

## Preliminary list of support measures in Europe for researchers at risk

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### 1. Organisations and networks providing funding and/or other support to researchers at risk

Name	Link	Description	Target
Scholars at Risk Network (SAR)	<a href="http://www.scholarsatrisk.org">www.scholarsatrisk.org</a> <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe</a>	Scholars at Risk (SAR) is an international network of higher education institutions and individuals working to protect threatened scholars, prevent attacks on higher education, and promote academic freedom and related values. SAR's European office is hosted by Maynooth University, Ireland.	At-risk scholars
SAR Europe (European office of SAR)	<a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe</a>	Scholars at Risk Europe, hosted at Maynooth University, is the European office of the global Scholars at Risk network. The European office supports and coordinates the activities of Scholars at Risk national sections and partner networks across Europe to strengthen our collective voice at the European level and contribute to informed policymaking for the greater protection of scholars and increased respect for academic freedom worldwide.	Coordinating efforts of SAR sections in Europe in support of at-risk scholars. Case by case assistance for at-risk scholars continues through SAR's global office.
Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF)	<a href="https://www.scholarrescuefund.org/">https://www.scholarrescuefund.org/</a>	The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) is the only global program that arranges and funds fellowships for threatened and displaced scholars at partnering higher education institutions worldwide.	Threatened and displaced scholars
IIE-SRF and EDUFI joint programme in Finland	<a href="https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/scholar-rescue-fund">https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/scholar-rescue-fund</a>	IIE-SRF and EDUFI finance the scholarship periods together. The programme is open to scholars resident in any country fulfilling the programme's eligibility criteria.  In Finland the Scholar Rescue Fund grants are targeted to scholars from conflict regions in the early stages of their academic career (=recent PhD graduates or scholars with limited academic experience after graduation).	Scholars from conflict regions
The Philipp Schwartz Initiative of	<a href="https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/philipp-schwartz-initiative-en.html">https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/philipp-schwartz-initiative-en.html</a>	The Philipp Schwartz Initiative provides universities and research institutions in Germany with the means to host threatened foreign	Threatened foreign researchers



the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation		researchers for a period of 24 months on a fully funded research fellowship. An extension is possible under a co-financing model.	
Council for at-risk academics (Cara)	<a href="https://www.cara.ngo/what-we-do/">https://www.cara.ngo/what-we-do/</a>	The Network aims to facilitate cooperation and collaboration between UK higher education institutions in support of persecuted and at-risk academics, and in the defence and promotion of academic and university freedoms worldwide.	Persecuted and at-risk academics
The PAUSE program	<a href="https://www.college-de-france.fr/site/en-program-pause/index.htm">https://www.college-de-france.fr/site/en-program-pause/index.htm</a>	A national project initiated by the French state with support from civil society and economic stakeholders. Its mission is to facilitate the hosting of scientists from crisis zones for sufficiently long periods to enable them to integrate and to ensure continuity in their research.	At-risk academics
Baden-Württemberg Fund for Persecuted Scholars	<a href="https://www.bwstiftung.de/bw-fonds/#c19021">https://www.bwstiftung.de/bw-fonds/#c19021</a>	The Baden-Württemberg Fund for Persecuted Scientists supports research stays for guest scientists at universities, colleges and research institutes within Baden-Württemberg, so that scientists who are persecuted in their home countries can continue their work in safety.	Persecuted scientists
Scholarship programme of the State of Bremen	<a href="https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/research/support-for-researchers/calls/fellowship-programme-for-at-risk-scholars/">https://www.uni-bremen.de/en/research/support-for-researchers/calls/fellowship-programme-for-at-risk-scholars/</a>	The Senator for Science, Health, and Consumer Protection of the State of Bremen therefore supports young scientists whose scientific work in their home country is endangered due to persecution and threats. Through grant funding, the senator enables these scientists to continue their research at the University of Bremen.	Doctoral candidates in the final phase of their thesis Postdoctoral candidates with a completed doctorate
Einstein Junior Scholars and Einstein Guest Researchers	<a href="https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/">https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/</a>	The programmes are offered on a temporary basis in order to reach this objective and to enable researchers and scientists who are experiencing constraints in their work around the world to come to Berlin for two years to pursue their research without undue restrictions or threats.	Scientists and researchers from regions of conflict Researchers and scientists from regions that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research
Hamburg Programs for Scholars at Risk (HPSAR)	<a href="https://www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/wissenschaft/gefahrdete-forschende.html">https://www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/wissenschaft/gefahrdete-forschende.html</a>	The aim is to enable endangered scientists to bridge acute emergencies and at the same time to further qualify and orient themselves in the German science system. Endangered scientists should - supported by a scientific mentor - develop a third-party funding application during the	Endangered scientists



		funding period and thus have the opportunity, after the funding has expired, to continue their own research while gaining insights into the German science system.	
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## 2. EU-funded projects supporting researchers at risk and/or refugee researchers

Name/Dates	Link	Description	Target	Partners	Funding
InSPIREurope	<a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope</a>	InSPIREurope is a coordinated, cross-sectoral, Europe-wide alliance for researchers at risk.	Researchers at risk: “researchers who are either at risk in their countries of origin (due to discrimination, persecution, suffering and/or violence), or are seeking refuge out of these reasons or have recently found refuge in Europe.” (MSCA call for researchers at risk definition).	Maynooth University, Ireland (Project Coordinator) (host of SAR Europe) Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, Germany European University Association Jagiellonian University, Poland University of Oslo, Norway University of Gothenburg, Sweden French national PAUSE programme, hosted by the Collège de France Stichting voor Vluchteling-Studenten UAF, Netherlands Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Scholz CTC GmbH, Germany	MSCA, H2020
BRIDGE project  (01/04/2018 31/03/2020)	<a href="https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/experts.html">https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/experts.html</a>	It gives an all-in-one solution for the localised guidance of refugee researchers (RRs) and enables the 40 EUAXESS country members in the ERA to identify and utilise the potential of RRs across Europe. The case-to-case support focuses on career development advisory	Focus on early and late stage post doc researchers and professors of all ages, especially those displaced in Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey. Priority will be given	Bielefeld University (UNIBI), (coordinator); Center for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH); Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zuerich (ETH Zürich); Hellenic Foundation For European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP); National Centre for Social Research (EKKE); Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (SU); Türkiye Bilimsel Ve Teknolojik Arastirma Kurumu (TÜBİTAK);	Horizon 2020 call SwafS-26-2017: Science4Refugees-Support to highly skilled refugee scientists



		services, training, and academic and non-academic mentoring for the RRs. Instructive and motivating materials to academic and non-academic mentors. Trainings for academic and non-academic mentors and refugee researchers. Promotion of best practices in the EURAXESS network through trainings and activities, and forms a network and European Directory of Services for Researchers in Danger visible on the EURAXESS Science4Refugees site.	further to researchers with an asylum related status. The measures are nevertheless open also to researchers without asylum, such as threatened scholars, if capacity is given.		
BRIDGE- Step II  (01/12/2018 30/11/2020)	<a href="https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/experts.html">https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/experts.html</a>	It supports the long-term careers of 300 highly skilled refugee researchers and their integration in to the labour markets of the European Union member states and its associated countries, by providing high quality guidance, mentoring and training for refugee researchers.	Highly skilled refugee researchers especially postdocs and professors displaced for more than two years in Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden.	Austrian Agency For International Cooperation in Education, Science and Research (OeAD); Center for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH); Eidgenoessische Technische Hochschule Zuerich (ETH Zürich); Goeteborgs Universitet (UGOT); Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (SU); University of the Aegean (UAeg), Greece; University of Nis – Mechanical Engineering Faculty (MEF), ;	Horizon 2020 call SwafS-6-2018: Science4Refugees-Support to highly skilled refugee scientists
GREET  April 2018 – September 2019	<a href="http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=1104">http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=1104</a>	The project aims to contribute to the integration of highly skilled refugees in European higher education through mutual learning and exchange of good practices	Highly skilled refugees	Academic Cooperation Association (ACA - coordinator), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI)	European Commission – DG Research and Innovation (Horizon



		among national support structures and higher education institutions (HEIs) in 9 European countries (Austria, Belgium/Flanders, Germany, Greece, Finland, France, Norway, Sweden and the UK).			2020 Science4Refugees
CARe January 2019 – October 2020	<a href="http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=1123">http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=1123</a>	The CARe project (Career Advancement for Refugee Researchers in Europe) aims to support the integration of researchers with a refugee background into the European research labour market.	The project targets 10 European countries with a high number of asylum seekers, an absorption capacity of the Research and Development (R&D) labour market and supportive environment to facilitate refugee researchers' entry and integration in the labour market (Austria, Belgium/Flanders, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the Netherlands).	Academic Cooperation Association (ACA - coordinator), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI)	European Commission – DG Research and Innovation (H2020-EU.5.a.; Topic: SwafS-06-2018 - Science4Refugees)
S.U.C.RE. 2016 - 2018	<a href="http://sucre.auth.gr/">http://sucre.auth.gr/</a>	S.U.C.RE. specifically focuses on the processes required for the proper integration of	Refugee students and scholars	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (coordinator); University of Cologne (Universität zu Köln), VU	KA2 Erasmus+ project



		refugees/migrants (students and scholars) in higher education as well as on their academic support after their acceptance/entrance in a University. In addition, it focuses on the psychosocial integration/support of refugees/migrants and their proper information on legal and health issues. S.U.C.RE. aims at creating educational/training material to be properly used by practitioners and interested parties.		Amsterdam (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam); the Greek Council for Refugees	granted by the Hellenic National Agency (IKY) via the European Commission
Academic Refuge 2016- 2019	<a href="https://www.uio.no/english/about/global/globally-engaged/academic-refuge/">https://www.uio.no/english/about/global/globally-engaged/academic-refuge/</a>	The EU-funded 'Academic Refuge' project aims to improve the capacity of European universities to assist refugees and threatened academics on campus and to promote understanding and respect for higher education values.	Students and scholars with refugee background and academics at risk.		KA2 Erasmus+ project granted by the Hellenic National Agency (IKY) via the European Commission
CMinaR 2016-2019	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details/#project/2016-1-DE01-KA203-002883">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details/#project/2016-1-DE01-KA203-002883</a>	The CMinaR project aimed to tackle the challenge of integrating refugees and migrants into the labour market by bringing together experienced partners from countries that are amongst the most affected by, and	Refugees and migrants	Hochschule der Bundesagentur fuer Arbeit (coordinator); University of Padova; Canterbury Christ Church University LTD; Kauno Technologijos Universitetas; Stockholms Universitet; Istanbul Teknik Universitesi.	KA2 Erasmus+ project granted by the German National Agency (DAAD) via



		play a key role for refugees' integration.			the European Commission
MERIC-Net 2016-2020	<a href="http://www.meric-net.eu/en/index.aspx">http://www.meric-net.eu/en/index.aspx</a>	The MERIC-Net project will address the recognition of refugees' qualifications and the practical challenges related to it. The European experience will contribute to the sharing and developing of a common methodology in the Southern Mediterranean countries, in order to facilitate the integration of refugees and displaced people.	Refugee graduates and PhD	Université Cote d'Azur (coordinator) Universitetet i Oslo; University of Palermo; Unimed - Unione Delle Università Del Mediterraneo; Ministère de L'enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (DZ); Ministère de l'enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche Scientifique et de la Formation des Cadres (MO) ; Ministry Of Higher Education and Scientific Research (TN) ; Ministry of Education and Higher Education (LB) ; Université d'Alger 1 ; Université De Tlemcen ; Université Cadi Ayyad ; Université Mohammed V De Rabat ; Université De Tunis El Manar ; University Of Monastir ; Antonine University; Université de Saint Esprit-Kaslik Autorité Religieuse ; Nasjonalt Organ For Kvalitet I Utdanningen Nokut ; Associazione Cimea; Centre International d'études Pédagogiques – Ciep.	KA2 Erasmus+ project granted by the French National Agency via the European Commission
Refugees and Recognition	<a href="https://www.nokut.no/om-nokut/internasjonalt-samarbeid/erasmus-projekter/refugees-and-recognition/">https://www.nokut.no/om-nokut/internasjonalt-samarbeid/erasmus-projekter/refugees-and-recognition/</a>	The aim of the project is to develop policy and promote the implementation of effective recognition procedures for refugees, displaced persons and persons in a refugee-like situation – including those who do not have official documentation of their educational background. The overall goal is to enhance mobility, employability and access to further studies for refugees by promoting transnational	Refugees students	NOKUT (Norway), coordinator; CIEP (France); CIMEA (Italy); EP-NUFFIC (The Netherlands); UK NARIC (United Kingdom); ArmENIC (Armenia); KMK (Germany); UHR (Sweden)	KA2 Erasmus+ project granted by the Norwegian National Agency via the European Commission (Co-funded)



		cooperation and mutual learning.			
REACT – Refugees and Recognition	<a href="https://www.nokut.no/en/about-nokut/international-cooperation/erasmus-projects/react--refugees-and-recognition/">https://www.nokut.no/en/about-nokut/international-cooperation/erasmus-projects/react--refugees-and-recognition/</a>	<p>The overall goal of the project is to enhance the mobility, employability and access to further studies for refugees, displaced persons and persons in a refugee-like situation – including those without official documentation of their educational background.</p> <p>The project builds on the recently completed Erasmus+ project "Refugees and Recognition", which developed a common methodological approach to the recognition of refugees' qualifications. Taking this work a step further, the REACT-project will develop and test this methodology in major refugee-receiving countries and in cooperation with higher education institutions.</p> <p>The aim is to establish a more efficient and consistent approach to the recognition of refugees' qualifications in Europe.</p>	Refugees students	<p>NOKUT (Norway)          CIMEA (Italy)          NUFFIC (The Netherlands)          KMK (Germany)          QQI (Ireland)          Oslo Metropolitan University (Norway)          LUISS University (Italy)          Utrecht University (The Netherlands)          University of Bremen (Germany)          University of Limerick (Ireland)          European University Association (EUA)          European Students Union (ESU)          Kiron Open Higher Education          Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC)</p>	KA2 Erasmus+ project granted by the European Commission (Co-funded)





### 3. EU-funded fellowships and other support measures for ALL researchers and/or support measures for ALL migrants

Name	Link	Description	Target	Funding
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/">https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/</a>	The MSCA provides grants for all stages of researchers' careers and encourage transnational, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. The MSCA enables research-focused organisations to host talented foreign researchers and to create strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide. MSCA grants include a restart option for RRs.	researchers	Horizon 2020
European Research Council	<a href="http://erc.europa.eu/funding-schemes">http://erc.europa.eu/funding-schemes</a>	ERC grants, which are awarded through open competition, aim to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields of research on the basis of scientific excellence—the only criterion for selection.	The grants may help both emerging research leaders ('ERC Starting Grants' and 'ERC Consolidator Grants') and already well-established and recognised scientists ('ERC Advanced Grants').	Horizon2020
EURAXESS Researchers in Motion	<a href="https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/">https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/</a>	Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union, member states and associated countries, it supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world.	researchers in Motion /Visiting researchers	European Commission's initiative
EURAXESS gateway to Science4Refugees	<a href="https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/science4refugees">https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/science4refugees</a>	The Science4Refugees initiative and EURAXESS portal provide research refugee friendly internships, part-time and full-time jobs, access to an European Research Community, as well as a complete range of information and support services on working and living in Europe.	Refugee researchers	European Commission's initiative
EURAXESS Intercultural Assistant	<a href="https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/career-development/researchers/intercultural-assistant">https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/career-development/researchers/intercultural-assistant</a>	The EURAXESS Intercultural Assistant for Researchers aims at raising awareness of the complexity of the intercultural encounters researchers on the move are likely to experience.	Third country researchers - staff serving researchers	
Migrants Entrepreneurship	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/promoting-entrepreneurship/we-work-for/migrants_en">https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/promoting-entrepreneurship/we-work-for/migrants_en</a>	Information on EU-funded support for migrant entrepreneurs	All migrants	European Commission: Executive Agency for



Support Schemes				Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)
European website on integration	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/">https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/</a>	Migrant Integration information and good practices. Lists of EU and national funding to support integration of migrants, and country-specific information on integration programmes. Compendium of 'good practices' in the integration of migrants in Europe.	All migrants	

#### 4. Additional information : Relevant EU Directives, Actions Plans & Implementation

- [EU Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of research, studies, training, voluntary service, pupil exchange schemes or educational projects and au pairing](#)
- [EU Blue Card Directive](#)
- [State of play of the negotiations on the Revised EU Blue Card Directive](#)
- [EU Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals](#)
- [Implementation of EU Action Plan on Integration](#)

