



Conference on Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in Euro-Mediterranean region

July 2018, Athens, Greece

CALL FOR BEST PRACTICES - *Be an inspiration!*

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe is looking for projects/initiatives in the fields of protection, integration and/or reception of migrant, asylum-seeking and refugee women and/or girls. The projects/initiatives must have proven success or positive progress either at the local, national, regional or multilateral level. The chosen projects/initiatives will be showcased during the -conference on Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in Euro-Mediterranean region which will take place in Athens, Greece, in July 2018.

By submitting your best practice, you may be selected to share your project results- and transfer knowledge that could be applied in the implementation of solutions for the challenges faced by migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women and girls. It will be a unique opportunity to present your projects/initiative to decision makers, international organisations, field workers and others relevant stakeholders.

ABOUT THE CALL

The purpose of the call is to identify projects/initiatives which contributed to solve current challenges faced by migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women and girls in the Euro-Mediterranean region and to promote them during the conference in order to recognise them and encourage their implementation.

Specific areas of interest

policy implementation; protection issues; responses in emergency situations; security in refugees' camps; prevention of violence and discrimination; referral, counselling and psychological/social assistance to survivors of gender-based violence; coordination of relevant stakeholders; awareness raising actions; research; improving access to rights and/or medical care; economic empowerment; education and capacity building; professional trainings; improving communication and data collection; integration of migrants and refugees into the local community; financing; etc. (*non- exhaustive list*)

How to submit:

All submissions must be made through [the online form](#). Deadline for submissions is 30 April 2018 (Midnight – CET Time).

The North-South Centre will assess all submissions received within the deadline. Results will be announced on 15 May 2018. Should your best practice be chosen to be showcased during the conference, the North-South Centre will contact you to organise the details of your participation.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Background

The roundtable on “Women refugees, migrants and asylum seekers in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean: Meet the immediate emergency needs and find the longer term solutions” organised in the framework of the Lisbon Forum 2016, urged the need for a prompt and concrete coordinated intervention to support them. As a follow-up to the roundtable, the conference will aim at translating its recommendations into action.

Read the [roundtable’s recommendations](#)

The one-day event will gather 100 to 120 participants from European and Southern Mediterranean countries, bringing together representatives from governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities, civil society experts and other relevant stakeholders such as international and intergovernmental organisations and diaspora communities.

Objectives of the Conference

- to assess the state of play and raise awareness on different forms of violence in different contexts against migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women and girls in the countries of the region;
- to promote the cooperation and coordination of the relevant actors in the Euro-Mediterranean region through the sharing of effective practices and mechanisms;
- to recall the existing standards and legal instruments related to prevention of violence and discrimination, protection and integration of displaced women and girls;
- to highlight the role of diaspora communities as strategic partners for migration management, social and economic inclusion, intercultural dialogue and peace building processes.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for Submission: 30 April 2018
- Selected announcement: 15 May 2018
- Conference on Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in Euro-Mediterranean region: July 2018

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