## UNIMED GENERAL ASSEMBLY - "REFUGEE EDUCATION: SHARING EXPERIENCES"

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#### **Campus France**

• The French national agency for the promotion of higher education, international student services, and international mobility



- Campus France operates under the supervision of the French ministries of Europe and Foreign Affairs and of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.
- It cooperates closely with French higher education institutions and their associations and conferences.



### Campus France – Key figures

- A network of 255 overseas offices in 125 countries
- 51 key events organized in 2016
- Management of 22 000 student scholarship holders and 11 300 researchers and experts
- 50 agreements with foreign governments in force
- 1 central and 80 local websites: 1.8 M. visits
- 120 000 members of *France Alumni*
- 353 Members of the CF Forum





- **inHERE** is a 2-year project funded by the Erasmus+ programme (KA2 Strategic Partnership)
- <u>Objectives</u>: Knowledge sharing, peer-support & academic partnerships, to facilitate integration & access of refugees in EU HEIs
- inHERE Consortium:
  - UNIMED, Italy (coordinator)
  - Sapienza University, Italy
  - University of Barcelona, Spain
  - Campus France, France
  - EUA, Belgium
- <u>www.inHEREproject.eu</u>







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#### <u>Outputs:</u>

- Good Practice Catalogue: source of information & inspiration, to enable exchanges & collaboration between HEIs
- Living Lab: consist of webinars & events, where EU HEIs will explore, experience & evaluate new practices and policies
- **Guidelines**: to improve/initiate assistance activities for integrating refugees students within the HEIs
- **Recommendations**: to HEIs & policy makers on the strategies to support the integration of refugees. Conference to be held (May 2018)







Higher Education supporting Refugees in Europe Kick-off Meeting Rome (Italy) 28-22 Sentember 2016



#### **HOPES** Project

- HOPES Higher & Further Education Opportunities & Perspectives for Syrians
- Funded by the EU's Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian Crisis: Madad Fund
- 4-year project
- 5 target countries: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey
- Consortium:
  - DAAD (coordinator)
  - British Council
  - Campus France
  - Nuffic
- <u>www.hopes-madad.org</u>





# HOPES: CF project activities in Lebanon

- Mapping: Educational programmes open to Syrians in the region (online, joint & TNE programmes) => Online catalogue
- Academic Counselling & Scholarships: In charge of the office in Beirut.
  => 87 scholars from Syria & 58 from Lebanon (host community)
- Call for Proposals: support for projects in the region
- National Stakeholder Dialogues: 4 dialogues held
- **Regional Conference**: Held in Beirut, 26-27 Sept. 2017, 140 participants, 20 countries represented, co-organisation with DG EAC
- Visibility actions & tools: Communication activities; Video; Website; Project identity (logo, flyers, posters...); Social Media channels





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HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES & PERSPECTIVES FOR SYRIANS A thematic working group dedicated to the question of refugees :

- Exchange of good practice between French HEIs;
- Sharing of experience;
- Drafting of recommendations.







A dedicated scholarship programme for students from Syria funded by the French government:

- Duration: 1 to 3 years for students enrolled in French HEIs (Bachelor or Masters) or in French courses;
- 350 Syrian scholarship holders administered by CF in 2016.





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