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Diversity, vulnerability, special needs

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In this session we will touch:

- Global Compact on Refugees
- Meaning of “whole society approach”
- Ukraine crisis response example
- Universities supporting forcibly displaced persons
- UNHCR/Universities collaboration
- How can we make a difference?

Mediterranean: refugee crisis 2015-2016

Over a million refugees and migrants reached Greece and Italy

Civil society movilization in favour of refugees

UN General Assembly: New York Declaration for Migrants and Refugees

Global Compact on Refugees

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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Global Compact on Refugees: Objectives

- Ease pressure on host countries;
- Enhance refugee self-reliance;
- Reinforced legal pathways, resettlement
- Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity

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The whole of society approach

Academia
Education
sector

Refugees, asylum seekers, stateless Internally displaced

Governments and Politicians

UN, NGO & humanitarian community

Media, Advocates & influencers

Private sector

Civil Society

Religious and faith organizations

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Positive response to Ukraine war

- Temporary Protection regime
- Financial contributions
- Fundraising concerts, marathons …
- Free transportation & accommodation
- Collecting humanitarian aid
- Probono legal and psychosocial assistance
- Languages, training and jobs offers
- University scholarships

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Universities #WithRefugees

- Designing research initiatives about/for refugees
- Refugee students becoming researchers
- Students' visas and scholarships / UNHCR portal “Opportunities”
- Maximizing potential of the on-line education
- Special attention offices at universities for refugee students
- Involvement of student's association to promote inclusion and integration
- Building refugee studies programmes
- Mapping resources and Collaborative work: Good practices

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Collaboration with Universities

- Awareness events: Exhibitions, seminars, debates
- Researchs on refugee issues: media treatment
- Fundraising
- University scholarship
- Design of Communication campaigns
- Dissemination of Information
- Contigo: mentoring project

Volunteering / mentoring: Contigo

Refugees 15-24 years / Students-teachers-business

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NGO Rescate / UNHCR / Comillas University

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Design of Communications campaigns

- Photo Exhibition and seminar on statelessness – Complutense University

#Diversamentelguales

How can we make a difference?

- Volunteer
- Welcome a refugee
- Train and employ
- Awareness / fundraise
- Share refugee stories
- Learn & stay informed
- Speak out & disseminate

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Thank you ☺
Questions, comments…

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