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More than 1 million refugees in Germany –
estimated 30.000-50.000 eligible for admission to a HE programme

Education
is the key to
successful
integration

Opportunities for

German
society

German
HEIs

German
labour
market

DAAD sees its responsibility in supporting the German universities
by providing programmes to facilitate the integration of refugees into
German HEIs



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DAAD's measures in Germany: overview of funding lines

Phase 1:
Recognizing potentials: Diagnostics and advisory services

Phase 2:
Preparing refugees for studying: preparatory courses

Phase 3:
Supporting integration initiatives

- Test for Academic Studies (TestAS)
- Uni-assist
- onSET

Integra programme

- preparatory colleges
- HEIs: subject-specific preparatory and language courses

Welcome programme
Supporting student engagement
→ student projects and mentoring programmes

Objectives

Programmes' objectives



To establish and to further develop the support structures at the German universities



To assure a fast and successful integration of refugees in the German HEIs



Challenges

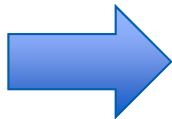
Important needs of the German HEIs regarding the successful integration of refugees



Administrative and academic staff for advising and mentoring



the language barrier is possibly the greatest and most serious hurdle, but the key to successful integration → therefore learning German is always the first step



How do the DAAD programmes WELCOME and INTEGRA help to face these challenges and how do they support the successful integration?

DAAD programme INTEGRA: Two examples out of 151 projects

FU Berlin (Preparatory college)

Language courses

subject-specific courses

Regional studies and
counselling sessions

advising and orientation
events



To prepare refugees for the university entrance examination and enable them to enrol in or continue a regular degree programme

Cooperative State University of Baden-Württemberg (DHBW)

German and English language
instruction

Integration and orientation courses

Mathematics preparatory course

Job application training seminar



One of the objectives is to help refugees gain full-time employment in one of the partner enterprises following their studies

DAAD programme WELCOME: three examples out of 152 projects

HTW Berlin

Toolbox:
Information
and
counselling

Psychological
advising
centre

Language and
competence
acquisition

HU Berlin

advising hours, mentoring
and info material

tutorials, language instruction
and Buddy Programme

spaces of encounter, support
and advising services

tandem programme and
accompanying colloquium

Refugee Law Clinic

University of Stuttgart

Language
Buddy
Project

Discussions
about
Democracy

Place of
Encounter

Friends of
Refugees



Thank you for your attention.

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