

#30 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting 13 February 2025

Minutes of meeting #30 Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group	
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid meeting from Constanta, World Vision offices and on Teams, Thursday 13 February, from 13:00 to 14:23
Co-Chairs	Teodora Rogozea (UNHCR) and Laurentia Mereuta (World Vision)
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teodora Rogozea-Weatherlake, UNHCR 2. Raluca Stoia_AJOFM Brasov 3. Razvan Nicola, World Vision Constanta 4. Angela Serban, World Vision Constanta 5. Cosmin Barzan, CRC 6. Natalia Holdayeva, CRC 7. Alla Stegnii, UNHCR FO Timisoara 8. Mykolay Latushkin, NGO Galati 9. Liviu Constantin Vacareanu 10. Malina Baranciuc 11. Vasiliu Gutu, Institutul Bucovina 12. Dumitru Jucov, NESsT 13. Laurentia Mereuta, World Vision 14. Amalia Ermilov, AJOFM Constanta 15. Mihaela Manole, AJOFM Constanta 16. Karyna Kharytonova, World Vision Constanta 17. Elena Dimova, World Vision 18. Ilona Kristofor, World Vision 19. Anna Kapustina 20. Oleksandra Sierova, Project Voyager 21. Arikh Galyna, Commit Global 22. Kateryna Korob, IFC 23. Andreea Vrinceanu - Katya Hub 24. Asociatia Novapolis - Centrul ROUA 25. Daniela Avram, Ateliere fara frontiere 26. Romana Chioreanu, World Vision Cluj 27. Olga Troya, beneficiary World Vision 28. Anna Fedorova, UNHCR 29. Raluca Teodor, FDSC 30. Eira Angelica Cerda, UNHCR FO Constanta 31. Cristina Ciobotaru, CCINA Constanta 32. Reme Alkofairi, UNHCR FO Constanta 33. Olha Trehub, UNHCR Constanta 34. Florentina Boagiu, Roua Center

	35. Roman Pronin, World Vision beneficiary	
	Discussion	Action Points
Presentation NESsT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NESsT social enterprise welcomes applications from refugees running impact-driven businesses in Romania & Poland with up to €100,000 in reimbursable grants; Mentoring & courses from IKEA & Cisco. • Eligibility criteria includes proven social/environmental impact; at least \$75,000 in annual sales or strong growth potential; committed & ethical management team. 	Presentation may be found in the ShareDrive here
Presentation AJOFM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJOFM: 5,800 registered refugees since 2022; • Organized job fairs with UNHCR and partners; • Ongoing efforts to enroll businesses hiring Ukrainians, especially those with no language knowledge. 	
Presentation Centrul pentru resurse civice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated 400+ job placements for Ukrainian refugees since 2023; • Partnered with Jobs4Ukr for events and referrals; • Covers expenses for vocational and English courses (reimbursement upon proof of necessity). 	
Presentation Chamber of commerce and industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began partnership with World Vision in July 2024 to enhance entrepreneurial support and support for those who are interested in opening a business in Romania; • Supported with awareness raising together with UNHCR and World Vision Constanta. 	

Presentation World Vision and beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2024 supported 230 people in Constanta, 527 were beneficiaries (370 women, 127 men);• On business engagement 28 companies willing to hire Ukrainians;• Grants 2024: 5 businesses in Constanta received funding in 2024. Goals for 2025: Targeting new companies for partnerships, Collaborating with AJOFM and the Chamber of Commerce to expand networks and job opportunities.	
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