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| **Project Title** | ***Integrating Syrians into Turkish Higher Education through Recognition of Qualifications (REFREC-TR)*** |
| **Duration** | 10 months, December 2017 – October 2018 |
| **Grant Programme** | HOPES (Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians) within the European Union’s Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian Crisis, ‘the Madad Fund’ |
| **Coordinator** | Yaşar University UNESCO Chair on International Migration |
| **Partners** | * Ministry of Interior, İzmir DG Migration Management
* Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT)
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| **Project Aim** | 1. **To develop a comprehensive, functional and tailor-made recognition tool** for Turkish higher education concerning Syrians with documents that needs to be validated and more specifically Syrians without proper documents
2. **To publish a comparative research report and a guideline for Turkish higher education system** by conducting an evidence-based academic research on how to better cope and integrate Syrians and prospective refugees into Turkish higher education system.
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| **Expected Outputs** | 1. Increased knowledge and experience through testing NOKUT’s “Qualifications Passport for Refugees” for Turkish case
2. A new suggestion of methodology based on academic research concerning the recognition of refugees’ qualifications
3. A new report and guide for researchers, officials, experts and policy makers working for/with refugees.
4. Academic articles published in respected journals
5. Increased knowledge of expert credential evaluators through the training on interviewing refugees in assessing their qualifications
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