

## TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT RIAC

*Since the beginning of 2018, the Pro Arbeit-Kreis Offenbach-AöR has taken over the coordination for the transnational RIAC project funded by the Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EaSI) of the European Union. Participating partner countries are Denmark, Germany, Italy and Turkey. RIAC stands for "Regional Integration Accelerators" (RIACs) and are decentralized units for the fast track integration of refugees into the labour market. RIACs are initiated with the involvement of employers and are geared to the concrete labour requirements of the cooperating employers.*



RIACs provide concrete target jobs for refugees. The participants receive a concrete job perspective early on and are integrated into the processes by the cooperating employers right from the start. Each RIAC is a small and manageable unit.

The parallel, intensely-managed processes pursue the goal of faster integration into the labour market, which means that unemployment can be reduced from 48 to 12 months.

The fast track integration into the labour market is a goal to be achieved through parallel processes and intensive support.

In particular, the placement of women in the labour market and self-employment are taken up in topic-specific RIACs.

Starting from the results of the work in the project, a standardized and multipliable RIAC procedure will be developed through the cooperation of the eight transnational partners.

### EU Program for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)

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#### Aims

- Strengthen ownership of EU objectives and coordinated action by the EU and Member States in the areas of employment, social affairs and inclusion
- Promote the development of adequate social protection systems and labour market policies
- Promoting geographical mobility and creating new job opportunities through the development of an open labour

## PARTNERS

*The partnership of the RIAC project has been designed to bring out the expertise of each partner. All cooperating partners have many years of experience in advising and assisting refugees. Some of the cooperation partners have already implemented measures to support self-employment (KIZ, HABITAT). Others already have experience in empowering women (Esbjerg, Alisei) to successfully integrate into the labour market.*

The following RIACs are implemented by the partners:



Germany / KIZ SINNOVA: RIAC with focus on healthcare professions, RIAC for women, RIAC self-employment.



Esbjerg  
Kommune

Denmark / Commune Esbjerg (Esbjerg Municipality): RIAC with a focus on technical professions, RIAC focusing on occupations in the hospitality industry / kitchen / catering, RIAC for women.



Turkey / Habitat: "industrial" RIAC focusing on jobs in the industrial sector, RIAC self-employment.



Turkey / IGAM: RIAC focusing on jobs in the service sector, "industrial" RIAC focusing on jobs in the industrial sector (electronics, textile manufacturing).



ALISEI COOP



Cidis Onlus

Italy / Alisei Coop and CIDIS Onlus: RIAC focusing on health care, RIAC focusing on jobs in hotels and restaurants, RIAC focusing on metalworking, RIAC focusing on agriculture, RIAC for women.

## HABITAT ASSOCIATION (HABITAT)

*Habitat Association (Habitat) is a non-governmental organization working in the field of sustainable development which was founded in 1997. Since 1997, with thousands of volunteers in all 81 cities of Turkey, Habitat has been working with all disadvantaged groups in society and implementing capacity building projects in the fields of governance, information and communication technologies, financial consciousness, rural development and entrepreneurship. As the outcome of the its studies, Habitat aims to contribute to sustainable development and affect public policies at the local, national and global level.*

Habitat works with many multinational partners as well as with governments, local authorities and non-governmental organizations for carrying out its studies throughout Turkey.

Visa Europe, Microsoft, Samsung, Turkey Vodafone Foundation, Turk Telekom Group, Facebook, Cisco Network Academy, UNHCR and The Coca Cola Company are some partners that Habitat collaborates. Habitat is also a strategic partner of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with its works.

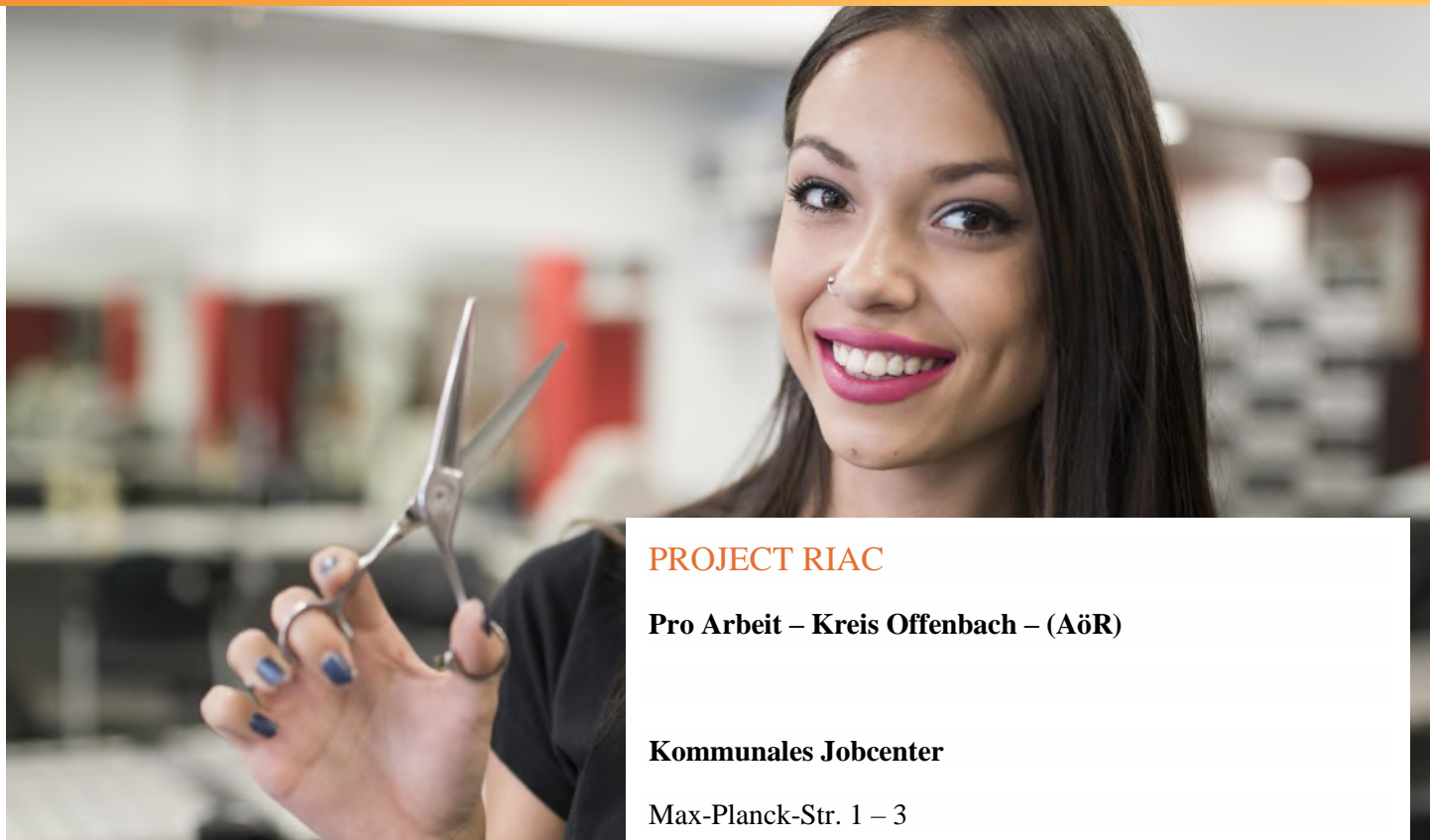


## RIAC PROJECT

Habitat Association is running 3 RIACs and leading self-employment and employment RIAC in an industrial sector. Within the project; Habitat Association is targeting to enhance an entrepreneurship skills of the refugees and to increase employability of the refugees, facilitate the trainings for them in the specific industrial sector.

*The motto of Habitat:  
'Habitat is everywhere'  
#habitatheryerde*

Quote of participants 'The program is well-designed to include us into the entrepreneurship environment with using peer education.'



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