

WELCOMING REFUGEES WITH OPEN DOORS — IN GERMANY AND ACROSS EUROPE

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A "REFUGEE CRISIS"? DISCOURSE AND REALITY IN GERMANY

2015 in Germany
estimated one million arrivals

2015 worldwide
60 million refugees

Countries of origin
Syria, Iraq, Eritrea, Balkan States

Host nations
Lebanon, Turkey, Pakistan

Shortcomings
Accommodation, Integration

"Mother Merkel"?
International Responsibility and Asylum

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR REFUGEES IN GERMANY

„Initial Reception Centres“

Refugee Centres
(or „Mass Accomodation“)

Limitations:

- 1) *Lack of access to society and infrastructure*
- 2) *Lack of privacy, stability, mobility and independence*

WHY CAN'T REFUGEES LIVE IN SHARED FLATS, FAMILY HOMES AND OTHER PRIVATE HOUSING SITUATIONS?!

That's what we thought!
And found a way to make it happen.

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THE BEGINNINGS

November 2014

Three founders

A digital solution

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HOW IT WORKS

1. Sign up your room via our website
2. We put you in touch with a refugee in your city
3. You DO NOT have to pay for the rent, we will find a way to help you finance it
4. Your new flatmate can move in. Of course we will continue to support you!

**WE HAVE MATCHED 177
REFUGEES TO SHARED
FLATS ACROSS GERMANY!**

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"REFUGEES WELCOME GERMANY" TODAY

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CHALLENGES

Legal

Restrictive Laws
Federal Differences

Political

Lack of support
Government Failure
Populism

Social

Rights Wing Sentiments
Public Resentment
Donor Fatigue

REFUGEES WELCOME INTERNATIONAL — A EUROPEAN PROJECT

Current countries

*Austria
Germany
Greece
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
The Netherlands
Poland*

Future projects

*Canada
Czech Republic
Italy
France
UK*

FUTURE GOALS

Strengthen Capacities

Professionalization

Internationalization

Strengthen Cooperation

TOGETHER WE CREATE A CULTURE OF WELCOME!

Thank you very much! Questions?

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