MIGRARE – Impacts of refugee flows to territorial development
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- High concentrations can be found in:
  - Destination countries,
  - Capital regions,
  - Border regions,
  - Economically dynamic regions.

- Relevant settling factors are:
  - Socioeconomic situation,
  - Family and social ties,
  - Presence of national redistribution policies.

- Policy options:
  - Dispersion policy,
  - Fostered integration,
  - Improving local “attractiveness”
How can regions and cities successfully support the integration of refugees into the local communities, societies and labour markets?

1. Addressing legal challenges:
   - Language courses provided to asylum seekers in reception centres;
   - Support to asylum claim;
   - Housing support to those AS more likely to be recognised as Refugees to accelerate the integration process.

2. Addressing institutional challenges:
   - Improve experience and capacity in the reception and integration of large inflows via international organisations;
   - Vertical and horizontal coordination among institutional levels and with other relevant actors and integrated approach.

3. Addressing socio-economic challenges:
   - Availability of local services and facilities supporting access to education and training, the labour market, healthcare, housing and welfare benefits;
   - Mitigate negative attitudes towards asylum seekers and refugees (co-buddy and inclusion of local population);
   - Political willingness - mayor role;
   - Funds to ensure projects’ long term sustainability.

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