

THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN REFUGEE INTEGRATION

Network of companies #ForRefugees launch

Thursday, June 1st 2023, hotel „Metropol Palace“, „Lavander“ ballroom

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

moderator: **Neven Marinović**, Executive Director, *Smart kolektiv*

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:15	Registration and welcome coffee
10:15 – 10:35	Introductory speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soufiane Adjali, Representative, <i>UNHCR Serbia</i> • H.E. Urs Schmid, ambassador, <i>Embassy of Switzerland in Serbia</i> • <i>Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (TBC)</i> • Yakup Beris, Resident Representative, UNDP in the Republic of Serbia • Emina Mujkanović, Public Affairs Leader, <i>IKEA South East Europe</i>
10:35 – 11:40	Panel discussion: „The role of the private sector in refugee integration“ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikola Simonović, Sustainability Business Partner, <i>IKEA South East Europe</i> • Sanja Gavranović, Head of the Group for Normative and Study-Analytical Affairs in Employment and Economic Migration and Employment Supervision Field, <i>Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy, Republic of Serbia</i> • Goran Gležnić, Head of the Dept. for Mediation in Employment and Career Planning, <i>National Employment Service</i> • Tara Garić, Regional Private Philanthropy Officer – Europe, <i>UNHCR Brussels</i> • Ivana Jelić, Head of Integration Unit, <i>UNHCR Serbia</i> • Saliou Saliou, refugee from Cameroon
11:40 – 11:55	Presentation of #ForRefugees network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie Krause, Deputy Representative, <i>UNHCR Serbia</i>
11:55 – 12:45	Cocktail

About #ForRefugees network

#ForRefugees private sector network in Serbia is to be launched by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and IKEA Serbia, in order to include as many socially responsible companies as possible in the support network for those who were forced to flee their homes and are building their lives from scratch in Serbia.

The private sector plays an increasingly significant role in managing social flows, through commitment to local communities, diversity and inclusion, as well as sustainable development goals. Bearing this in mind, we would like to include in this initiative companies open to support the well-being and integration of refugees in Serbia, through one or more modalities:

- opportunity for employment and internship,
- opportunity for education, training and pre-qualifications,
- donation of products or expert time,
- inclusion of refugee-run businesses in company supply chains,
- public communications aimed at supporting refugees,
- support for projects that help the forcibly displaced.

Also, network members would be open to communicating their support both internally and externally.

Why would network membership be relevant to companies?

- It represents an opportunity to contribute to the local community and all its members, as well as the realization of the sustainable development goals in Serbia,
- It represents an opportunity for the company to advance and expand its CSR activities, workplace diversity and related internal policies,
- It enables efficient access to information about potential job candidates and UNHCR's support in this process,
- It provides access to trainings and other resources of UNHCR and IKEA, expertise and experience in the field of integration and inclusion of refugees,
- It represents an opportunity for networking and additional recognition of the company and its values.

We believe that there is significant room for cooperation in creating an additional support system for this vulnerable social group, which is not sufficiently recognized by the public, and which needs the support of all of us. Thank you.