

Introduction to the Refugee Context and Higher Education Programmes Supporting Refugees in Germany

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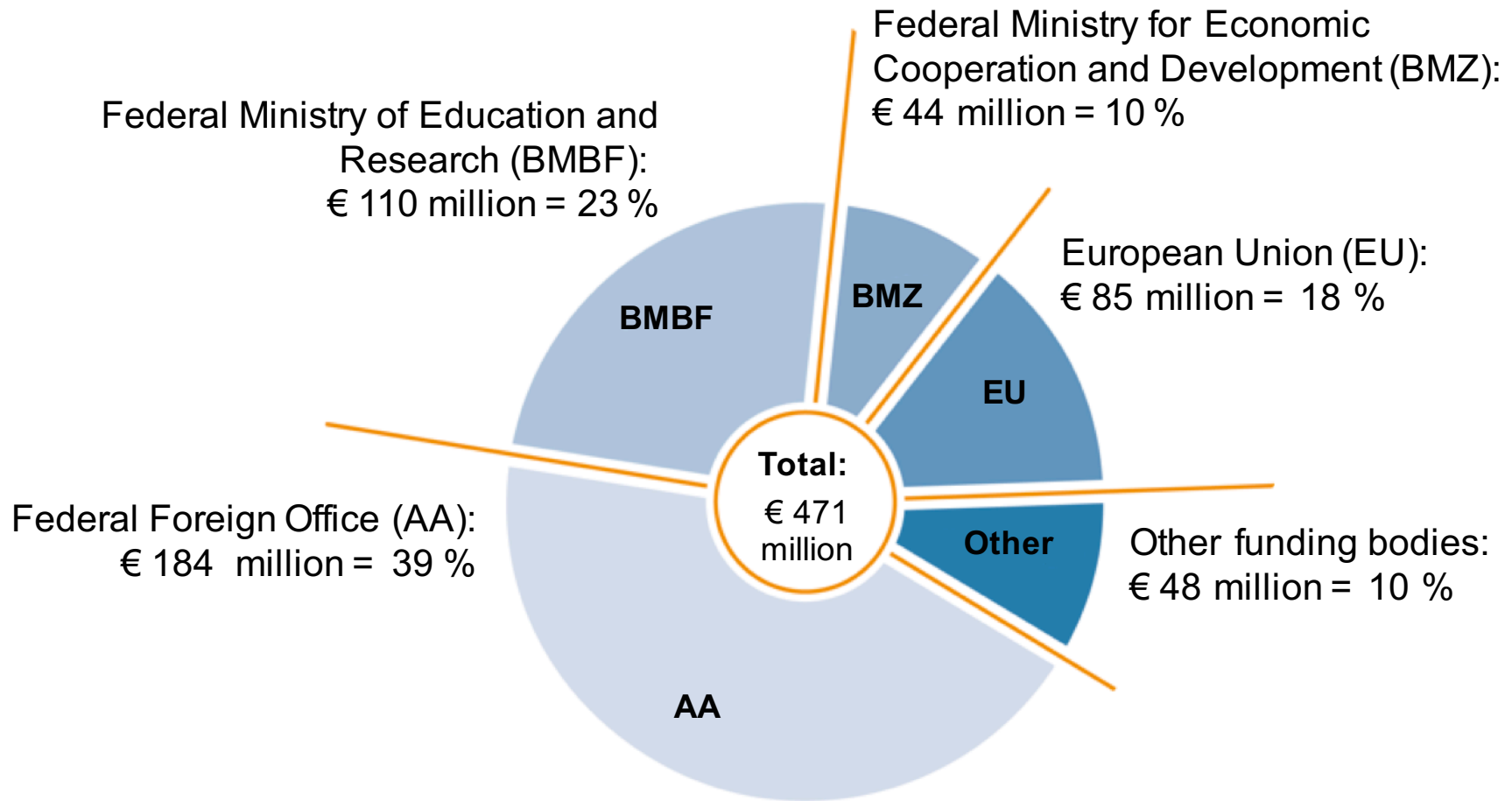
The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is ...

A self-governing organisation of German universities:

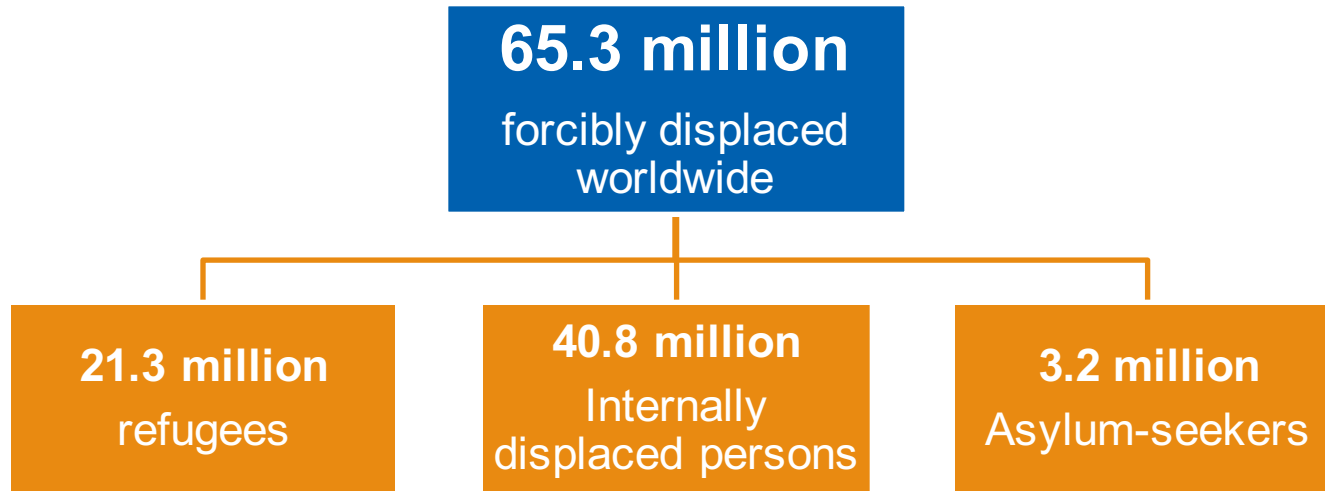
- 239 member universities
- 105 student bodies



Budget 2015



Facts & Figures – The situation worldwide (2015)

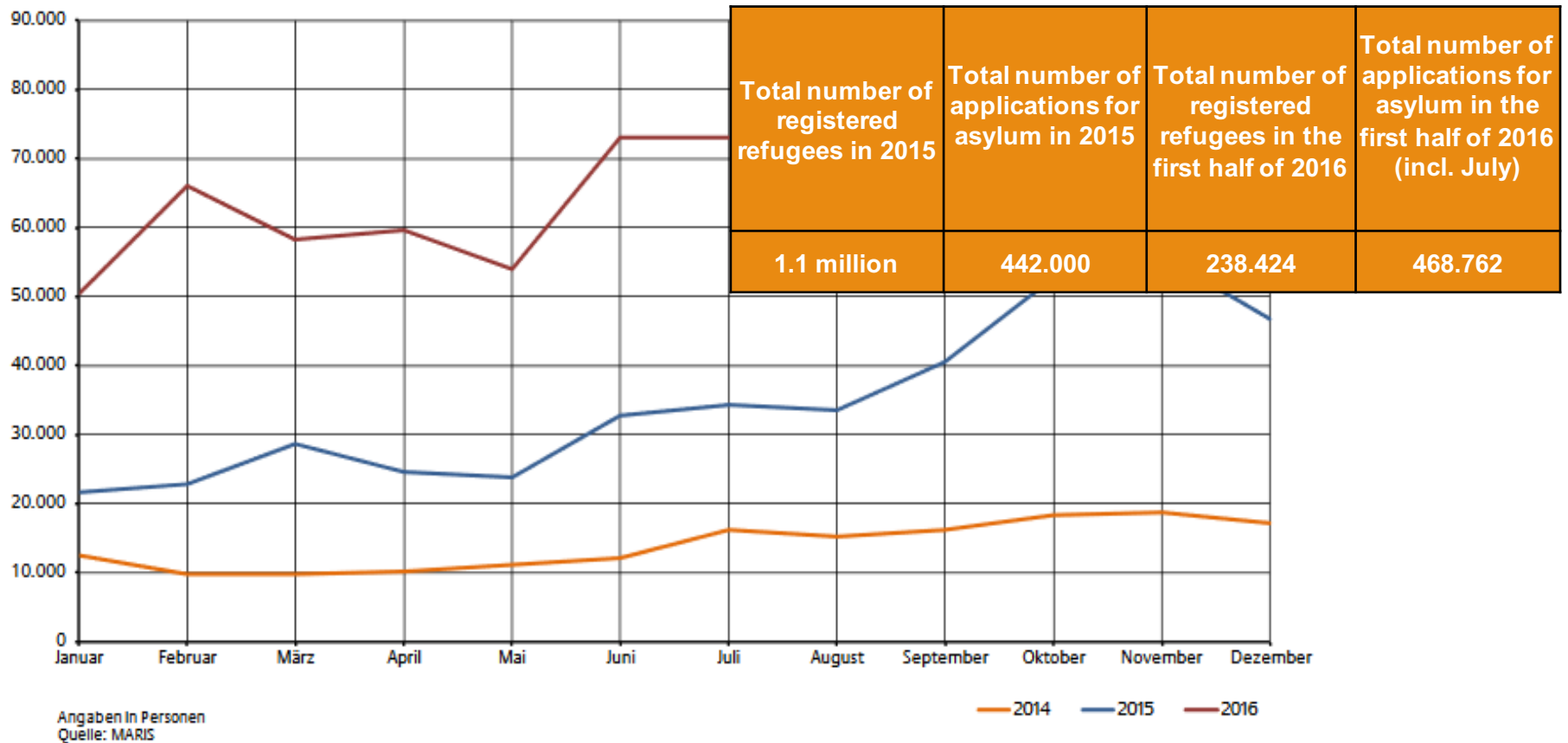


TOP hosting countries

1. Turkey (2.5 million)
2. Pakistan (1.55 million)
3. Lebanon (1.1 million)
4. Islamic Republic of Iran (0.95 million)
5. Ethiopia (0.75 million)

Facts & Figures – The situation in Germany

Development of the number of asylum applications (2014-2016)



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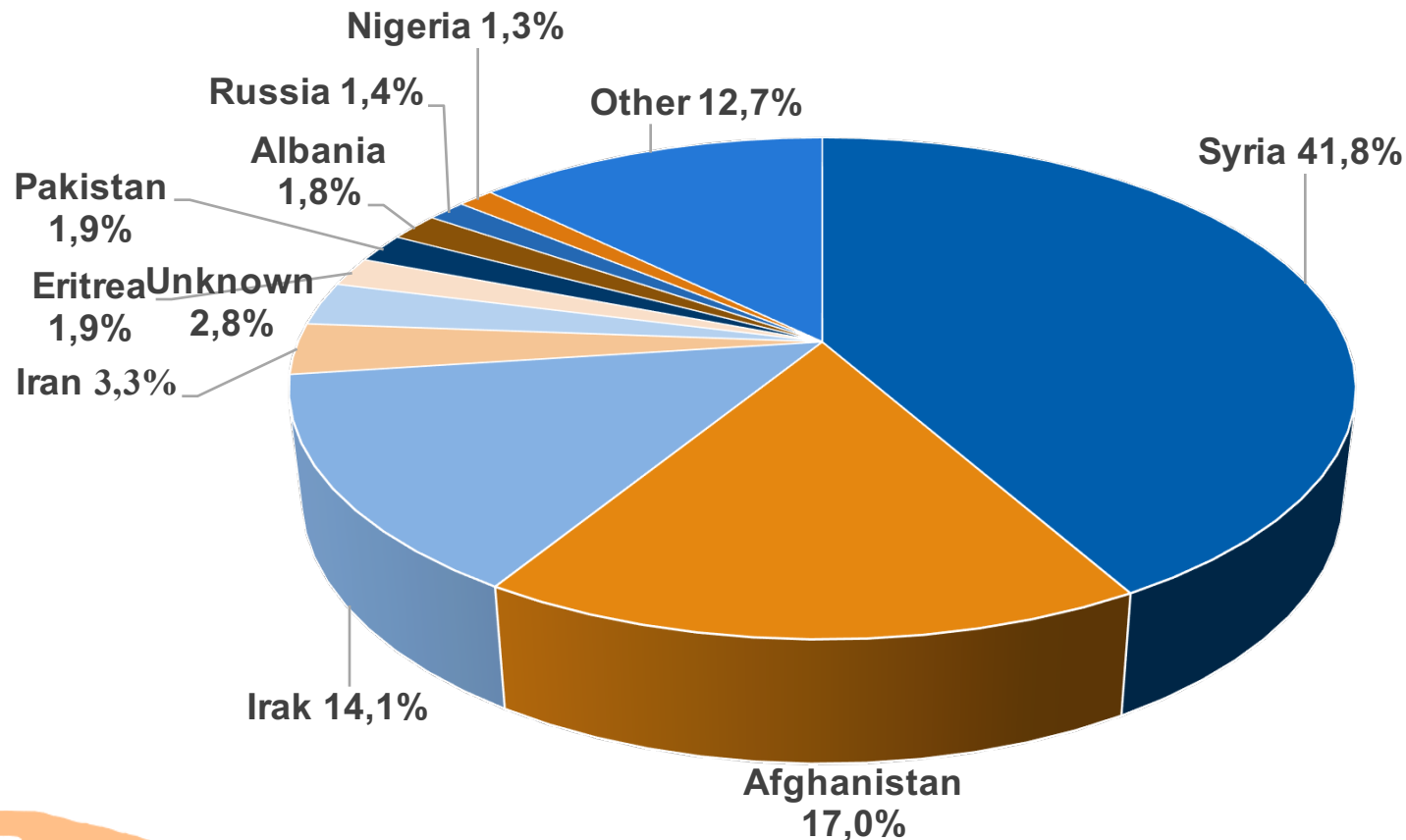
Asylum applications by age group and gender (01/2015-12/2015)

Age group	Asylum applications						Percentage of male asylum applicants within the age groups	Percentage of female asylum applicants within the age groups
	Total		Distribution of male asylum applicants by age group		Distribution of female asylum applicants by age group			
up to 16 years	117.008	26,5%	64.475	21.1%	52.533	38,5%	55,1%	44,9%
from 16 to under 18 years	20.471	4,6%	16.253	5,3%	4.218	3,1%	79,4%	20,6%
from 18 to under 25 years	109.672	24,8%	88.121	28,8%	21.551	15,8%	80,3%	19,7%
from 25 to under 30 years	67.258	15,2%	50.828	16,6%	16.430	12,1%	75,6%	24,4%
from 30 to under 35 years	46.698	10,6%	32.923	10,8%	13.775	10,1%	70,5%	29,5%
from 35 to under 40 years	31.239	7,1%	21.216	6,9%	10.023	7,4%	67,9%	32,1%
from 40 to under 45 years	20.194	4,6%	13.704	4,5%	6.490	4,8%	67,9%	32,1%
from 45 to under 50 years	12.848	2,9%	8.557	2,8%	4.291	3,1%	66,6%	33,4%
from 50 to under 55 years	7.489	1,7%	4.711	1,5%	2.778	2,0%	62,9%	37,1%
from 55 to under 60 years	4.245	1,0%	2.386	0,8%	1.859	1,4%	56,2%	43,8%
from 60 to under 65 years	2.382	0,5%	1.294	0,4%	1.088	0,8%	54,3%	45,7%
65 years and older	2.395	0,5%	1.116	0,4%	1.279	0,9%	46,6%	53,4%
Total	441.899	100,0%	305.584	100,0%	136.315	100,0%	69,2%	30,8%

70% are younger than 30

Facts & Figures – The situation in Germany

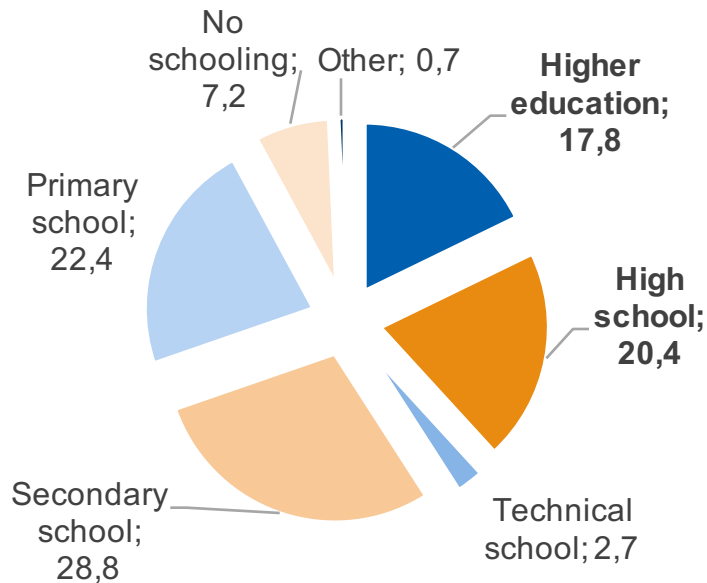
Most important countries of origin of asylum seekers (01-07/2016)



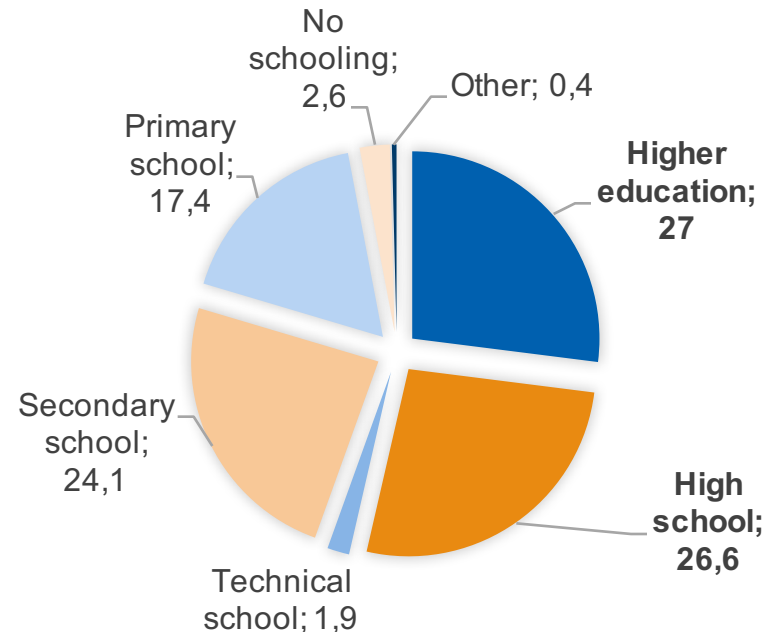
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Educational Background

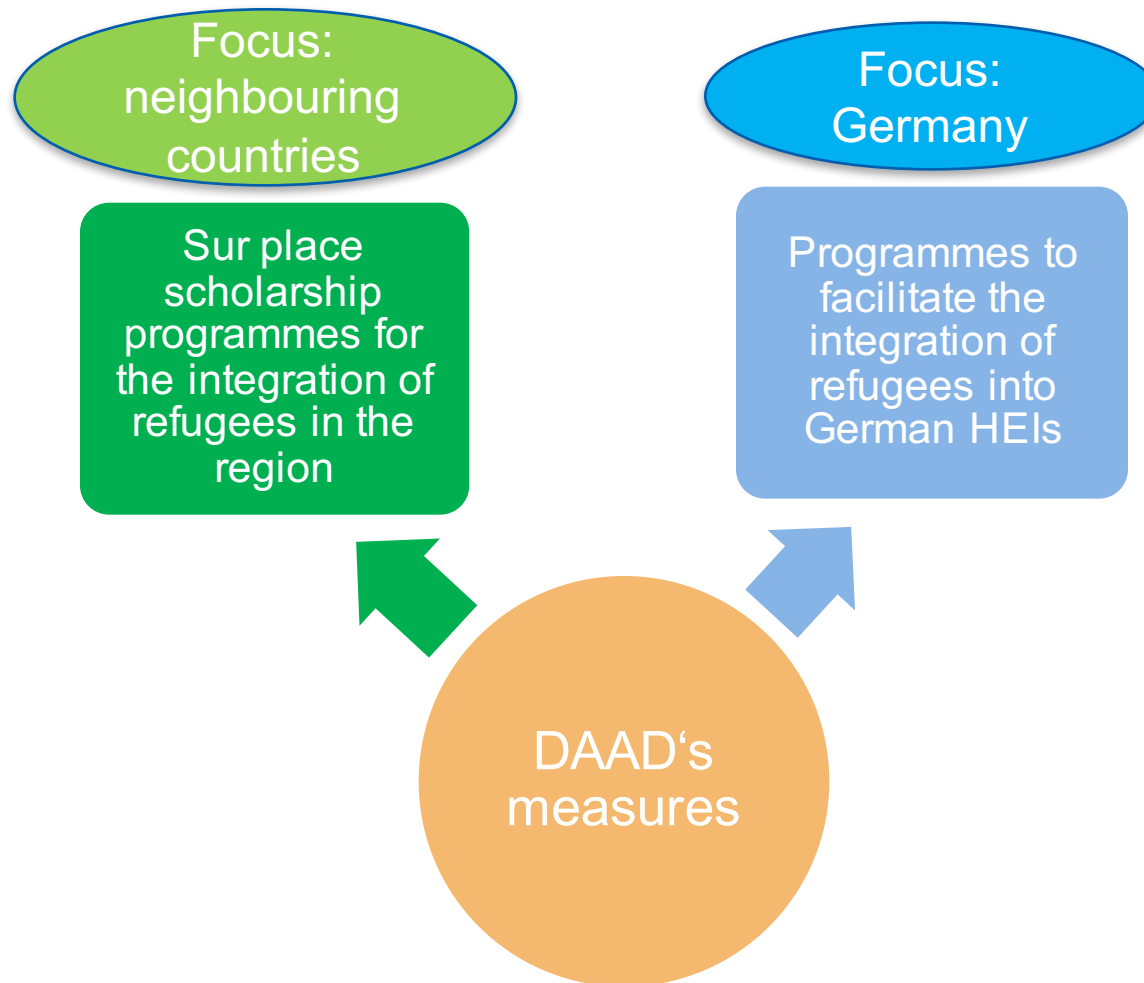
Asylum seekers from all countries of origin, > 18 years old (in %)



Asylum seekers from Syria, > 18 years old (in%)



DAAD's measures to respond to the refugee crisis



DAAD's measures to respond to the refugee crisis

Focus:
Neighbouring
Countries

HOPES

New Perspectives

BMZ special initiatives

Sur Place scholarships at the TDU

Focus: Germany

Leadership for Syria

Baden-Württemberg-Programme

**Higher Education Programmes for
Refugees *Welcome and Integra***

**Higher Education Programmes for
Refugees *NRWays to Higher Education***

DAAD's measures in Germany – starting point

German HEIs/students had set up many projects that support the integration of refugees into higher education

Integration activities, e.g. buddy programmes

Give access to university facilities e.g. access to library

follow courses as guests

Develop admission procedures in case of lacking documentation

Voluntary student engagement: refugees law clinics, German language classes, etc.

And many more...

Resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK)

December 2015: Resolution on admission to higher education for refugees in Germany – system to validate prior learning (Hochschulzugangsberechtigung HZB)

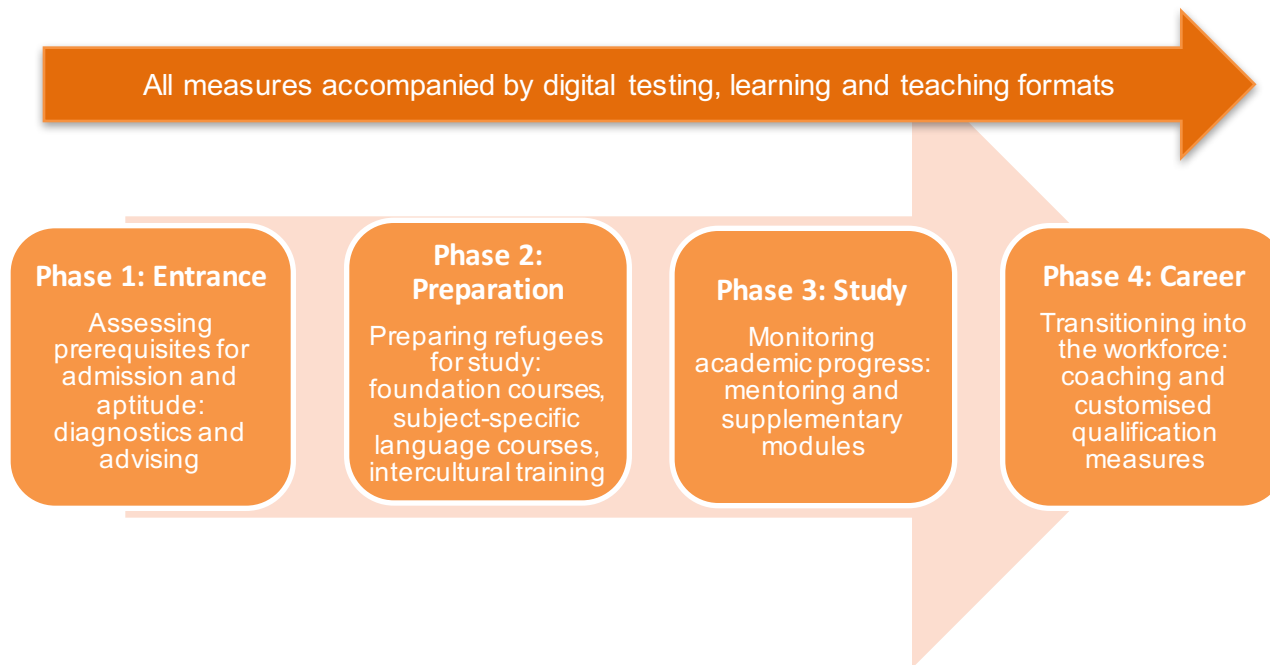
- Proof of prior learning is missing → **three step system** to prove status:
 - (1) Verification of asylum status
 - (2) Plausibility check of educational biography
 - (3) Proof of HZB by quality based test procedure

DAAD's measures in Germany – challenge

Aims:

1. Establish sustainable support structures at the HEIs
2. Provide support at the different levels of the student life cycle
 - On 13 October the Federal Ministry of Education and Research announced to support German HEIs with 100 million Euros until 2019
 - DAAD set up and now administers measures and programmes for the HEIs

Four-phase model to integrate refugees at universities



DAAD's measures in Germany: overview of funding lines

Recognising potentials: Diagnostics and advisory services

- Assessment tests for foreign students (**TestAS**)
- Support of HEIs with regards to the document screening: Service provider **uni-assist**
- web-based language tests **onSET-German** and **onSET-English**

Ensuring academic qualification: preparatory courses

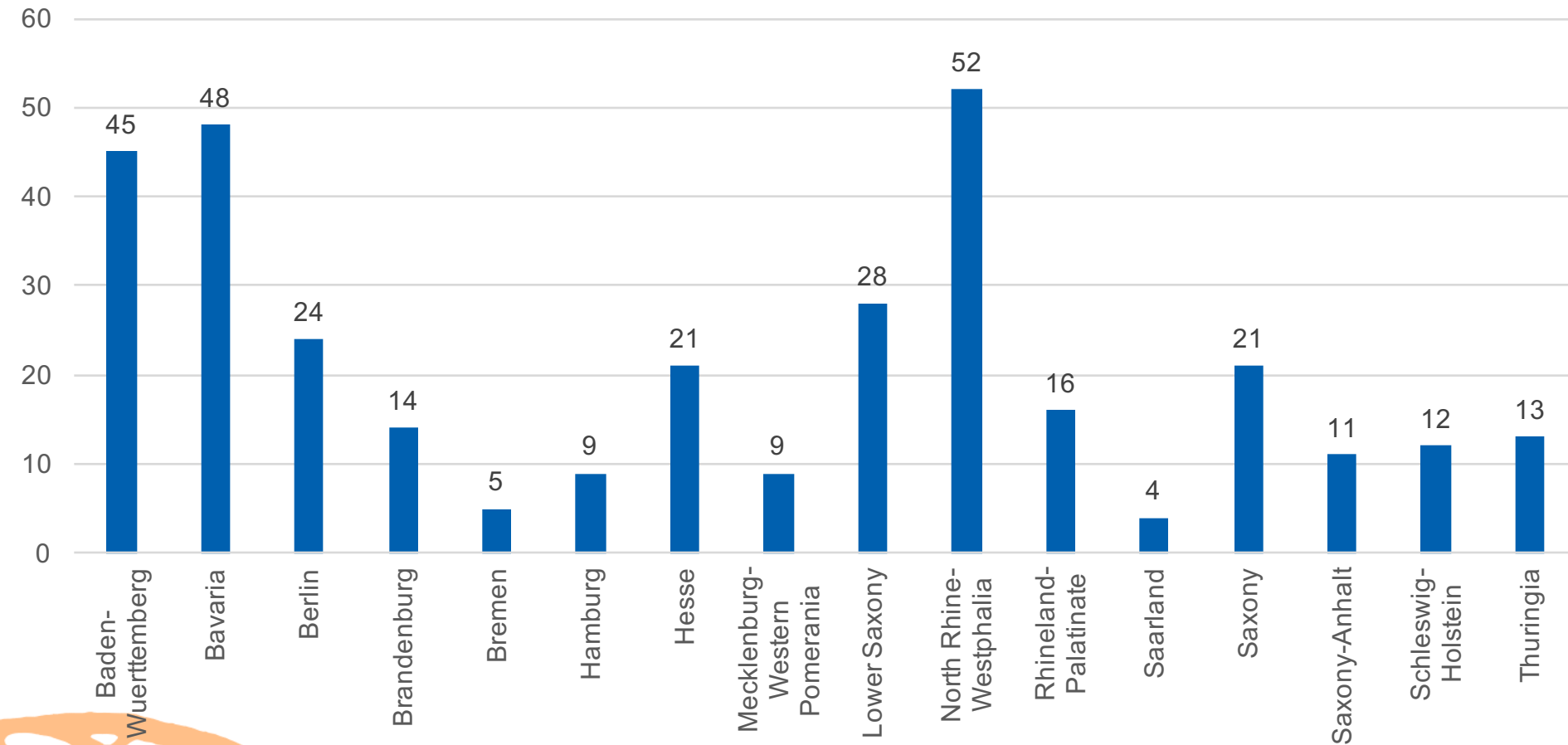
- DAAD-Programme „**INTEGRA**“ (171 projects):
- 2400 additional places each year at preparatory colleges
- Language instruction and subject-based preparation through foundation courses at HEIs

Supporting student engagement

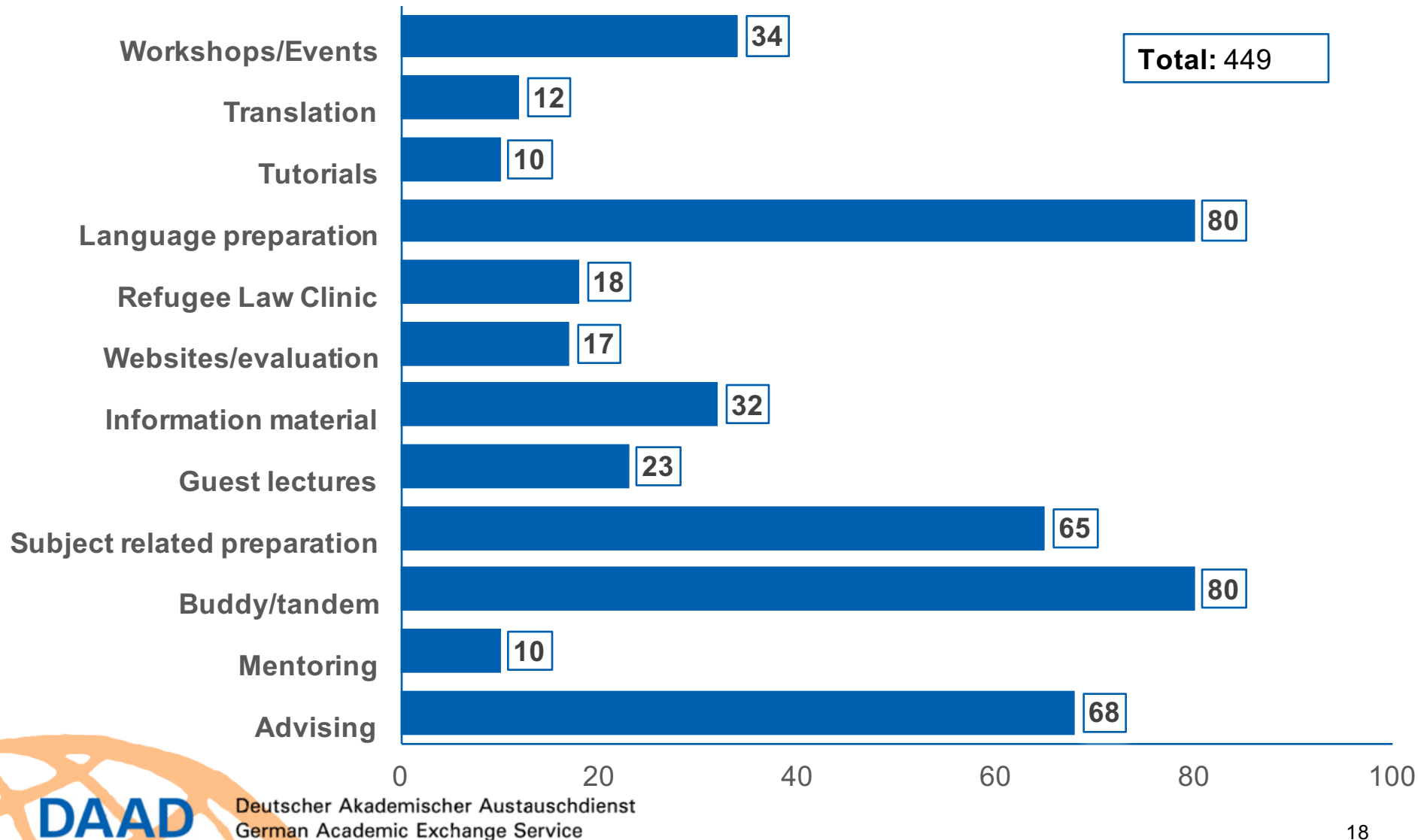
- DAAD-Programme „**WELCOME**“ (161 projects):
- student projects and mentoring programmes → supporting student engagement

Participation by Bundesland (*Integra* and *Welcome*)

Total: 332



Measures of the *Welcome* Programme



The Programme NRWays to University

- **Application Deadline: 28.10.2016**
- **Start of funding/projects: 01.01.2017**
- **Open for: 34 HEIs in Northrhine-Westphalia**
- **Line A: Preparatory courses as well as language courses and tutorials accompanying studies**
- **Line B: Funding for staff to strengthen the existing structures for guidance for refugees (up to 61.800 €/year)**
- **Funding until 31.12.2019 (courses) respectively 2020 (staff)**

DAAD's measures in Germany: New Website

Study in
Germany

Land of Ideas

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INFORMATION FOR
REFUGEES!

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Our website is available in German and English. Additionally, you can find an overview of our content in Arabic, Dari, Pashto and Urdu.



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DAAD's measures in Germany: Publications – for refugees

Ready for the future – Your way to university

Information for refugees

Improve your prospects: The **TestAS** exam is your first step towards university studies and TestAS is free-of-charge for you. It makes your skills visible. You receive a certificate which you can then use to apply – to a university directly or to uni-assist. → refugees.testas.de



Make sure you apply correctly: The **uni-assist** association will check your certificates free-of-charge to determine whether you are generally entitled to enter university studies. You can apply to several universities at once. → uni-assist.de/fluechtlinge.html



Ask the experts: After receiving study guidance at a university and obtaining the relevant consultation certificate, you can submit your application to **uni-assist**.

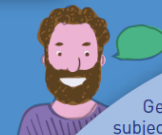


Welcome to higher education
Buddies and support: **Welcome** programmes at many universities will help you take your first steps as a student. Ask around!
→ study-in.de/refugees/assistance

Test your language skills
Discover your level of competency in German or English by completing the **onSET** language test free-of-charge on your computer. It will help you choose the appropriate language course.
→ refugees.onset.de



Qualify for higher education
German courses and subject knowledge: many universities and preparatory colleges have a wide range of **Integra** programme courses to prepare you for a degree course.
→ study-in.de/refugees/assistance



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DAAD's measures in Germany: Publications – for HEIs

"Determining the language skills and subject knowledge of refugees is the first step on their path towards higher education."

German Academic Exchange Service

Supporting the application for a place in higher education

Many young refugees in Germany are well qualified for a place in higher education. Free examinations for university admission enable them to gain access to degree courses, preparatory programmes or language courses.

- The Test for Academic Studies (TestAS) helps universities to better assess refugees' aptitude for higher education. It examines the subject-related knowledge and cognitive skills required for university study in German, English or Arabic. TestAS is a precondition for a free application through uni-assist.

- Refugees who would like to study in Germany can apply to roughly 180 higher education institutions free of charge through the uni-assist association. The association examines whether they are entitled to enter higher education in Germany and passes the application on to the three universities.

- Many refugees have to attend a language course before they can begin a degree course. The onSET online test organised by the TestAS Institute helps them to find the appropriate German or English course.



Kenan Heiloun
is a university applicant from Syria who has lived in Cologne since 2014.

"My life has always been very international: I was born in Homs in Syria, where I completed my university entrance exams. A Bachelor's programme in mechanical engineering followed in Russia; later I worked in Lebanon. I moved to Cologne in April 2014, and since then I have been learning German. Through the International Office at the University of Cologne I heard about TestAS, the higher education aptitude test. I took the exam in German. It was a real challenge! But I wanted to prove to myself I could do it. I also passed the German language test for admission to higher education (DSH). Using the uni-assist system, I can now apply for Master programmes in the mechanical engineering all over Germany; the two certificates increase my chances. There are so many opportunities; I don't know yet which one I will decide to take."

Creating the prerequisites for a successful higher education: Integra

The Integra programme enables refugees to prepare for higher education in language and subject-related courses at German universities and preparatory colleges.

- Over 170 universities and preparatory colleges are currently participating in the Integra programme and preparing refugees for higher education through counselling, language courses and subject-related foundation courses.
- Good language skills are a basic prerequisite for studying in Germany. Accordingly, universities and preparatory colleges offer German courses and preparatory courses for a recognised language exam as part of the Integra programme.
- Preparatory colleges prepare refugees without direct higher education entrance qualifications for the so-called Feststellungsprüfung (FSP), an assessment test that enables access to higher education. In addition, universities offer subject-related preparatory courses within the Integra framework.

→ study-in.de/refugees/assistance



Dr. Benedetta Gennaro
Refugee Integration Coordinator, Technische Universität Darmstadt

"Language is the most important catalyst for integration. I know this from personal experience: In addition to my Italian mother tongue, I have learned two foreign languages and, as a result, been able to live and work in the United States and Germany. Most refugees do not have the C1 language level you need to study. Together with two colleagues I support them in finding the right programmes. I coordinate integration services, such as counselling, funding and language acquisition – it's a job that makes me very happy. Using Integra funding, we offer German courses at the language centre and the preparatory college ranging from Level A1 to DSH, the German language exam for entry to higher education. It is an invaluable asset to be able to open up opportunities for young people in this way."



The Welcome programme supports these measures



The Integra programme supports these courses



Overview of Welcome and Integra projects

State	Welcome university projects	Integra university projects
Baden-Württemberg	22	22
Bavaria	22	22
Berlin	13	12
Brandenburg	8	8
Bremen	3	2
Hamburg	5	2
Hesse	12	15
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	8	4
Lower Saxony	14	14
North Rhine-Westphalia	26	26
Rhineland-Palatinate	16	16
Saarland	2	2
Saxony	9	12
Saxony-Anhalt	5	3
Schleswig-Holstein	4	4
Thuringia	7	18

Links and information at a glance

The DAAD website presents additional information on programmes and support services for refugees:
daad.de/der-daad/fuehrlinfe/en

Refugees can find all kinds of information on higher education in the "Information for Refugees in Germany" section on the "Study in Germany" website:
study-in.de/en/refugees

TestAS is an assessment test that examines a candidate's general and subject-related aptitude for academic studies:
refugees.testas.de/en

The uni-assist association examines whether people's international qualifications entitle them to study in Germany:
uni-assist.de/refugees.html

The onSET language test helps to find the appropriate language course by testing the participant's current knowledge of German or English:
refugees.onset.de/en

Education is the key to integration. Information on measures by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in German only:
bmbf.de/de/fuehrlinfe-durch-bildung-integrieren.html

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) offers information on residence and residence in Germany:
bamf.de/EN/Wilkommen/willkommen-node.html



Professor Clemens Martin
Dean of Studies, Business Informatics, Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University (DHBW)

"As a 'dual university' we work closely with the private sector and public institutions – at our Mannheim site alone we are partnered with over 2,000 companies. In March 2016 we began preparing refugees for a dual study programme in Mannheim thanks to support from the Integra programme and software producer SAP. The outlook is promising: participants who successfully complete the preparatory scheme will be admitted to a dual study programme with a training contract and a monthly salary. The refugees are highly committed, determined and serious; however, great demands are made on them. Other companies are also interested in supporting us, but some of them hesitate because of the administrative effort. The project is an opportunity for both sides. It has model character."

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Ready for the future

Higher education programmes for refugees

DAAD's measures in Germany: Seminars

Sonderprogramm 2016
Beratung und Begleitung
von Studierenden mit
Fluchthintergrund

International DAAD Academy (iDA)

Seminar „Refugees and Higher Education“

8 Seminars „Welcome – Students for Refugees“



Challenges with regards to the integration of refugees into HE – Germany (and Europe?)

German (and European?) challenges

1. **(German) Language skills**
2. **Lack of documentation**
3. **Financial issues**
4. **Formal admission procedures**

Thank you for your attention.

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