

**Call under ESF+ SI+ initiative ‘Innovative Approaches to Mitigate the Societal Consequences of Russia’s War of Aggression Against Ukraine within EU countries’**

The list of signed Grant Agreements with beneficiaries

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
1.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0020</b>	<b>Go Forward</b>	<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>LITHUANIA</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Social innovations to transform challenges to opportunities in employment and social inclusion of women fleeing from Ukraine	Socialiniu inovaciju fondas	Centrul Pentru Promovarea Invatarii Permanente	1. Kurybiniu iniciatyvu centras
	<b>299,196</b>			<b>CYPRUS</b>	2. MB Nailshopas
	<b>Duration</b>			Center for Social Innovation	3. Kauno Bendruomeniu Centru Asociacija
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>LITHUANIA</b>	4. Uzimtumo tarnyba prie Lietuvos Respublikos Socialines Apsaugos ir Darbo Ministerijos Kauno Klientu aptarnavimo departamentas
				UAB "JITL"	5. Birstono jaunimo klubas
					<b>ROMANIA</b>
					1. Arra Media Agency SRL
					2. SC ZIZULA CARDS SRL
					<b>CYPRUS</b>
					1. Research and Education of Social Empowerment and Transformation-Reset
					2. Nicosia Development Agency

## Project summary

The project aims to increase inclusion of Ukrainian (UA) women to the labour market and society in countries of their temporary residence due to the War conditions by exploring opportunities for self-employment in cultural and creative sectors (CCS) with support of local CCS business. To achieve the aim, the project develops an educational-social Model "Successful UA women in CCS" with social innovative solutions to help UA women. The Model is based on a dual approach: 1) to increase women's motivation and competences for self-employment in CCS for integration into labour market 2) to implement social support mechanism by organizing UA Women's days, which goes beyond simply providing access to employment opportunities, but also encourages the commitment of local population and local businesses to ensure social integration of Ukrainian's women. The matching the UA women's developed in CCS business ideas with the local businesses in the field is one of the tasks of the Day and is a strong supporting mechanism for encouraging women to make the positive changes in their today unsecure lives.

Objectives are:

- to motivate UA women for self-employment in CCS
- to enhance UA women competences and skills for self-employment in CCS
- to implement UA Women's Day as a social support mechanism for women's social inclusion to labour market and society to ensure the facilitation of the Model

To achieve objectives, the educational-social Model "Successful UA women in CCS" is developed with 4 modules:

1. Motivation workshop "Innovation solutions in CCS for Ukrainian Women"
2. e-Studio "Women's self-employment in CCS-how to be successful"
3. "Ukrainian Women's Day" – social support mechanism for integration to labour market and society
4. E-Toolkit for facilitators of the Model

The project corresponds to the Call's objective "Integration and social inclusion of refugees fleeing Ukraine" and Call purpose "Using social innovations to transform the refugee situation into opportunity.

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2.	ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0068	SUCCESS	LITHUANIA	POLAND	
	Grant amount	Socially innovative Ukrainian Centres in Central Europe: Empowerment and Social Support	Vytautas Magnus University	University of Silesia	
	672,613				
	Duration				
	18 months				

## Project summary

The VMU Ukrainian Centre, established on 11 June 2022, is an open space for people who have fled Ukraine that provides various services and responds to their cultural, linguistic, educational, and psychosocial needs. A broader aim of the project is to explore and define the social innovation implementation model of the Ukrainian Centre in Lithuania, which is based on developing skills, building solidarity and fostering community cohesion. Through a multifaceted approach to social inclusion encompassing education and active participation (language teaching, leadership training, youth think tanks, Saturday schools, consolidated events, international conferences and forums), the project seeks to empower Ukrainians through knowledge sharing and collaboration, advocacy and policy influence and exchange best practices across Lithuania and with the partners in Poland.

Hence, the concrete objectives of the project are as follow:

- 1) to pilot centrally located services in other regions of Lithuania and develop regional community leader network by training Ukrainian community leaders;
- 2) to create a seed funding scheme that would enable Ukrainian leaders to initiate local actions that help to meet the needs of displaced Ukrainians regionally;
- 3) to expand the activities of youth think-tanks as a participatory process that engages young Ukrainians and creates a platform to meet various decision makers and discuss relevant topics;
- 4) to organize activities of Saturday/weekend schools and summer camps that engage Ukrainian children, to enable participation of their parents in community activities, language learning, increase their attractiveness for the labour market;
- 5) to create language learning opportunities, educate displaced Ukrainians about national law and policies in relation to employment, education, family, etc.;
- 6) to create a cross-sectoral cooperation network of organizations and institutions actively working on advancing the lives of displaced Ukrainians in EU.

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3.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0086</b>	<b>EHMC</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	eDU Hubs and Mobile Centres	Federatia Young Men`s Christian Associations Romania	Alliance Europeenne des YMCA	
	<b>434,337</b>			<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			YMCA na SLOVENSKU	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>	
				CVJM-Gesamtverband in Deutschland e. V.	

**Project summary**

As the conflict between Russia and Ukraine persists, emergency responses must evolve into sustainable solutions to foster integration and social inclusion of Ukrainians in European societies. This project aims to address this need by scaling and transferring the YMCA’s successful community-based “eDU Hubs and Mobile Centres” model.

The model leverages long-standing community centres to provide holistic services, including education, skill development, childcare, mental health support, language acquisition, and employment assistance. The hubs serve urban areas, while mobile centres reach rural communities, ensuring accessibility for all refugees.

Building on the past two years of best practices, the project will enhance organisational capacities, promote intercultural integration, and engage more stakeholders from public, private, academic, and civic sectors. This aligns with the call’s objective of integrating and socially including Ukrainian refugees by focusing on employment, essential services, support mechanisms, and community building.

The project will utilise a social innovation scaling methodology to achieve its objectives, including:

- High-quality management and coordination.
- Co-creation and mutual learning among partners and practitioners.
- Development of innovative upskilling and integration approaches.
- Facilitating stakeholder interactions for joint solutions.
- Training and mentoring on the model’s implementation.
- Dissemination of findings and advocacy for systemic change.

The project’s key activities will include needs assessments, stakeholder mapping, piloting innovative solutions, and sharing knowledge through transnational cooperation. Expected short-term results include improved access to support services for 6,000 Ukrainian refugees, with transformational impact on at least 1,500 individuals. Long-term, the project aims for sustainable social integration and a scalable model adaptable to other contexts, fostering a more inclusive Europe.

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4.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0035</b>	<b>SWEETIE</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>GREECE</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Supporting Women and youth in Emergency with Environment of Trust In Europe	ActionAid International Italia E.T.S.	Kentro Merimnas Oikogeneias kai Paidiou	
	<b>375 654.00</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Fundacja Polskie Forum Migracyjne	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

SWEETIE replicates an intervention model tested in Italy (SWEET) by transferring it to Greece and Poland and by scaling it up in Italy at a political level. SWEETIE aims to facilitate the social inclusion of refugees fleeing Ukraine, particularly women and youth, who are the majority of Ukrainian refugees, and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public services. It achieves these objectives by influencing specific areas of the welfare and labour systems (i.e., job access and inclusion, education, healthcare) in each country for these to become gender-responsive and culture-sensitive public services. The intervention acknowledges 3 actors as key ones to achieve this transformation: public service staff and professionals, members of the Russophone diaspora, Ukrainian service beneficiaries. The Russophone diaspora is a key connecting point between public service providers (which bear the duty of respecting rights) and the Ukrainian beneficiaries (which hold the rights), being the diaspora a main channel of the migratory pathway for women fleeing the conflict. Through SWEETIE, each actor’s capacity is strengthened in terms of knowledge, skills, networks, awareness, power. The project goal goes beyond reinforcement of each stakeholder: coordination and cooperation among them are fostered through participatory workshops to co-develop improvements in terms of services (in Greece and Poland) and of policies (in Italy) with the final aim of creating inclusive, culture- and gender-sensitive welfare and labour systems.

A specific WP has been foreseen to ensure that learnings from the project are shared among diverse stakeholders at national and European level to put the basis for further replication in new geographical areas, rights, and areas of the welfare systems.

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5.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0049</b>	<b>VolEver</b>	<b>CZECHIA</b>	<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<b>SLOVENIA</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Volunteers Everywhere	Organization for Aid to Refugees	Refugee Council of Lithuania <b>POLAND</b> Halina Niec Legal Aid Center	Slovenska filantropija – Združenje za promocijo prostovoljstva
	<b>388 483.00</b>				
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>18 months</b>				

## Project summary

Project Volunteers Everywhere aims at the integration and social inclusion of refugees fleeing Ukraine by connecting the refugees with Czech, Polish, and Lithuanian volunteers from their neighborhoods.

The partners want to re-vitalize the massive support for Ukrainian refugees from the first months of the Russian aggression and build a trained network of volunteers willing to further assist the refugees in inclusion into the local community.

This project allows for the sharing of best practices and analysis of the problem among diverse stakeholders (3 round tables, meetings with stakeholders, and workshops on migration and refugee topics) and enables each partner to contribute their expertise to the project's goals. This kind of collaboration can lead to more effective volunteer management strategies and greater impact both locally and globally. There will be organized also 4 other mutual learning events (3 on-site, 1 online) to exchange knowledge and experience with other beneficiaries.

The volunteer assistance has been concentrated in large cities, however, the refugees have moved from the cities into the regions to seek jobs and accommodation. Introducing a mobile application tailored for connecting refugees and volunteers in remote areas can be an innovative approach that complements institutional measures and together with the professional support of the project partners fosters a sense of community and solidarity. Minimum of 400 volunteers will be recruited, trained, supervised, and supported by the project partners from Lithuania, Poland, and Czechia; minimum of 400 refugees will register as users in the mobile application.

The sustainability of the project will be ensured by the project partners who will keep promoting the Mobile App in their public events and will keep supporting the target groups after the EU support ends. To ensure independent monitoring and evaluation an expert services from an academic partner will be purchased (university or applied research institution).

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6.	ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0043	ISI	GERMANY	GERMANY	
	Grant amount	Integrated Smart Inclusion by volunteers	Samaritan International	Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Deutschland e.V.	
	282 728.00			SLOVAKIA	
	Duration			Asociácia samaritánov Slovenskej republiky	
	18 months			LATVIA	
				Latvijas Samariesu apvienība	
				POLAND	
				Samarytańska Federacja Organizacji	
				Pozarządowych	
				LITHUANIA	
				Lietuvos Samarieciu Bendrija	

**Project summary**

Integrated Smart Inclusion by volunteers (ISI) aims at facilitating active and participatory integration for Ukrainian refugees. Training volunteers to become local integration coaches, will offer flexible and adjustable integration support to Ukrainian refugees, adapted to their needs. Through the local coaching and activity offer, which will be implemented by the trained volunteers, meeting spaces for Ukrainians and the local population are created to foster a two-directional integration.

The training module to be developed throughout the course of the project will include one part jointly conceptualised by the project partners, including themes such as communication, psycho-social care and intercultural skills. This part will be complemented by a locally developed “knowledge hub”, mapping locally available support offers from language courses, to employment support and cultural offers.

Having completed the training, volunteers are equipped to empower Ukrainian refugees in the areas where they need support, as well as competent in the many facets required for successful integration and social inclusion, including the facilitation of encounters between the local population and Ukrainians.

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7.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0082</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Fostering Adaptive and Resilient Migrant Families – Building Resilience in the Face of War and Forced Migration	EDU Research Polska Sp. z o. o.	1. Feelbear Sp. z o.o. 2. Fundacja Popieram Rodzinę	
	<b>416 885.00</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			IFN Internationales Privatinstitut für Forschung und Netzwerkarbeit in Bildung, Beratung und Management in soziokulturellen Bereichen GmbH	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

The “FAMILY (Fostering Adaptive and Resilient Migrant Families) – Building Resilience in the Face of War and Forced Migration” project aims to develop and test a model for building resilience among families of forced migrants. The project will focus on helping participants cope with war trauma and the challenges of migration through collaboration with local communities. By leveraging best practices from Poland and Germany, the project will provide support for 195 participants, including 75 adults (40 families, some of which are single parents) and 120 children from these families.

The project will achieve its objectives by implementing a multi-phase approach that includes planning, community engagement, model development, and pilot testing. Local communities will be actively involved in the process to ensure the model is culturally sensitive and effective. The project will use data collection and analysis to monitor progress and make necessary adjustments.

Expected outcomes include improved resilience and coping mechanisms for migrant families, strengthened community support systems, and a scalable model that can be replicated in other regions. The project aligns with the Call's objectives by addressing the urgent needs of migrant families, fostering community collaboration, and promoting the integration and well-being of migrants in host communities.



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8.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0014</b>	<b>IMMERSED</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>POLAND</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Ensuring employment sustainability and financial resilience through a multi-layered model of well-being and immersion for Ukrainian Refugees in local communities	Fundacja Innowacja i Wiedza	Fundatia HEKS/EPER Romania	1. British Polish Chamber of Commerce
	<b>684 160.00</b>			<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	2. Education Office in Warsaw
	<b>Duration</b>			Clovek V Ohrozeni, NO	3. Sysco Polska Sp. z o.o.
	<b>16 months</b>			<b>ITALY</b>	4. Akademia WSB
				CESIE Ente del Terzo Settore	<b>ITALY</b>
					C.O.I.R.A.G. ETS Confederazione di Organizzazioni Italiane per la Ricerca Analitica sui Gruppi
					<b>SLOVAKIA</b>
					1. The Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, v. v. i.
					2. Mareena, o. z.
					3. TESCO STORES SR, a. s.
					<b>ROMANIA</b>
					1. Federatia Organizatiilor Neguvernamentale Pentru Servicii Sociale - FONSS
					2. Institutul Român pentru Pace – Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania

## Project summary

The IMMERSED project is based on innovative citizen-centered solutions that will provide employment sustainability and financial resilience to Ukrainian refugees. This will be achieved through a multi-layered model of well-being support and immersion in local communities.

The IMMERSED project will help address the specific social problem of lack of employment sustainability support for Ukrainian refugees in host countries, which also generates inability to achieve financial resilience, low well-being and difficulty integrating into local communities. The IMMERSED project will leverage good practices from existing products and adapt them to the new situation of Ukrainian refugees. The IMMERSED project will empower citizens and improve the way our societies and their social welfare systems function and provide support to Ukrainian refugees.

The main pillar of the IMMERSED ecosystem will be a strong network and collaboration among partners, but especially with associated partners who represent the quadruple helix model of the four main actors in the innovation process – public, private, academic and civil society.

By assessing existing evidence, the IMMERSED project will build the foundation for a new approach to supporting employment sustainability and financial resilience for Ukrainian refugees through:

- Training and creating materials for employment sustainability trainers,
- Creating a new model of discussion clubs,
- Mapping local initiatives (barter and networking opportunities – with reference to Quadruple Helix, bottom-up initiatives and local communities),
- Comprehensive (addressing different anxieties and traumas) mental health support program for Ukrainian Refugees.

These solutions will be tested in local communities in Poland (Warsaw and Katowice), Slovakia (Žilina and Presov), and Romania (Cluj-Napoca and Iasi) with the support of the associated partners mentioned in the proposal, but also with the participation of a wide range of stakeholders.

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9.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0018</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	A Million Voices: Uniting Through Stories	VšĮ AY Institutas	Global Connect	
	<b>284 280.00</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			EUth Wonders e.V.	
	<b>12 months</b>				

**Project summary**

“A Million Voices” aims to improve the mental health and social integration of Ukrainian refugees in the EU through innovative art and narrative therapy. The project will be implemented in three partner countries, focusing on empowering refugees and fostering social cohesion with local communities.

Objectives:

- Enhance mental well-being of Ukrainian refugees.
- Strengthen social bonds between refugees and local communities.
- Empower participants through skill development in art and storytelling.
- Raise public awareness and influence policies on refugee integration.

Key Activities:

- Conduct interviews with refugees, locals, and social workers to identify needs and best practices.
- Organize art therapy workshops, including singing, painting, gong therapy, dance therapy, and cooking events.
- Develop a nature walk path featuring Ukrainian stories accessible via digital platforms.
- Host storytelling picnics, outdoor movie nights, and mural painting events.
- Produce a documentary and disseminate findings through various channels.

Relevance to the Call:

The project addresses the Call's objectives by promoting social inclusion and integration of refugees, using innovative approaches that can be scaled and replicated. It aligns with the Call's focus on enhancing social cohesion and providing holistic support to displaced persons, contributing to long-term resilience and community strength.

Project unites Lithuania, Poland and Germany.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
10.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0017</b>	<b>VOICE</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Vocational Opportunities and Integration for Refugee Community Empowerment	Internet Web Solutions SL	Asociación Arrabal-AID	
	<b>514 628.00</b>			<b>BELGIUM</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Institut de Haute Formation aux Politiques Communautaires	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
				1. Instytut ADN spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością sp. k.	
				2. Fundacja Circle Centrum innowacji i badań w zakresie współpracy w dokształcaniu się i przedsiębiorczości	
				<b>ITALY</b>	
				1. European Platform for International Cohesion – APS	
				2. Università degli Studi “G. d’Annunzio” di Chieti-Pescara	

## Project summary

VOICE project aims to empower Ukrainian refugees in EU countries through vocational upskilling and reskilling opportunities and social integration. Over 18 months, the project consortium will transfer, adapt, develop and implement innovative e-learning resources focusing on employability, digital entrepreneurship, soft skills, and social innovation. By adapting proven training modules from previous Erasmus+ projects, VOICE will address the immediate needs of refugees while fostering long-term societal resilience. Through piloting mixed-group training sessions and extensive impact assessments, the project will ensure relevance and effectiveness integrating social innovation with practical and impactful solutions. Key activities include assessment of required skills, mapping existing social innovation initiatives, transferring and upscaling successful e-learning resources proved effective, monitoring and piloting with mixed groups, and disseminating results widely.

VOICE wants to enhance economic independence and professional integration of Ukrainian refugees, improve their well-being, and strengthen social cohesion with host communities. It seeks to increase local economic growth through new skills and entrepreneurial initiatives while improving employability for refugees. By facilitating social integration and influencing education systems, VOICE seeks enhancing both social and vocational integration, empowering communities to support refugees effectively providing valuable evidence-based insights for policymakers. It emphasizes community empowerment and societal benefits, while fostering partnership and collaboration across EU countries to contribute to refugee integration and education innovation.

With a focus on sustainability and scalability, VOICE aims to contribute to the European Social Fund Plus Social Innovation Plus Initiative's objectives by providing tangible solutions to mitigate the societal consequences of displacement due to conflict.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
11.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0006</b>	<b>ISRICM-EU</b> Innovative Solutions for Refugee Integration and Crisis Mitigation in EU Member States	<b>GREECE</b> International Centre for Sustainable Development	<b>BULGARIA</b> NGO Bozhurite  <b>SLOVENIA</b> Društvo za razvijanje prostovoljnega dela Novo mesto  <b>SPAIN</b> Fundación Sieneva  <b>GREECE</b> InnoPolis  <b>ITALY</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Union of Grecia Salentina</li> <li>2. IRIS – APS – Istituto Ricerca Internazionale Per Lo Sviluppo</li> </ol> <b>DENMARK</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A More Inclusive Society</li> <li>2. Nordic Wellbeing Academy</li> </ol>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>				
	<b>526 313.00</b>				
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>12 months</b>				

## Project summary

The project, “Innovative Solutions for Refugee Integration and Crisis Mitigation in EU Member States,” aims to address the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine by facilitating the integration and social inclusion of refugees in EU Member States. The project will achieve this through a multi-faceted approach that includes tailored vocational training, upskilling programs, and comprehensive support services for refugees. The participating organizations bring extensive expertise in social inclusion, a vast network of European partners, and proven capacity in managing complex, multi-country projects. By leveraging social innovation and promoting collaboration among EU member states, the project seeks to build more resilient and inclusive societies. The project will empower refugees by providing them with the necessary skills and support to rebuild their lives, contribute to their host communities, and mitigate the consequences of the crisis on Member States’ societies and public services.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
12.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0013</b>	<b>EU.RESP.4UA</b>	<b>ITALY</b> X23 SRL	<b>ITALY</b> Amici di Emmaus ETS	<b>ITALY</b> Associazione Franco Verga C.O.I. – APS
	<b>Grant amount</b>	EU.RESP.4U Accelerating Innovative Social Housing Experimentation and RESPonses for UA Refugees		<b>LITHUANIA</b> 1. Lietuvos Caritas 2. Reception and Integration Agency	<b>LITHUANIA</b> 1. Ukrainian Integration Center Malva 2. Vilnius City Municipality
	<b>699 933.00</b>			<b>ROMANIA</b> 1. Federația Organizațiilor Neguvernamentale Pentru Servicii Sociale – FONSS 2. Territorial Administrative Unit of IAȘI Municipality	<b>ITALY</b> 1. MIP Politecnico di Milano Graduate School of Business S.C.P.A. 2. Regione Lombardia Direzione Generale Famiglia, Solidarietà Sociale, Disabilità e Pari Opportunità 3. Sim-patia Social Cooperative 4. Università Cattolica
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>18 months</b>				

## Project summary

According to the UNHCR, 22% of Ukrainian refugee households include members with disabilities who face greater challenges accessing rights and healthcare. As displacement continues, their vulnerability may increase, affecting decisions to return due to difficulties in securing long-term housing. Additionally, 13% of households with vulnerable members need alternative accommodation after free programs end, yet struggle to find work and suitable housing. OECD research highlights the challenge of providing adequate, affordable housing for people with disabilities and stresses the importance of innovative solutions. The EU.RESP.4UA focuses on UA refugees who fled in Italy (Milan), Lithuania (Vilnius/Kaunas) and Romania (Iasi) looking for long-term housing solutions or hosted in health centres, isolated from the rest of the community. The project aims to contribute to the integration and social inclusion of refugees fleeing Ukraine, specifically those with special needs, by exploiting an innovative approach and housing solution – actually implemented in Italy – and by igniting an innovative, multilayered and multi-stakeholders set of supporting actions culminating in a re-inforced, integrated model specifically tailored to vulnerable refugees (physical/mental disabilities, orphans backgrounds, PTDs): stemming from a housing-first approach the project will design and deliver strategic (policy) and tactical actions for the creation of an inclusive and fertile environment for skills development to an autonomous life, facilitating the job-related skills improvement and better access to social services. The project will design and deploy a community-based social experimentation project, building on new – or re-inforced – forms of collaboration between policymakers at different levels (European, regional and local) civil society organisations, social cooperatives, foundations, social housing providers, citizens, refugees communities and the private sector.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
13.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0021</b>	<b>UA support</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	<b>CZECHIA</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Support for Ukrainian children in the integration process in schools within the Slovak and Czech Reppublic	Inklucentrum – Centrum inkluzívneho vzdelávania	Krajské centrum vzdělávání a Jazyková škola s právem státní jazykové zkoušky, Plzeň, sady 5. května 42	
	<b>428 979.00</b>				
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>18 months</b>				

## Project summary

The project represents the setting up of a comprehensive support system for Ukrainian children in the education system of the Czech and Slovak Republic. It outlines a complementary link between NGOs and public institutions, schools, and the counselling system. Comprehensive support includes 3 pillars identified by national analytical reports: psychosocial, language and career support for children in schools and methodological guidance for educational and other staff in schools. The activities within the WP002 are continuously building up on each other: specific field work with Ukrainian children and parents focused on language, psychosocial and career areas, training of experts and job shadowing abroad, revision of existing materials and development of missing methodologies and textbooks (missing in both countries). This is followed by a new postgraduate training programme for teachers and professionals in schools. The project outlines comprehensive support system in the school environment, implements changes in the content of undergraduate curricula of faculties of education at universities for future educators. By analyzing the current situation at the very first stage (existing solutions and support) and proposing further recommendations to fill the gaps, activities A003.001 to A003.003 create a prerequisite for sustainability and a system of support for these children. This will be followed by advocacy, proposals for legislative changes and awareness raising. The consortium partners are complementary as government and non-profit sectors, have a wide network of partnerships with government and NGOs. The partnership between the Czech Republic and Slovakia represents a support to Central and Eastern Europe, where there is still relatively little experience with such a wave of refugees, insufficient systemic solutions, but intense demand from schools and regions.

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14.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0027</b>	<b>IARI</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Innovative Approaches to Refugee Integration: Bridging Employability and Social Inclusion Through Mutual Exchange	Polska Akcja Humanitarna	RED Nova – Connecting Actions, Defending Rights Onlus	
	<b>658 571.00</b>			<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			OPORA Foundation	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
				Fundacja Emic	

**Project summary**

The project aims to enhance the social and labour market inclusion of displaced people from Ukraine (DPU) in Poland and Italy by refining and expanding innovative approaches from current interventions. It addresses the mismatch between DPU’s qualifications and job opportunities, and promotes best practice exchanges among consortium members.

Spanning 18 months, the project is divided into two phases. Phase 1 centres on activities in Poland’s Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship and Italy’s Piedmont region. Key initiatives include provision of access to social services in Italy through the RED Nova’s Helpline, and in Poland, job counselling and language courses via a one-stop shop (OSS) by Emic. PAH, Emic, and RED Nova will re-assess stakeholders from public and private sectors, strengthen existing connections, expand to new ones, and prepare an engagement plan for Phase 2. Phase 1 lays the groundwork for research by Opora, analysing policy frameworks and DPU’s needs. The goal of the research is to identify best practices, areas for improvement, and scaling opportunities. The phase concludes with mutual learning sessions to enhance ongoing interventions.

Phase 2 aims to scale up interventions in both countries. RED Nova will enhance its Helpline with job counselling to better match DPU with job opportunities. In Poland, PAH and Emic will collaborate to advance the OSS through peer learning with RED Nova, introducing vocational training and an entrepreneurship academy. Support for selected vulnerable households, including housing assistance, will also be provided. Both partners will implement stakeholder engagement strategy with the aim of sensitising potential employers to DPU’s needs.

Targeting 2690 DPU, the project seeks to improve their employability and societal integration. Additionally, it aims to develop and disseminate a Best Practice Toolbox based on the research and activities, benefitting civil society organisations and public and private stakeholders.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
15.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0030</b>	<b>U-PLAYS</b>	<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>LATVIA</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	U-PLAYS – Ukrainian Participation in Language, Athletics, and Youth Support	Verein für aktiv Leben und Bildung	Mini-pitch	
	<b>665 909.00</b>			<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			OTI Slovakia	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

The project U-PLAYS supports Ukrainian youth integration through sports, employment training, and language learning. Aligned with the ESF+ initiative’s goals, it mitigates the societal impacts of Russia’s war against Ukraine by fostering social inclusion. The project aims to integrate 300 Ukrainian youth into Austrian, Latvian and Slovakian societies by enhancing their physical, linguistic, and professional skills. Key activities include (in each country respectively) 50 sports sessions to improve fitness and teamwork, 50 German, Latvian and Slovakian language classes to boost language proficiency, and 50 employment workshops to equip participants with job readiness skills. Implemented by professional trainers and language instructors, the project activities will be held conducted simultaneously in Austria, Latvia and Slovakia. Expected outcomes include improved physical fitness, better language skills, and increased employment prospects for participants. U-PLAYS adopts a user-centered approach, involving participants in planning and execution to meet their needs. The project aims for sustainable impact, creating a scalable model transferable to other EU contexts. A comprehensive dissemination plan will share methodologies and successes through various networks, promoting best practices in social innovation and refugee integration. Thus, U-PLAYS addresses immediate needs while fostering long-term social inclusion and empowerment of Ukrainian youth, aligning with the call’s objectives. This initiative is born from a successful implementation of the project in the local context in Latvia and will now see its first scalability to a European context. By building on proven methodologies and outcomes, U-PLAYS aims to extend its impact beyond national borders, enhancing the integration of Ukrainian youth on a broader scale.



No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
16.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0036</b>	<b>EU4UA</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	EU4UA: A Comprehensive One-Stop Service for Refugees!	PCG Polska spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością	Fundacja Inicjatyw Społeczno-Ekonomicznych <b>ROMANIA</b> 1. Alaturi de Voi Romania Foundation 2. Fundatia Serviciilor Sociale Bethany	1. Diesis Network 2. European Network of Social Integration Enterprises <b>SPAIN</b> Federación de Asociaciones Empresariales de Empresas de Inserción <b>POLAND</b> Fundacja HumanDoc <b>LITHUANIA</b> Lietuvos socialinio verslo asociacija
	<b>471 320.00</b>				
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>18 months</b>				

## Project summary

The EU4UA project aims to mitigate the societal consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine by fostering the social and labour market integration of Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania and, broadly, across EU countries.

The main project objective, addressing this ambition, is to “deploy the potential of social innovation approach to develop, pilot, and disseminate an innovative, comprehensive, evidence-based blueprint (1 pc.) within 18 months, that supports the efficient social and labour market integration of Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania and across the EU, leveraging collaborative and joint efforts of partners and previous EU initiatives among diverse stakeholders, ensuring sustainable impact, and fostering policy integration through continuous evaluation and feedback mechanisms”.

The blueprint, as a new response to clear social needs and key project results, determines beneficial, direct and long-term project impact on civil society and its capacity to act for the smooth social transition of UA refugees into host communities and labour markets.

The objective addresses the newly emerged social demand which needs a citizen-centred solution. It will be achieved by:

- developing new, evidence-based and carefully mapped, policy approach (WP2 goal) summed up in a research report (D2.3)
- the report is a prerequisite to designing a multi-stakeholder-driven blueprint (WP3 goal): a bundle of need-tailored, context-specific public services and commodities (D3.3)
- the blueprint will be piloted among the end-users (WP4 goal), fine-tuned iteratively (PDCA approach), and finally evaluated (D4.2)
- disseminated (WP5 goal) among wide European, national and local stakeholders (D5.4) as an open, adaptable and replicable solution, complementing existing measures.

Such an approach addresses the call by fostering EU social cohesion and enhancing civic and public policy resilience to support Ukrainian refugees amid prolonged conflict escalation.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
17.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0038</b>	<b>YoU Decide</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Supporting Displaced Youth of Ukraine in Making Informed Decisions	European Federation for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children	Magyarorszagi Terre des Hommes Alapitvány "Lausanne"	
	<b>369 475.00</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			ITAKA Foundation – Centre for Missing People	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>CZECHIA</b>	
				Organizace pro pomoc uprchlíkům, z.s.	

**Project summary**

In the context of integration, social inclusion and prevention from going missing of displaced youth from Ukraine, this project addresses their specific challenges by empowering them to make informed decisions and seek support, especially when they become unaccompanied or transition into adulthood. The complexities of their already vulnerable situation are further exacerbated by persistent risks of malicious offers leading to exploitation, trafficking, and scams, which are of particular concern. Despite the availability of information and services targeted at Ukrainian refugees in EU Member States, the nuanced support needed for this specific group has been overlooked.

This project presents a scalable, and sustainable innovative solution to fill this critical gap. The countries implementing solutions are Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic, focusing on the capital cities. By leveraging technology in the form of a mobile application, Miniila, and participatory project design, this initiative aims to create a sustainable impact on the integration and protection of displaced Ukrainian youth.

The mobile application will offer a platform for these youths to find reliable information and resources, ensuring they are aware of their rights and available services. The participatory design ensures that their voices are heard and integrated into the project's development, making it more effective and relevant to their needs.

Moreover, this initiative aims to influence regional, national, and European policies by highlighting the specific needs and vulnerabilities of displaced Ukrainian youth. Through collaboration and coordination with local integration actors, the project seeks to address the identified gaps and advocate for more comprehensive support systems and policies.

Ultimately, this project aims to create a long-term, positive impact on the lives of displaced Ukrainian youth, fostering their integration and social inclusion while ensuring their protection and well-being.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
18.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0069</b>	<b>CommConnect</b>	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>IRELAND</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Community Connect	University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin	Helping Irish Hosts Company Limited by Guarantee	
	<b>698 950.00</b>			<b>BELGIUM</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Pairity Foundation Europe	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

This project leverages Ireland’s network of host communities and Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs) to create a scalable, technology-driven model for refugee integration. “Community Connect” has two elements: community engagement and technology-supported solutions. Both elements will be developed, monitored and evaluated by academic partners using qualitative and quantitative research, so real participation of community members and BOTPs is ensured and progress and outcomes are measured by clear integration and human rights indicators. Sustainability and scaling will be enhanced by the presence of partners in two EU member states.

Helping Irish Hosts (HIH), has spent two years successfully matching 2,550 Ukrainian BOTPs with 1,140 Irish hosts using its best in class matching model and person-centred approach. They consider individual needs from all perspectives – host and guest – to ensure empathetic integration and matches that sustain for 12 months or more.

We will enhance our matching process by incorporating new data-driven inputs to focus on integration and making the process more scalable. With University College Dublin (UCD) and Pairity, the HIH personal approach will be supplemented by the iterative development of a secure, digital matching platform that allows us to scale and adapt for local authorities across Ireland and the EU, enhancing capacity for local integration teams. This technology allows us to create personalised matches while expanding our capacity to meet growing demand.

The project involves host communities at every step. Community Coordinators and expert facilitators will empower BOTPs to find pathways within their new communities. Our community-first approach actively seeks input from local residents to identify their needs, such as childcare, transportation, and social engagement, and integrates these insights into the matching process.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
19.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0045</b>	<b>BUDUY RAZOM</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>ESTONIA</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Driving Social Innovation to Support Ukrainian Refugees	Social Impact gGmbH	1. Diakonisches Werk Schleswig-Holstein, Landesverein der Inneren Mission e.V. 2. Stadt.mission.mensch gGmbH 3. Perspektive neuStart e.V.  <b>LITHUANIA</b> Viesoji istaiga Liuteronu diakonija	Sihtasutus Kodanikuuhiskonna Sihtkapital
	<b>699 396.00</b>				
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

Our project aims to facilitate the integration & empowerment of Ukrainian refugees in DE, LT, EE through a holistic approach that includes digital innovation, capacity building & psychological support. The main objective is to improve the economic & social inclusion of refugees by providing them with the necessary tools, skills & support to successfully navigate their new environment. To achieve this, we will further develop our proven multilingual digital mentoring platform using an AI-driven tool that provides legal, administrative & business information. It will serve as a central hub for refugees to access key resources & connect with mentors & peers. We will run in-depth training courses focusing on entrepreneurial skills, start-up opportunities & labour market integration. These courses will be tailored to the specific needs of Ukrainian refugees, providing practical skills & encouraging self-employment. In addition, we will provide coaching sessions & group coaching to further support potential entrepreneurs.

Psychological support services will be provided for the mental health & well-being of the refugees. Regular counselling sessions, peer-to-peer support groups & emotional stability workshops will help participants cope with trauma, stress & promote their long-term resilience & integration. The project promotes innovative solutions for the social inclusion & integration of refugees. It ensures that refugees can effectively use their skills & qualifications in their new countries, accelerating their integration & increasing their chances of participation. Through a combination of digital tools, tailored training & psychological support, our project provides a scalable & sustainable model for refugee integration that can be adapted & implemented in other EU countries facing similar challenges. Overall, our project aims to create a supportive & empowering environment for Ukrainian refugees, enabling them to build a stable & prosperous future in their new home.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
20.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0074</b>	<b>SMART UA</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Scaling the successful social inclusion and integration of Ukrainian refugees in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia through an innovative multi-stakeholder cooperation	Jesuit Refugee Service Europe AISBL	1. Centrum pomoci pre rodinu 2. LifeStarter	1. City of Trnava 2. Personal service, s.r.o 3. Trnava University , Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Department of sociology
	<b>668 191.00</b>			<b>ROMANIA</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			1. Asociatia Serviciul Iezuitilor pentru Refugiati in Romania 2. Association of Schools of Social Work in Romania	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>HUNGARY</b>	
				1. Jezus Tarsasaga Magyarorszag Rendtartomanya 2. Szociometrum Társadalomtudományi Kutató Kft. (Szociometrum Social Science Research Ltd.) 3. Evangélikus Diakónia	

## Project summary

SMART UA will boost the integration of Ukrainian refugees in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia through a multi-stakeholder cooperation. The project is coordinated by JRS Europe (Belgium) in a consortium with 11 beneficiaries and partners, including local authorities, social institutions, research institutes, housing and job placement centers in 3 EU countries bordering war-affected Ukraine.

Key elements of the innovative social inclusion approach include: enhancing the EU skills recognition profile tool; in depth analysis reports of the existing gaps and emerging innovative schemes in the housing and labor market in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia; capacity building on base of the research findings with 3 wider networks of 90-150 actors on local level; setup of local and interconnected multi-stakeholder cooperation's in the 3 EU MS to promote innovative schemes for housing and employment; a transnational exchange and share scalable practices through an European event and online 100.000 users through awareness raising.

SMART UA aims to support UA refugees in their pathway to a successful social inclusion, as they face multiple discrimination, particularly women with children, elderly, with disabilities, who make up 95% of the target group. The project tackles the main obstacles to UA refugees' integration: access to decent housing and matching with labor market opportunities. Further, housing and job placement centers, human resources departments in enterprises and local authorities are facing multiple challenges in their integration efforts, due to a drain of resources and isolation of initiatives. SMART UA will respond to these challenges through newly created local multi-stakeholder networks and in 3 pilot projects enhance the living conditions of 1,750 UA refugees in Romania, Hungary, and Slovakia, by improving their employability and access to housing. The exemplary action will document innovative insights and produce sharable tools for replication and adaptation.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
21.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0084</b>	<b>FRID</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Facilitating Refugee Integration through Dedicated mental health support	Stiftelsen Reach for Change	Help Ukraine Gothenburg	
	<b>580 983.00</b>			<b>FINLAND</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			MIELI Mental Health Finland	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

Many Ukrainian refugees across Europe are currently facing diverse mental health challenges. According to a recent survey of those living in Gothenburg, Sweden, 50% reported feeling lonely, while 70% reported experiencing symptoms of depression and/or anxiety. Many have also noted that their poor mental wellbeing is limiting their ability to fully embrace their present lives and integrate into Swedish society. However, due to a range of factors, very few Ukrainian refugees succeed in accessing relevant support through the public healthcare system.

This project therefore aims to directly address this identified issue and increase access to high-quality, grassroots-based mental health support for Ukrainian refugees. This support should be tailored to their unique needs, have low thresholds of access, and be designed to complement more formal alternatives already provided elsewhere.

This project brings together three partner organisations from across Sweden and Finland, each with their own unique expertise linked to the project's theme. Together, they will test the replication of an innovative peer-led model originally developed to support increased mental wellbeing of migrant communities in Finland. Through a series of mappings and transnational exchanges, the model will be adapted to serve the needs of Ukrainian refugees currently living in Sweden. There will be a strong emphasis on bottom-up approaches, active participation of the target group, and a 'build-measure-learn' agility to adapt practices in line with feedback.

Following the completion of a pilot, partners will disseminate their results and learnings in order to contribute to growing evidence on the links between refugee mental health and integration, as well as the role of social innovation in these processes. They will furthermore have convened a learning circle of like-minded peer organisations from Sweden and Finland, to build community and enable more long-term transnational exchange.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
22.	ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0095	HEART	HUNGARY	ROMANIA	
	Grant amount	Holistic Empowerment and Access for Resilience and Transformation	Hungarian Interchurch Aid	Asociatia Ecumenica a Bisercilor din Romania – Aidrom Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania	
	583 323.00				
	Duration				
	18 months				

**Project summary**

The HEART project is essentially a transnational social research project with the aim of finding effective ways to provide support to Ukrainian refugee women in finding their own ways towards an independent life in the host countries.

Through the implementation of two NGOs (Hungarian Interchurch Aid in Hungary and AIDRom in Romania), both with substantial experience in supporting Ukrainian refugee people, empowerment is declared to be in the centre of the concept, through exploring, testing and piloting innovative methods in 4 thematic areas: providing GBV related support prevention and response); access to services and social inclusion; housing solutions; employment options.

After piloting the innovative methods through a profound experience and knowledge exchange, liaising with multiple stakeholders, involving volunteers and the beneficiaries in all stages, 4 Theory of Exchange / Standards of procedures will be compiled for further use by the two organizations in the continuation of the same activities, as well as for later use by a wider (national and EU) level communities.

The approaches experimented then in the field of income generation through assisting different forms of self-initiatives will be compared and published in a Comparative Study for use for multiple purposes. This is then followed by the development of an Incubator programme where the models tested will be analysed and the most effective one selected for actual implementation in the Centre of Support for Ukrainian refugees opened and maintained by HIA in Budapest.

The project is expected to offer useful outcomes and impacts on several levels of addressing the challenges Ukrainian refugee women face in terms of social inclusion and finding their own ways in and with the host community.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
23.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0099</b>	<b>LANGUAGE Ladder</b>	<b>ESTONIA</b> MTÜ Eesti Pagulasabi	<b>ESTONIA</b> Tallinn University <b>POLAND</b> Dobra Fabryka Foundation	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	LANGUAGE Ladder: Learning And Nurturing Growth Using Adaptive Guidance and			
	<b>561 252.00</b>	Education for refugee youth in Estonia and Poland			
	<b>Duration</b>				
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

This project aims to provide comprehensive support for adolescent children of Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable host communities, ensuring equal opportunities in education and employment while fostering social cohesion. The initiative centres on a social club that offers integrated language classes, personalised tutoring, and workshops on the labour market and educational opportunities, such as scholarships and vocational training. By addressing the learning, social, and emotional needs of Ukrainian refugee youth, identified to be critical for integration, the project promotes their successful integration in the host community.

The consortium leading this project comprises two refugee-focused organisations in Poland and Estonia, alongside an academic institution. Additionally, the project will leverage the expertise of various consulted bodies. Through this initiative, refugee youth will achieve better integration and inclusion within Estonian and Polish societies. By investing in these young individuals, the project aims to enhance their academic and economic prospects, ultimately reducing their reliance on social services in the host countries.



No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
24.	ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0055	It´s Ability!	GERMANY Austausch e.V.	POLAND Stowarzyszenie Mudita  LITHUANIA Lithuanian Disability Forum (Lietuvos negalios organizacijų forumas)	GERMANY 1. Evangelische Hochschule Berlin 2. Berufsbildungswerk im Oberlinhaus gGmbH 3. RKW Rationalisierungs- und Innovationszentrum der Deutschen Wirtschaft e. V. 4. Sunflower Care e.V.  POLAND 1. Cisco Systems Poland Sp. z o.o. 2. IKEA Retail Sp. z o.o. 3. Responsible Business Forum 4. Voivodeship Labour Office in Kraków  LITHUANIA Diversity Development Group  BELGIUM European Disability Forum
	Grant amount	It's Ability! Fostering the Integration of Caregivers for Persons with Disabilities among Ukrainian Refugees in Germany, Poland, and Lithuania			
	526,478.00				
	Duration				
	18 months				

## Project summary

The project contributes to the integration and social inclusion of Ukrainian (UA) refugees in Germany, Poland, and Lithuania, focusing on caregivers of persons with disabilities (PWD), and partly on PWD.

PWD caregivers among UA refugees are in an even more stressful situation. Their integration (esp. into the labour market) is impeded by their caring tasks, additional psychological strain and often social isolation. So far, their specific needs could often not be met sufficiently, not least because there even are not enough reliable data for a systematic outreach to them.

The consortium consists of the applicant Austausch e.V. (Berlin) and the co-applicants Mudita (Cracow) and Lithuanian Disability Forum (Vilnius). Together they bring to the project longtime expertise and networks in the field of inclusion for PWD. All three have since 2022 expanded their commitment to PWD and their families among UA refugees. They have jointly designed the project, aiming at an innovative model that complements existing services for UA refugees with tailored activities for the target group.

The project activities and objectives comprise: expert research and analysis and dissemination of the results to stakeholders as a basis for well-informed initiatives and decisions (DE, PL, LT); empowering the target group to master integration through information, networking (incl. with local PWD initiatives), self-help groups, trainings, and mentoring (DE, PL); supporting integration into the labour market by facilitating internships and/or suitable employment (DE, PL); raising awareness among decision-makers, employers and the general public regarding the target group, through advocacy and information campaigns (DE, PL, LT); networking between all relevant stakeholders (DE, PL, LT). Detailed monitoring and evaluation will help to secure the model's long-term impact through capacity-building, new networks and transferability to other regions and countries.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
25.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0071</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITY</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Fostering Economic and Social Wellbeing of Ukrainian Refugees in Poland and Germany through Opportunity Self-Employment Social Innovation Model	Foundation International Rescue Committee Poland	Foundation Microfinance Centre	
	<b>636,678.00</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			1. International Rescue Committee IRC Deutschland gGmbH 2. Perspektive neuStart e.V.	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>LITHUANIA</b> European Humanities University	

## Project summary

Self-employed Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Germany encounter various challenges such as limited business experience, management skills, access to capital, lack of supportive ecosystem, psychosocial distress, etc. Business Development Service Providers (BDS), who should support them to overcome these challenges, often lack understanding of their needs and expertise to tailor their services.

Project OPPORTUNITY is an 18-month initiative aiming to develop sustainable solutions by adapting and applying the SIM – Opportunity Self-Employment model to Poland and Germany. This will enhance support for Ukrainian refugees and improve connections with BDS stakeholders, thus fostering social change where institutional frameworks are lacking.

By bridging the gap between refugees and BDS providers, the project focuses on enhancing the support system and fostering social cohesion. This directly contributes to the call's key objective of integrating and socially including refugees from Ukraine.

The project's Theory of Change posits that adapting the proposed SIM to the needs of self-employed Ukrainians, upskilling BDS Providers to offer tailored support, directly improving refugees' skills, and increasing awareness among key stakeholders will lead to sustainable growth among self-employed Ukrainians.

Through extensive research, curriculum development and capacity-building, the project consortium will tailor the Opportunity Self-Employment model to Ukrainian refugees' needs. Enhanced inclusion of relevant stakeholders in the project, as well as strategic communication and advocacy efforts, will strive for a sustainable impact, that will not only benefit Ukrainian refugees but enabling temporally sensitive and contextually relevant solutions for refugees from different backgrounds to engage on the self-employment journey.

IRC Poland will lead the project in partnership with Microfinance Center (Poland), IRC Germany and Perspektive neuStart, European Humanities University (Lithuania).

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
26.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0085</b>	<b>SIP</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Socio-economic Integration and psychosocial support Pathways for Ukrainian refugees in Italy and Poland	Fondazione SOLETERRE ETS	Fondazione AVSI	
	<b>527,238.00</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			1. AVSI Polska 2. Fundacja Ośrodek Badań nad Migracjami	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

SIP establishes comprehensive socio-economic integration and psychosocial support pathways for vulnerable Ukrainian refugees in Italy and Poland. The vision is to create lasting improvements in their socio-economic status and mental well-being, setting a precedent for future initiatives. SIP leverages the consortium’s combined expertise, which have a history of successful socio-economic integration and psychosocial support interventions.

Key objectives of the project include: Developing a scalable framework (WP3) that systematises the model for Ukrainian refugees. Piloting, implementing and validating the approach (WP4, WP5) in real-world settings to assess its feasibility and scalability. Promoting dissemination and mutual learning (WP6) to share results and foster transnational cooperation.

The project will: Conduct thorough assessments of the context and target groups; Design and launch local referral systems addressing socio-economic and psychosocial needs; Offer thematic information sessions i.e., career coaching; Establish spaces for case management and networks of service providers; Pilot the model with selected participants, ensuring follow-up support and integration into local job markets.

This approach will be tested through a pre-piloting phase, leading to a structured piloting phase where participants receive tailored support for job orientation, upskilling, and psychosocial care. Private stakeholders will facilitate direct connections to local employment opportunities. The strategy includes extensive communication and dissemination efforts, targeting a European audience to ensure the outcomes reach a broad spectrum of stakeholders, promoting scalability and long-term sustainability.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
27.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0092</b>	<b>RIF4UA</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>ROMANIA</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Scaling-up Integrated Services within Resilience and Innovation Facilities for Ukrainian Refugees Inclusion	Fundatia Terre des Hommes-Elvetia	Agentia de Dezvoltare Durabila a Judetului Brasov	
	<b>516,801.00</b>			<b>HUNGARY</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Magyarorszagi Terre des Hommes Alapitvany Lausanne	
	<b>15 months</b>				

**Project summary**

RIF4UA – “Scaling-up Integrated Services within Resilience and Innovation Facilities for Ukrainian Refugees Inclusion” will provide comprehensive integrated services of social support, skills development and education, facilitation of access on the job market and participation for the Ukrainian refugees that fled the war to Romania and Hungary to support their integration and social inclusion. Moreover, it will build on the involvement and cooperation between various local stakeholders to complement each other and increase the capacity of intervention at local level for refugee support. The project will start with a needs analysis among the refugee community and a mapping of the local stakeholders to uncover the existing gaps in the provision of support for refugees in Brasov and Budapest. These gaps will be addressed within the Resilience and Innovation Facilities (RIFs) already developed by Tdh in both cities. Initially established as centres for digital skills building for children and youth, they will be scaled-up as single-entry points for Ukrainian Refugees to access the above-mentioned types of services, responding to the needs of entire families. Multidisciplinary teams will facilitate access to basic needs and specialised services via information, referral and protection assistance. They will also offer skills development opportunities to improve the employability of refugees and complementary education opportunities for children to allow their caregivers time to pursue employment opportunities. To facilitate access to employment opportunities, refugees will be supported in improving their skills related to job search, matching them with existing vacancies and having their qualifications recognized in the host country. Furthermore, the project will address social cohesion in the local host communities through a communication campaign developed in a participatory manner with materials that would give a voice to both Romanian/Hungarian and refugee youth.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
28.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0023</b>	<b>HumanityHub</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	HumanityHub: Where Cultural Inclusion Meets Economic Empowerment	Rehabilitation Centre for Stress and Trauma	Act Group	
	<b>439,883.00</b>			<b>ITALY</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Centro per lo Sviluppo Creativo "Danilo Dolci" – Ente del Terzo Settore	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

Humanity Hub is a transnational project focused on addressing the economic and social integration challenges faced by Ukrainian refugees in Croatia and Italy. The social innovation stems from a comprehensive understanding of the specific needs and difficulties encountered by these refugees. Humanity Hub aims to tackle these challenges through a comprehensive and holistic approach that combines multiple support mechanisms. The project focuses on enhancing economic and social integration through three primary avenues: 1) psychosocial support and cultural orientation, 2) entrepreneurial education and acceleration program, and 3) a robust peer support system for employability opportunities. This innovative model as the individual and tailored approach is designed to foster resilience, self-sufficiency, and community cohesion among Ukrainian refugees by addressing their immediate and long-term needs. By combining tailored interventions for economic, social, and psychological support, the project seeks to create a sustainable model for refugee integration that can be replicated in other contexts.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
29.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0026</b>	<b>GTP</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>CZECHIA</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Gateway to Tomorrow: Pioneering Social Innovation for Refugee Integration	Klaster Innowacji Społecznych	Centrum pro podporu podnikání a zaměstnanosti, z.ú.	
	<b>201,807.00</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			New Europe Foundation	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

The main goal of the project is to create a social innovation that will support solving problems of exclusion, homelessness, and unemployment among Ukrainian refugees in their new living environment. The target group will be women with children up to 10 years old (30 individuals), who are currently without a roof over their heads and jobless. The project aims to foster self-reliance, improve the quality of life, and enhance the independence of the target group. The innovation of the project lies in providing comprehensive support including housing, integration, language learning, psychological, and legal assistance.

Our project is a concrete response to the issues faced by people with refugee experience in Poland and the Czech Republic, such as the threat of unemployment, poverty, lack of work, language barriers, and difficulties in handling official matters.

The project aligns with the stated goal within the call for proposals: Integration and social inclusion of refugees fleeing from Ukraine.

The project plans to conduct 2 support programs. One for the group from Poland and one for the group from the Czech Republic, both lasting a total of 12 months. The support program for each group will be implemented in Cieszyn and will last up to 6 months. We aim to include a total of 30 individuals in the program.

Additionally, a fundraising campaign will be initiated to collect funds for the continuation of activities post-project.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
30.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0028</b>	<b>SIMPLE</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Social Innovation Models to Promote Learning and Employability	CTS Customized Training Solutions sp. z o.o.	Collegium Civitas	
	<b>599,123.00</b>			<b>CROATIA</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Adriatic Ionian Euroregion	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>BELGIUM</b>	
				Institut de Haute Formation aux Politiques Communautaires asbl	
				<b>ITALY</b>	
				1. IDP SAS di Giancarlo Costantino (Italian development partners)	
				2. Hope Ukraine Foundation E.T.S.	
				<b>HUNGARY</b>	
				Hétfa Kutatóintézet KFT	
				<b>SPAIN</b>	
				Asociación IT Solutions for All	

**Project summary**

SIMPLE Project (Social Innovation for Migrant Integration and Employability) aims to:

- 1) Identify and scale up best practices in social innovation to enhance the employability and integration of Ukrainian refugees, focusing on educational interventions and vocational training.
- 2) Empower vulnerable groups, particularly women and older adults, by providing targeted support to enhance their skills and employability.
- 3) Promote stakeholder engagement through the quadruple helix model, ensuring active collaboration between academia, industry, government, and civil society.

Ukrainian refugees face significant challenges in Europe, particularly in finding employment and integrating into their host societies. According to IOM (2023), employment support is a top priority, with vulnerable groups such as women and older adults facing the greatest difficulties. Furthermore, many refugees are overqualified for available jobs, leading to unstable incomes and reliance on social assistance (Eurofound, 2024). Social innovation initiatives in Europe remain fragile and fragmented, with limited impact due to poor coordination and underutilization (IOM, 2020).

SIMPLE addresses these challenges through:

- Evaluating existing evidence and best practices to establish a new approach/model for enhancing Ukrainian refugee employability and integration.
- Mapping, engaging, and empowering stakeholders from various sectors to support and implement the new social innovation approach for Ukrainian refugees.
- Implementing and testing the developed model of social innovation for Ukrainian refugees in real-world settings to validate its effectiveness and adaptability.
- Promoting project outcomes, enhancing stakeholder capacities, and ensuring sustainable impact through comprehensive dissemination and stakeholder empowerment activities.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
31.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0032</b>	<b>WISE</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	WISE – Supporting Ukrainian Refugee Women’s Socio-Economic Integration	Fondazione International Rescue Committee Italia ETS	1. Centro Penco Antropologia e Psicologia Geoclinica	
	<b>538,928.00</b>			2. Laboratorio di Gruppoanalisi – Società Cooperativa Sociale	
	<b>Duration</b>			<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	
	<b>18 months</b>			SkillLab B.V	
				<b>BELGIUM</b>	
				Association Européenne des Régions et autorités locales pour la formation toute au long de la vie	
				<b>BULGARIA</b>	
				Animus Association Foundation	

## Project summary

The WISE – Supporting Ukrainian (UA) Refugee Women’s Socio-Economic Integration and Wellbeing project proposes a social innovation model which integrates mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) with employment services enabled by technology driven solutions to create a holistic support system.

WISE aims to improve the socio-economic inclusion and wellbeing of employable refugee women from UA in Italy (IT) and Bulgaria (BG), by piloting and scaling-up Holistic Support Centres (HSCs) with a trauma-informed and gender-sensitive approach that build on the Women and Girls Safe Space (WGSS) methodology and complement it with employment and social support services. The project will enhance UA women’s employability, skills-job match, lifelong learning and access to the labour market, enable them to better navigate and access social and public services, and enhance their mental and psychosocial well-being. The project pays particular attention to women affected by the waiting dilemma, helping them overcome their concerns and seizing opportunities for professional growth that may be relevant to UA when and if they decide to go back.

WISE uses an iterative process to interlock and scale-up a social innovation to transform the refugee situation into opportunity, for the individual, host countries, and UA. The process starts from an existing promising model – the WGSS – which will be further developed, conceptualized into a new model (HSC), piloted, validated, and disseminated for adaptation to new contexts. The project uses a multi-stakeholder and a user-centred approach and aims to reach 200 UA refugee women via 4 HSCs with services adapted to their needs. Over 2,000 stakeholders will be reached in communication and dissemination activities at the local and EU level to promote the scale-up and sustainability of the project. Main deliverables include the HSCs model toolkit, needs and labor market assessments in IT and BG, contextualized AI-skills assessment tool etc.





No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
32.	ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0088	INITIAL	DENMARK	FRANCE	
	Grant amount	INnovative solutions for Integration of refugees and support of vulnerable populations Through Inclusion Activities and Language support	Danish Red Cross	1. Croix-Rouge française 2. Croix-Rouge Insertion	
	519,090.00				
	Duration				
	18 months				

**Project summary**

Refugees and migrants often face significant barriers to employment, intensifying their already vulnerable situation. As highlighted in the UNHCR report on citizen hosting for displaced persons from Ukraine, the language barrier is a major obstacle to accessing employment, even in high-demand sectors Overcoming this linguistic hurdle is paramount to facilitating displaced persons from Ukraine and refugees in securing employment, as well as accessing vital social and care services. Our proposed project tackles this challenge head-on by providing refugees with comprehensive social and linguistic support, by adopting a more holistic approach to facilitating their journey toward employment.

Drawing from innovative programs that are already tested on a small scale by the Danish Red Cross (DRC), French Red Cross (FRC) and Croix-Rouge insertion (CRI), our project aims to merge social and linguistic assistance to refugees.

Through the utilisation of an online platform and volunteer assistance, we aim to amplify our impact and empower civil society to actively contribute to refugee integration. Furthermore, this project will foster mutual learning among national societies and cultivate collaborative endeavors between Red Cross personnel and external stakeholders to ensure the project’s successful implementation.

Aligned with the objectives outlined in the call, our initiative focuses on integrating refugees fleeing Ukraine while fostering knowledge exchange among Red Cross societies. It fosters a comprehensive approach to refugee support, integrating language learning with employment coaching and social inclusion, thereby improving the overall status quo for displaced persons from Ukraine and other refugees.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
33.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0100</b>	<b>ECSILI</b>	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Empowering Communities: A Local Action Plan for Social Inclusion and Labour Integration of refugees	European Social Network AISBL	Andalusian Regional Ministry of Social Inclusion, Youth, Families and Equality	
	<b>395,078.00</b>			<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Skilllab B.V.	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
				Miasto Stoleczne Warszawa	
				<b>ROMANIA</b>	
				Social Care Directorate Arad (DAS Arad)	

**Project summary**

This project aims to implement a strategy in Warsaw, and Arad that adapts and implements a well-developed social inclusion strategy, which has been successfully implemented in Andalucia, Spain for the past six years. This project aims to create a new programme that promotes the integration of Ukrainian refugees in Warsaw, Poland and Arad, Romania.

The Andalusian strategy, known as ERACIS, was launched by the regional government of Andalucia in 2018 and has since been funded by the European Social Fund. The strategy focuses on designing and implementing local programmes that promote the social and active inclusion of at-risk populations in disadvantaged areas, several of them with migration levels reaching 30 to 35%. The project involves the transfer of the Andalusian model pillars to the target cities together with the implementation of a skills profiling app. Key activities include the development of a local action plan in Warsaw and Arad that will cover labour market integration, community support, and social inclusion of Ukrainian refugees. Specifically, this will translate into the creation of a new programme consisting of a case manager role, an accessible directory of local services, and a multilingual online tool for skills profiling to help refugees find suitable jobs and navigate local services. The main objective is to foster the social and labour market integration of Ukrainian refugees by using key features of the ERACIS strategy, which has proved to be effective, to address refugees’ employability and promote their inclusion in the community.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
34.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0060</b>	<b>ESSI-BALTIC</b>	<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<b>LATVIA</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b>
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Enhacing Employability and Social Integration with Innovative Solutions for Displaced People from Ukraine in the Baltics	Lithuanian Red Cross (LitRC)	Latvian Red Cross (LatRC)	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
	<b>572,974.00</b>			<b>ESTONIA</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Estonian Red Cross (ERC)	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

This project responds to key needs of people displaced from Ukraine who found safety in the Baltic states. It targets persistent barriers of establishing an autonomous, stable and rooted existence in Baltic societies, however long individuals will stay. It aims to deploy solutions that have been proven to be effective, but are typically otherwise effort-intensive, and place stress on state structures. It mobilizes the Red Cross network as part of a society-wide effort to invest in individuals. It does so through scalable, innovative solutions that are targeted at specific challenges in labour market integration, language acquisition, local contextual knowledge, and at the same time creates social cohesion opportunities to foster more inclusive societies. It offers solutions that rely on the power of communities and peer support by building connections among participants as well as with local members of the host society. Besides tailored investment in individual capacities to help navigate the labour market, this project aims to also remove the disadvantages that people arriving from Ukraine have while trying to navigate a foreign society. It recognizes that basic knowledge and connections that are considered a given for locals are hard to gain without facilitation and can block the success of newly arrived people who natively did not acquire them before. As members of a global humanitarian network, but also embedded societies at a hyperlocal level in a network of branches and volunteers, the Red Cross aims to serve as a channel of entry into society. Goals will be achieved by mobilizing expert knowledge from the private sector (career, language and vocational training providers) as well as from communities. Activities of the project are based on an understanding of existing state services, gaps, and areas of support that states struggle to sustain. The project utilizes in person and digital methods, and actions with a low threshold to initiate and replicable.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
35.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0078</b>	<b>SHE-UNET</b>	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Ukrainian Women's Empowerment and Social Hub Network	Stichting Netwerkpro	Centro per lo Sviluppo Creativo Danilo Dolci	
	<b>369,475.00</b>			<b>SWEDEN</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Vallentuna kommun	
	<b>18 months</b>				

**Project summary**

The aim of SHE-UNET is to establish strong, inclusive communities of locally-based Empowerment Hubs (EH) for Ukrainian Women Migrants (UWM) across Europe, empowering them to engage in local societies and access labour market opportunities. This will be achieved by offering development training on inclusiveness and providing networking opportunities to EH staff (including leaders & employers). SHE-UNET will develop the “Capacity Enhancement Framework” (CEF) to boost organisational capacity and train EH staff. This training will focus on the mental well-being of new employees, alongside job-related language skills, skill development, and empowerment techniques, aligned with the main priorities of this project. EH staff will collaborate to guide and train Ukrainian Women Migrants towards successful labour market integration. Additionally, the “Empowerment Skills Framework” (ESF), a comprehensive empowerment methodology including mental health and well-being, will be developed to train EH trainers-staff in training techniques and empowerment methodology. Ukrainian women migrants from the Netherlands, Sweden, and Italy will participate in empowerment trainings facilitated by EH leaders, focusing on skills readiness. The project will be disseminated across Europe through webinars and multiplier events, highlighting pathways to the labour market for Ukrainian Women Migrants. SHE-UNET aims to deliver CEF and ESF in four languages with user-friendly tools on e-learning platforms, train 60 Empowerment Hub staff in CEF and 20 EH staff in ESF in order to empower 180-250 Ukrainian women migrants for successful labour market integration. Additionally, the project aims to reach 150 people through webinars and 150 through local events, engaging EH in networking and collaboration to support Ukrainian women migrants in accessing employment opportunities. Consortium partners are committed to integrating ESF and CEF into their training programs, making them accessible locally.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
36.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0080</b>	<b>UNITE</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Ukrainian Newcomer's Integration Towards Employment	Folkuniversitetet, Stiftelsen Kursverksamheten vid Uppsala universitet	Bildung und Projekt Netzwerk GmbH	
	<b>618,837.00</b>			<b>AUSTRIA</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			die Berater Unternehmensberatungs GmbH	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>POLAND</b>	
				Fundacja Diversity Hub	

**Project summary**

The UNITE project aims to contribute to a better integration and social inclusion of refugees fleeing Ukraine by improving conditions for a sustainable labour market inclusion. The central objective of this project is to develop an effective approach and structure, to provide adequate support to the target group so that they can achieve sustainable labour market integration in each respective country. In the UNITE project we will transfer the experiences from the Swedish coordinator's implementation of their prior project for Ukrainian refugees, to the partners in Germany, Austria and Poland. Together we will adapt and further develop the approach and working methods with relevant input from the target group as well as input from a diversity of stakeholders, blending a theoretical framework based on a large-scale Danish progression measurement study with the EU approach of competence validation, and mentoring, combined with the experiences of the coordinator's prior project. In the UNITE project we will develop local structures, a UNITE Methodology Toolbox and a training programme for mentors. This approach will be piloted with 20-30 Ukrainian refugees in each partner country. This project will help to improve status quo in several ways: By transferring good practices of working methods to new countries and contexts, by improving the situation for the individuals that participate in the piloting through the support they are given, and by further developing and evaluating an approach customised for this target group that can be applied by others to improve the situation for Ukrainian refugees. Additionally, by involving relevant stakeholders we assure a growing impact and continuation. By the end of the project, we expect improved working methods, enhanced skills and knowledge among project team members and stakeholders, and more active engagement and participation of Ukrainian refugees in the labour market through targeted interventions.

No	Application number	Project title	Coordinator	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
37.	<b>ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0089</b>	<b>STEPJOB</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	
	<b>Grant amount</b>	Vstupayuchy na robotu (Stepping into a job): Helping Ukrainian Refugee Teens Enter the Central European Labour Market Safely and Legally, and Weighing the Trade-offs with Education	Centrum Organizowania Zwiaskow Zawodowych	Pro Futuro	
	<b>533 294.00</b>			<b>GERMANY</b>	
	<b>Duration</b>			Hub of Sustainable Development	
	<b>18 months</b>			<b>BELGIUM</b>	
				UNI Europa	

## Project summary

Since the Russian aggression on Ukraine in February 2022, Poland and Germany have accepted nearly 2.2 million Ukrainian refugees, representing the vast majority in Europe. This has led to rapid demographic shifts, causing challenges in integrating these new communities. Currently, there are 350,000 Ukrainian teenagers aged 15–19 in Poland and Germany eligible to work. Lacking local language skills and knowledge of labour regulations, and under pressure to find work quickly, many are vulnerable to exploitation.

The consortium of COZZ, Pro Futuro, Hub of Sustainable Development, UNI Europa proposes an intervention to support these young refugees. The project involves transferring a Ukrainian social innovation – the EduHub multimedia courseware platform – to the Polish and German markets. This platform has already positively impacted 400,000 Ukrainian students and is certified by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

We aim to reach 4,000 Ukrainian teenagers in Poland and Germany through the platform and 50 workshops in the 10 largest cities of both countries (30 offline, 20 online). These workshops will enhance awareness of legal, safe, and fair work conditions, provide knowledge about job markets and professional contexts, and highlight available support mechanisms. We will also promote a balanced approach between earning wages and continuing education.

The transfer will include adapting the platform to meet the specific conditions of each labour market, providing tailored support to Ukrainian teens. The project will involve key stakeholders: non-profit organisations (consortium members), social partners (trade unions), academia, public entities (employment offices), and directly the target group – refugee teenagers, their parents, and educators. By investing in the education and integration of young Ukrainian refugees, Poland and Germany can transform challenges into opportunities for mutual growth and future development.