



PROJECT BRIDGE FOR RESEARCHERS GOING TO EUROPE – STEP II
ONLINE NETWORK MEETING FOR MENTORS OF REFUGEE RESEARCHERS
“SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES IN MENTORING REFUGEE RESEARCHERS”
FEBRUARY 22, 1:00-2:30 P.M. (CET)

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

ELENI ANDRIANOPULU (F) MASTERS IN TRANSLATION AND LINGUISTICS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG, IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD) GREEK BRANCH OFFICE IN ATHENS AND PROJECT COORDINATOR OF THE HORIZON2020 PROJECT BRIDGE II AT BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS BEEN COORDINATING SEVERAL PROJECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND REFUGEE RESEARCHERS AT THE LATTER UNIVERSITY SINCE 2015, SUCH AS HORIZON2020 (BRIDGE), HUMBOLDT-FOUNDATION (PSI 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH ROUND), MERCATOR FOUNDATION (REFUGEES), DAAD (STIBET-DOKTORANDEN). SHE HAS WORKED AS ACTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE (2017-2020) AND HAS COORDINATED THE EURAXESS CONTACT POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS (2012-2017) OF BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY. AT BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY SHE WAS WORKING ALSO AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE VICE RECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DIVERSITY (2015-2019). SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DAAD (2006-2012) AND WORKED AS A (LEAD) ASSESSOR FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY FOR RESEARCHERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. IN GERMANY SHE HAS WORKED AS AN ASSESSOR FOR THE DAAD, AQAS, ACQUIN, ZEVA, AHPGS AND THE STIFTERVERBAND. SHE HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 50 PRESENTATIONS, TALKS AND INTERVIEWS ESPECIALLY ABOUT REFUGEE RESEARCHERS, BUT ALSO ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS IN MANY COUNTRIES, NUMEROUS UNIVERSITIES, CONGRESSES AND FOR THE PRESS.

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MIROSLAV TRAJANOVIC (M) PROFESSOR AT FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF NIS, NIS, SERBIA, HAS 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN APPLICATION OF ICT IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MEDICINE AND EDUCATION. HE IS EXPERT FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, CAD, FINITE ELEMENT METHOD AND BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING. PROF. TRAJANOVIC IS THE AUTHOR OF MORE THAN 300 SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL PAPERS. HE HAS ALSO TAKEN PART IN 15 SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL TEAM-PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY SERBIAN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY. HE WAS ALSO PROJECT LEADER OR WP LEADER FOR 10 PROJECTS MAINLY IN IT, PRODUCTION ENGINEERING AND BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, AS WELL AS TWO FP6, SIX FP7 AND THREE HORIZON 2020 PROJECTS. HE IS COORDINATING THE FIRST SERBIAN OPEN SCIENCE PROJECT – OPENCLICK. TOGETHER WITH HIS TEAM, HE HAS HOSTED A NUMBER OF OPEN SCIENCE AND IPR TRAININGS ACROSS EUROPE.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Bridge for Researchers Going to Europe – Step II is a 24-month long EURAXESS project to support the long-term careers of 300 highly skilled refugee researchers and their integration into the labor markets of the European Union member states and its associated countries. It provides high quality guidance, mentoring and training for refugee researchers, especially postdocs and professors displaced for more than two years in Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden.

The main objective of the project is to support refugee researchers displaced in these countries to find their long term professional realization in research and business organizations in Europe by providing dedicated to their needs training, mentoring and internship program, as well as opportunities for beneficial networking, contacts and sharing of personal experience.

More information and news about the project are available on:

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/uni/profil/international/bridgeprojects/bridge2/index.xml>