



# CONVERSATIONS

Network-building for self-employment of refugees

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# Why this project?

- Refugees have skills from their previous life
- The willingness of becoming an entrepreneur among refugees is higher than among the home population
- Learning about entrepreneurship by network-building is helping refugees to become employees

## Challenges:

- Language and cultural differences build obstacles

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# Partners



- Stiftelsen TISIP – co-ordinator; Norway – a vocational training institution
- Anne Fox ApS – partner; Denmark – a small company
- RETHINK Learning Technologies AS; Norway – an elearning company
- Socialiniu projektu institutas; Lithuania – a training institution
- ATEI Thessaloniki – partner; Greece – a university
- University of Rome, La Sapienza; Italy – a university

6 partners from 5 European countries

# Different situation for different European Countries

- In the small Nordic countries there has come many refugees and immigrants over the past decade. The authorities have tried to limit the number of people coming, but also tried to help the refugees who are allowed to stay, to enter into the labor market.
  - For instance by running a 2 year introductory program
- In the Mediterranean countries, like Greece or Italy, the situation is different. There are large number of refugees coming to these countries. Many of them intend to leave to go to other European countries like Germany, England or the Nordic countries.

# What are we doing in the project?

- We are trying to help immigrants and refugees become entrepreneurs by:
  - Offering an **FAQ list**, tailored for the different countries and languages
  - Adapting the **Osterwalder entrepreneurship canvas** to the European Entrecomp framework for self-evaluation purposes
  - Using the **EU Profile skills tool for Third Country Nationals**, including badges
  - Designing a **course in entrepreneurship** for the target group
  - Developing a **facilitation guide** to help refugees and immigrants and their helpers to organise local study groups in entrepreneurship (network-building is an important part here)
  - Developing a **Mobile App** where all the resources are accessible
  - Offering the web-site: [www.9conversations.no](http://www.9conversations.no) where all the material will be available
- (But we do not offer courses)



# Project group



# Aim for today's event

- To learn from refugees and their supporting organisations
- To present some of the work done so far in 9-Conversations
- To have feedback of what we are doing
- To establish contact for further collaboration

I look forward to take part in an exciting day!

