


#21 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 9 May 2024

Minutes of meeting #21 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group	
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid Meeting on Teams, Thursday 9 May 2024, from 13:00 to 15:00
Co-Chairs	Victoria Moren (UNHCR) and Florina Dragulin (World Vision)
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sinziana Dobre, TdH 2. Andrea Nicoleta Motreanu, World Vision 3. Madalina Popa, JRS Romania 4. Eugen Bogdan Preda, CNRR 5. Laurentia Mereuta, World Vision 6. Myroslava Dmytriieva, Fundatia Nationala pentru Tineret (FNT) 7. Lucian Dinu, IOM 8. Astrid Fogh, Danish Embassy Romania 9. Raluca Teodora, Civil Society Development Foundation 10. Katarzyn Otterpilot 11. Hanna Zinkovska, World Vision 12. Andreea Vrinceanu, KATYA Hub Brasov 13. Ivan Salnikov, UNHCR 14. Alexandra Mararu, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) 15. Valentina Mirza, FONPC 16. Yvonna Taranu-Hofnar, Code for Romania 17. Cristina Semeniuc JRS 18. Sergiu Mihailov, HIAS 19. Marieluise Knobloch, Sus Inima 20. Eira Angelica Cerda Ruano, UNHCR 21. Ilona Chiriac, World Vision 22. Roxana Popa, Jobs for Ukraine 23. Maricica Ciubara, UNICEF Bucharest School Inspectorate (ISMB) 24. Eugene Vovk, Sus Inima 25. Alla Stegnii, UNHCR 26. Anna Fedorova, UNHCR 27. Vasili Gutu, World Vision 28. Elena Sobieski, Fundatia Alaturi de Voi Romania (ADV)
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and general updates • ADV presentation about Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Program • Advocacy workshop
	Discussion
	Action Points

<p>Introductions and general updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with Inter-Agency's recommendations to have a national co-lead in all Working Groups by mid-year, the LEI WG has held a democratic election of the group's co-lead who together with UNHCR will manage the group. This process resulted in World Vision being selected as the new co-lead for the Working Group. • The Livelihoods Working Group now has a WhatsApp which can be used to share updates, news, inquires and questions of relevance for the group (on issues related to refugees' economic inclusion in Romania) and to connect more easily with one another. You can join through this link or by scanning the QR code below.  <p>The image shows a QR code for a WhatsApp group. Above the QR code, there is a green header with a white circle containing three people icons. Below the icon, the text reads: "Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group" and "WhatsApp group".</p>	
<p>ADV presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADV held a presentation about their newly launched project "Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Program (EYE4UA)" which offers Ukrainian citizen residing in Romania the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills through a mentorship program (lasting 1-3 months with a monthly financial support of up to €1000) whereby they could travel to Spain, Italy, Sweden, Poland or Bulgaria to get coaching from a seasoned entrepreneur in one of those countries. In exceptional cases, for refugees unable to travel, there could also be the option to get mentored by an entrepreneur in Romania. • Those refugees who are interested can sign-up through this online platform, selecting Fundatia Alaturi de Voi (ADV) Romania as their intermediary organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Working Group members are encouraged to share information about this opportunity among the refugee community. More information can be found on the EYE4UA website: www.eye4ua.eu/. • For questions, you can reach out to Elena Sobieski, Project Manager at ADV: elena.sobieski@alaturidevoi.ro, 0752110321

Advocacy workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sinziana Dobre, Advocacy Officer at Terre Des Hommes (TdH) supported with facilitating a 2-hour workshop in which the group discussed priority advocacy issues, related to refugees economic inclusion in Romania.• Firstly, Sinziana held a presentation about advocacy (covering various topics such as what advocacy is and how to develop an effective advocacy strategy). The presentation can be found here.• Thereafter, the group did a menti exercise whereby they identified priority advocacy points which could improve the socio-economic inclusion of refugees in Romania. The outcomes of the menti exercise can be found here.• Thereafter, the members started to discuss, group together and prioritize among the advocacy points which came out from the Menti exercise. The result was a list of priority advocacy points which will now be sent out to the group for final inputs/edits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone is encourage to review and add to this working draft of the advocacy points.
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