



UiO : University of Oslo

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Researchers at Risk - How universities are joining forces
through EU projects



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Knowledge – Responsibility - Engagement for a Sustainable Future



6.600 employees



World's no. 60
best university



27.000 students

University of Oslo (UiO) strategies of support

1. Protect researchers at risk at UiO

- ✓ Host 4-5 researchers at risk annually
- ✓ Academic Dugnad for refugees
- ✓ Students at Risk

2. Share experiences and widen the network

- ✓ Supporting new National SAR sections
- ✓ European projects; Academic Refuge and InSPIREurope

3. Academic freedom, autonomy and human rights

- ✓ MOOC on academic freedom
- ✓ Contribute to global HE news, debates and associations

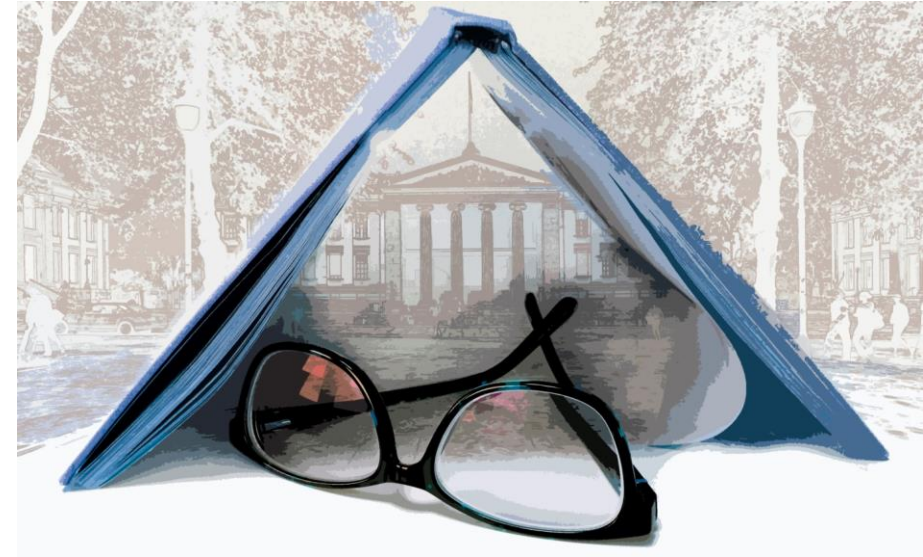


European projects

- Erasmus+ [Academic Refuge](#) 2016-19, UiO, Norway
- Erasmus+ [SUCRE project](#) 2016-18, AUTH, Greece
- H2020 Science4Refugees: [GREET](#) 2018-19, ACA, Belgium
- H2020 Science4Refugees: [Bridge](#) and [Bridge II](#), 2018-20, UNIBI, Germany
- H2020 Science4Refugees: [CARE](#) 2019-20, ACA, Belgium
- Horizon 2020 MSCA: [Inspireurope](#) 2019-22, MU/SAR Europe, Ireland

Academic Refuge

Erasmus + strategic partnership
2016-19



- **Goals:**

- Improve the capacity of European universities to assist refugees and threatened academics
- Promote greater respect for academic freedom and greater protection for higher education values

- **Partners:** Scholars at Risk, UNICA network, University of Ljubljana and University of Oslo

- **Activities:** Staff training, [MOOC](#), [HE values handbook](#)

Resources: <https://www.uio.no/english/about/global/globally-engaged/academic-refuge/academic-refuge-material.html>



Title: Initiative to Support, Promote and Integrate Researchers at Risk in Europe

Call: H2020-MSCA-RR-2018

Grant: 1,5 mill. EUR

Project dates: September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope>



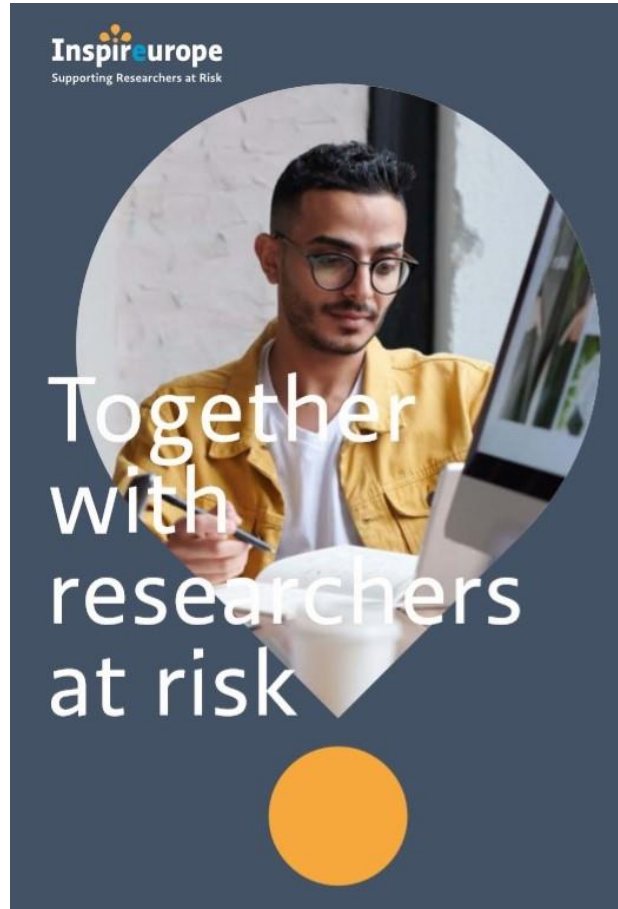
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Project Partners



Inspireurope

Supporting Researchers at Risk



Develop a long-term sustainable cross-sectoral European support structure

Contribute to informed policymaking across Europe to strengthen support

Bridge the gaps between national and European support mechanisms

Improve career development opportunities for researchers at risk

Prepare the work environment in academic and non-academic sectors

Grow the network of actors supporting researchers at risk with an emphasis on CESEE



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Inspireurope Mapping report

- **Shortage of funding for fellowships/ positions & competitiveness** of research labour market are top 2 challenges
- Need to improve **career development opportunities** for researchers at risk in academia and non-academic sectors in Europe

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//Inspireurope%20Report%2C%20Researchers%20at%20Risk%20-%20Mapping%20Europe%27s%20Response%20FINAL%20web.pdf>



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