

#6 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 2nd Feb

Minutes of meeting #4 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group		
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid format Galati/Teams Meeting, Thursday 2 Feb 2023, from 13:00 to 14:00	
Facilitators	Christian Renson, Lucian Dinu, Victoria Moren	
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Iryna Bystrytska, UNHCR 2. Robby Pazmino, HIAS 3. Monica Ingeaua, Ateliere Fara Frontiere 4. Daria Badescu, EaSI 5. Ana Cosma, Save the Children 6. Damien Thiery, Ateliere Fara Frontiere 7. Camille Hartmann, Group SOS 8. Alina Dascalescu, Pentrubine 9. Fawzie Rehejeh, Arab Cultural Center 10. Cosmin Barzan, Constanta for Ukraine Community Center 11. Roxana Popa, Jobs4Ukraine 12. Adela Popovici, HEKS/EPER 13. Anna Kalinichenko, DLA Piper 14. Inessa Platonova, ICC Ukraine 15. Teodora Rogozea, UNHCR 16. Cristina Adam, Save the Children 17. Fabiana Felix de Lima Faria, Oxfam 18. Azam Faruque, Save the Children 19. Nick Latushkin, Association for Supporting Ukrainians 20. Teodora Rogozea, Protection Unit, UNHCR FO Galati 21. Liliana Dumitrescu, Field Unit, UNHCR FO Galati 22. James Weatherlake, Reporting Unit, UNHCR FO Galati 23. Cezar Nastase, Director of AJOFM Galati 24. Cornelia Pirtina, CNRR 25. Marina Bulgaru, CNRR 26. George Cinepa, CNRR 27. Daniel Alexandru Mocanasu, AIDRom 28. Cristian Cojocar, AIDRom 	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new working group members • Group SOS presentation of key findings from their evaluation of the AFF work integration program • Presentation of LEI Working Group survey findings and structure for upcoming meetings • Confirmation of the 2023 ToR and WorkPlan • Open floor for questions and discussions 	
Main Topic	Discussion	Action Points

<p>Working group engagement and meetings on a county-level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOS presentation - Camille Hartmann • Monica Ingeaua – AFF • Ateliere fara frontiere – insert vulnerable people into the labour market in Romania, connect with childcare and health from July 2022 • Pilot project of referral paths – assist with initial discussions, RomExpo building, own counseling, out of those 523, in discussions with 80 refugees, 45 were actually linked and 33 employed. • Besides the refugee community, we encourage own system -8 events with 100 people each (cultural, legal workshops) • UNHCR – host community – integrate in the system so they work together • Surveys by AFF – refugee beneficiaries, job placement • Language issue – no Romanian, support by AFF • Main findings – self-confidence is important, particularly Ukrainian refugees, connected with people with the same issues, level of education (minimum level of RO needed, some of the PoC could not project themselves with jobs that were not aligned), more institutional cooperation • Recommendations: 6 parts (language, entrepreneurship, trainings and re-conversion) • 68 refugees and 10 from Romania, all for full-time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFF to disseminate the survey group data
<p>Director of AJOFM Galati, Mr. Cezar Nastase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJOFM expressed their openness to help and have open communication between Ukrainian job seekers and their organization, as well as companies offering jobs • So far, only 80 refugees taken into evidence by AJOFM Galati, 25-30 employers constantly in the database • AJOFM ready to collaborate with local NGOs and local focal points, but they need translators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify space where Ukrainian job-seekers and companies with vacancies can meet, ideally with AJOFM being present too • UNHCR encourages a RomExpo hub and NGOs being present as a bridge in Galati as well, as it happened organically in Baia Mare or Brasov • UNHCR to identify NGOs at local level in Galati to cooperate with AJOFM, possibly Help Ukraine (Nick’s NGO)

Victoria Moren, UNHCR Livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of LEI Working Group survey findings and structure for upcoming meetings • Confirmation of the 2023 ToR and WorkPlan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to share the results in the LEI files of the SWG
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Open floor for discussion/updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Latushkin's question on the repartition of people surveyed by age, education, also on level of employment sought • Cosmin Barzan from Civic Resource Center talked about the integration project they are working on, also about companies willing to include refugees, cultural orientation program • Question from facilitators: whether to keep the format as before, or change it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFF to disseminate the survey group data • All members to sign the policy recommendations revealed by AFF if agreed to them (optional) • Agreed for changes in the format of the next WG: 1st part general and 2nd part with specific theme - entrepreneurship
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