il generazione |
|                  | 2020                                       | Terra e pace                               |
|                  | 2021                                       | Sotto il baobab                            |
|                  | 2022                                       | Sotto il baobab                            |
|                  | LOMBARDY                                   | 2019                                       |
| 2020             |  | Cambio passo                               |
| 2022             |  | Support UA Children                        |
| FRIULI-V. GIULIA |  | 2020                                       |
|                  | EMILIA-ROMAGNA                             | 2018                                       |
| 2019             |  | Cresci Con Noi, Next Generation Italy      |
| 2022             |  | Il Grande Colibri                          |
| MARCHE           |  | 2020                                       |
| TUSCANY          | 2021                                       | Circolo Culturale Arci Radioattiva         |
| SARDINIA         | 2019                                       | Carovana Smi                               |
|                  | 2022                                       | Movimento Omosessuale Sardo                |
|                  | LAZIO                                      | 2018                                       |
| 2019             |  | Siamo Coop, Unire                          |
| 2020             | Cygnus                                     |  |
| SICILY           | 2018                                       | Niofar, Zabbara                            |
|                  | 2019                                       | Africa Unita, Blitz                        |
| 2020             | Ikenga                                     |  |
| 2021             | C.U.C.I.R.E., Ass. Culturale Fuori Mercato |  |
| 2022             | Stra Vox                                   |  |
| CAMPANIA         | 2019                                       | Kalfoo Ground, Irpinia Altruista, Tobilli  |
|                  | 2022                                       | Donne dell'Est                             |
| APULIA           | 2019                                       | Aiims, Berberè                             |
|                  | 2020                                       | Terra nostra                               |
| 2021             | Il Faro del Borgo, Smiling Coast of Africa |  |
| 2022             | Associazione Culturale Origens             |  |
| CALABRIA         | 2018                                       | Arci Djiguiya, Panafrica                   |
|                  | 2019                                       | Arci Djiguiya                              |
| 2020             | Pro loco di Camini                         |  |

## PARTECIPAZIONE

ACTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION OF REFUGEES

an empowerment and capacity building programme run by



**PARTECIPAZIONE** ACTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION OF REFUGEES

Information about the programme: [www.partecipazionerifugiati.org](http://www.partecipazionerifugiati.org)

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## THE PROGRAMME

Launched in 2018 and run by UNHCR and INTERSOS, **PARTECIPAZIONE** promotes integration, social cohesion and the active participation of refugees and asylum seekers in Italy. **PARTECIPAZIONE** targets refugee-led and community-based organizations that apply participatory approaches to foster refugee participation and inclusion. Tailored empowerment actions are designed based on the specific needs of each organization involved in the programme. In five years, **PARTECIPAZIONE** has supported

50 organizations in 12 regions. The programme comprises: financial and technical support for organizations to implement their projects; high level training courses; individualized coaching; networking opportunities and partnerships with local and national stakeholders. **PARTECIPAZIONE** is a protection programme that focuses on communities, refugees, their resources and their initiatives. Throughout Italy, refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and Italian communities work side by side to build concrete examples of solidarity and inclusion.

## OBJECTIVES

**PARTECIPAZIONE** empowers refugee-led and community-based organizations on their path towards autonomy and growth. The aim of the programme is to support these organizations in reaching their goals, growing their visibility in media, building networks with institutions and other stakeholders, and eventually enabling them to access sustainable funding. The programme straightens the organizations and their skills, especially in project management, fundraising, communication strategies, and protection. Four interlinked pillars are at the core of the programme:

- Financial support for the implementation of the projects
- Quality tailored training
- Individualized coaching
- Networking opportunities and partnerships



**PARTECIPAZIONE** programme grew out of the collaboration of different stakeholders in the private sector, civil society and institutions. Since its launch, important organizations and synergies have developed. **COLLABORATE WITH US!**

<https://www.partecipazionerifugiati.org/cosa-facciamo/relazioni-istituzionali-e-mediatiche/>

# IMPACT

ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT TOOK PART IN PAST EDITIONS OF THE PROGRAMME REPORTED THAT, 12 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE FUNDING AND TRAINING PERIOD, THEY HAD EXPANDED THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SKILLS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS:



Over the years, **PARTECIPAZIONE** has increased its visibility at international level. UNHCR issued a report on the programme, "**PARTECIPAZIONE: Empowering Organizations led by refugees and asylum-seekers and community-based organizations to foster protection and meaningful participation in the host country**" (UNHCR 2022). It was also considered as best practice in UNHCR AGD report "**Promising practices from Europe**" (UNHCR, 2021) and was mentioned in UNHCR report "**Issue Brief on Working with RLOs in Europe**" (UNHCR 2020).

The programme is currently being assessed as good practice by the research team of "**SPRING, Sustainable Practices for Integration**" (Spring Project, 2022), a project backed by a European stakeholder network.

**PARTECIPAZIONE's** organizations developed new tools and methods of working with refugees, like "**Mosaico - Azioni per i rifugiati**" that designed a "**Training Kit for Empowering Refugee-led community Organizations**" (Erasmus+ project, 2022). Some organizations joined international networks, such as **UNIRE** that became member of the **Global Refugee Network** and the **European Coalition of Migrants and Refugees**. Other organizations took part in consultations with European civil society organizations as well as in training courses targeting journalists, staff working in reception centres, and other refugee organizations.



## PARTECIPAZIONE 2022 ACTIVITIES



**SUPPORT UA CHILDREN** Milan

[www.supportuachildren.org.ua](http://www.supportuachildren.org.ua) fb: @SupportUAChildren.org

Established in 2014 after the start of the conflict in the Donbas region to help women and children, the organization has promoted new projects since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine on February 2022. Among them there **Un abbraccio in tempo di guerra** that aimed at fostering the integration of refugees by offering Italian courses for adults and children. To help cope with the trauma of war, it promoted mental health support groups, training courses for cultural mediators and families hosting refugees, a summer camp for children, and guided city tours.

6 LANGUAGE COURSES • 2 TRAINING COURSES • 3 SUPPORT GROUPS  
1 SUMMER CAMP • 5 SIGHTSEEING

**SOTTO IL BAOBAB** Canelli

fb: Associazione Sotto Il Baobab-Canelli

The organization was established in 2018 by migrant seasonal farmworkers to give voice to the community of farmhands. After having taken part in the 2021 edition of **PARTECIPAZIONE**, the organization was supported in 2022 with the new project **Intrecci femminili** to create a safe space for women and their children. The centre hosted workshops on reproductive health, motherhood, and welfare counselling.

1 WOMAN SAFE SPACE • 6 WORKSHOPS ON HEALTH AND MOTHERHOOD

**IL GRANDE COLIBRI** Piacenza

[www.ilgrandecolibri.com](http://www.ilgrandecolibri.com) fb: @ilcolibriLGBT tw: @ilColibriLGBT

The organization was founded in 2011 to defend LGBTQ+ rights by providing advocacy, information and legal counselling. In 2022, thanks to the project **Il nido del colibrì 2.0** it promoted housing services for LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers through an online data base of people willing to give them accommodation. Training on cohabitation and reception was an essential part of the project and was provided through workshops and two handbooks.

1 DATA BASE • 8 WORKSHOPS • 2 HANDBOOKS

**ASSOCIAZIONE DI SOLIDARIETÀ DONNE PER LE DONNE - ASDD** Rome

fb: Associazione di solidarietà donne per le donne

The organization was established by a group of seven Afghan refugee women arrived in Italy in 2021. ASDD has the goal of creating a platform to connect Afghan refugees across Italy. The project **Happy Family Program for Refugees from Afghanistan** focused on reproductive health to promote women's emancipation. A website, in English and Dari, was created to provide information on job opportunities and training. A press conference was held to launch the organization.

1 PRESS CONFERENCE • 2 WORKSHOPS • 1 WEBSITE

**UNIA - UNIONE ITALIANA APOLIDI** Rome

[www.unioneitalianaapolidi.com](http://www.unioneitalianaapolidi.com) fb: Unione Italiana Apolidi tw: @unioneapolidi

The organizations was founded in 2022 by a group of stateless people to advocate for people who are not recognized as a national by any State. The project title - **Give a voice to stateless people** - highlights the organization mission itself. To defend statelessness people's rights and inform the public opinion they focused on social media, created a website and made five video interviews. UNIA aimed at playing a key role in the institutional decision-making process. A press conference was held to launch the organization.

1 PRESS CONFERENCE • 1 WEBSITE • 3 SOCIAL MEDIA • 5 VIDEO

**DONNE DELL'EST** Naples

fb: Donne dell'Est

The organization has been providing support to refugees and migrants for more than twenty years in Naples and has since developed a strong institutional network. The project **Gostynnist: reti per l'accoglienza dei rifugiati ucraini in Italia** aimed to provide socioeconomic and legal counselling to Ukrainian refugees arrived in Italy over the last months. It used social media and a website - in Ukrainian, Russian, and Italian - to give information on the rights the refugees are entitled to and the risks they may incur. It also promoted a legal helpdesk and cultural events for the Ukrainian community.

1 WEBSITE • 2 SOCIAL MEDIA • 1 LEGAL HELPDESK • 3 CULTURAL EVENTS

**IN CAMMINO CON GUSTAMUNDO** Rome

[www.gustamundo.it](http://www.gustamundo.it) fb: @GustamundoRoma tw: @gustamundoroma

The organization was established in 2021 to provide catering services and ethnic cooking classes for refugees and migrants, four years later the launch of Gustamundo, "social and ethnic restaurant" in Rome. The project **Interfood: gastronomia, inclusione e partecipazione attiva** involved 12 refugee and asylum seeker women in a course of pastry. The organization promoted the desserts made by the pastry chefs to the local restaurants. Two public events were held to promote the project.

1 ETHNIC CUISINE COURSE • 12 REFUGEE WOMEN • 2 PUBLIC EVENTS

**ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE ORIGENS** Bari

fb: Associazione Culturale Origenes

Founded in Bari, Apulia, in 2008, the organization has since become one of the most important points of reference for migrants and refugees in the region as well as one of the major players in the local restaurant industry. The project **Momo - Rifugiamoci in cucina** involved 12 refugee and asylum seeker women in a course of ethnic cuisine. After completing the course, the chefs received the HACCP certificate and learned basic cooking skills. Two of them got the opportunity to do an internship in local restaurants. The project ended with a public event.

1 ETHNIC CUISINE COURSE • 12 REFUGEE WOMEN • 2 INTERNSHIP • 1 PUBLIC EVENT

**STRA VOX** Palermo

fb: @Stravoix

The organization was established in 2020 in Palermo by a group of young people from different nationalities. Thanks to free legal counselling services and migrant rights activism, it has become an important point of reference for the community of refugees and migrants in the city. With the project **La mia voce nella comunità**, they established a helpdesk to provide legal counselling and information on job and training opportunities. The helpdesk officers received a specific training. The organization held two public events.

1 HELPDESK • 2 PUBLIC EVENTS • 1 TRAINING COURSE

**MOS - MOVIMENTO OMOSESSUALE SARDO** Sassari

[www.movimentomosessualesardo.org](http://www.movimentomosessualesardo.org) fb: @MOS.Sassari tw: @MosInforma

Founded in 1992, the organization provides support to the LGBTQ+ community. The project **Link** supported people forced to flee their own countries because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. The objective was to improve the skills that can help achieve economic independence by providing training courses (IT and communication) as well as employment services. At the same time, it aimed at promoting inclusion through a participatory video lab. A final public event ended the project.

1 HELPDESK • 1 VIDEO LAB • 2 TRAINING COURSES • 1 PUBLIC EVENT