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# FORUM "ESPAÑA CON LOS REFUGIADOS"

## RESULTS REPORT

# Forum *España con los Refugiados*<sup>1</sup>

## Report

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### I. Introduction

#### Background to the Forum

The United Nations General Assembly approved in 2018 the [Global Compact on Refugees](#), which seeks to transform the global response to forced displacement, promoting burden-sharing in the protection of refugees; contributing to their self-reliance; expanding access to third countries of asylum; as well as developing conditions in countries of origin that allow voluntary return in conditions of security and dignity.

The Global Compact on Refugees embodies the political will and commitment of the international community to strengthen international solidarity and cooperation for the benefit of both refugees and host communities.

Recognizing that only a solidarity-based and comprehensive response can end the suffering of people affected by multiple crises, UNHCR convened the First Global Refugee Forum in 2019 to generate pledges to the Compact's goals.

The Spanish civil society is among the most supportive of the refugee cause. A clear reflection of this solidarity has been the mobilization to respond to the humanitarian emergency in Ukraine, inside and outside Spain, with the involvement of a wide range of sectors of civil society and public administration. In addition, the Spanish civil society is one of the main private donors to UNHCR.

The Forum *España con los Refugiados* is part of the preparation of the Global Refugee Forum.

Co-organized by UNHCR Spain and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, the *España con los Refugiados* Forum had a double objective:

- Identify areas where further progress can be made in refugee protection, in line with the commitments by the Spanish Government at the First Global Refugee Forum in 2019.
- Exchange good practices, formulate proposals and forge innovative and interdisciplinary alliances by civil society actors, with a view to Spain's contributions to the II Global Forum on Refugees, to be held in Geneva from 13 to 15 December 2023.

To this end, the Forum *España con los Refugiados* focused on economic inclusion, in particular decent employment and employability; higher education; reception and community inclusion, through local initiatives, including responding to the challenge of access to housing; sport as a tool for inclusion; and

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<sup>1</sup> Spain with Refugees

international cooperation, including decentralized cooperation and the work of private actors and NGOs in contexts of forced displacement. All these areas have been developed on the basis of a mainstreamed age, gender and diversity approach.

The different thematic areas counted with the support of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Spanish national association of UNHCR<sup>2</sup>, the Ministry of Universities, the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations and the Ministry of Culture and Sport, both in the mobilization leading to the Forum *España con los Refugiados*, as well as in the event itself.

### Presentation of the Refugee Reference Group

In November 2022, UNHCR facilitated the constitution of a **Reference Group**, made up of six refugees, to ensure the effective participation of refugees in the design and implementation of the Forum.

The group set priorities, identified challenges, opportunities, and key interlocutors. They provided advice throughout the process of preparing and mobilizing pledges. Their collaboration was also key in the process of disseminating the initiative among refugee communities in Spain.



During the event on 20 June, all members of the Reference Group participated as moderators or participants in the different panels, as well as in the audiovisual materials projected during the event.

## II. 20 June 2023, World Refugee Day– Forum *España con los Refugiados*

The **Forum *España con los Refugiados*** was held on 20 June, within the framework of **World Refugee Day**, at the Círculo de Bellas Artes in Madrid. The event was broadcast [live](#) on UNHCR YouTube channel and posts on [UNHCR Spain](#) Twitter account.

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<sup>2</sup> The Spanish national association of UNHCR or “Comité español de ACNUR”, also known as the association “España con ACNUR”, is a non-governmental organization, created in 1993, declared of public utility, which has more than 500,000 members and regular donors. UNHCR’s Spanish national association raises funds to address the needs of refugees and displaced people, supporting UNHCR’s humanitarian aid programmes around the world. The national association also promotes awareness and sensitization of the Spanish population with the cause of refugees.

The initiative sought to raise visibility and awareness about the reality of refugees through art and bring together, around **six thematic panels**, actors from civil society, the private sector, as well as public institutions, to present pledges and share good practices related to the inclusion and protection of refugees and asylum seekers.

This report includes the pledges and good practices presented during the event and thereafter, until the date of publication.

### The "Refugee Guernica"

Coinciding with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of **Pablo Picasso**, the Forum paid tribute to one of his most iconic paintings and universal symbol of the horrors of war: Guernica. The 1937 work was the guiding thread of a performance that united art and solidarity to make visible the more than 110 million people displaced today by conflicts, violence and persecution, establishing a link between them and the victims of the Spanish Civil War.



**Refugee artists, along with five renowned Spanish artists**, reinterpreted Guernica drawing inspiration from stories of refugees today. The performance took place simultaneously in the Círculo de Bellas Artes in Madrid, and in art centers in Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Bilbao and Pamplona, with the support of the delegations of the Spanish national association of UNHCR.

In Madrid, the masters of ceremonies were the actress **Elena Anaya**, collaborator to UNHCR, and **Carlos del Amor**, journalist at the Spanish National Television (TVE) and one of the voices of reference in cultural information in the country. Together, they presented the performance of the theater companies **Compañía Infinito** and **Maletas de Cartón**, designed together with a group of refugees who, inspired by a visit to the masterpiece, Guernica, at the **Reina Sofía Museum**, captured the emotions of pain and hope that this iconic work awakened in them, as persons with lived experience of exile. In addition, during the event, **Yousef Al Dubai**, Yemeni poet, and **Monaf Andiwi**, painter of Syrian origin, shared their literary and pictorial works also inspired by the famous canvas.

This first cultural block closed with the institutional interventions of the [UNHCR Representative in Spain, Sophie Muller](#), and the Secretary of State for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, **Pilar Cancela**.



### Dialogue between Gioconda Belli and Basma Dali



After the performance of "Refugee Guernica", a dialogue took place around the experience of forced displacement and exile between the Nicaraguan writer **Gioconda Belli** and the Syrian refugee journalist **Basma Dali**.

Belli highlighted the need to promote civil society awareness for greater integration of refugees through education, art and the media. Belli narrated her experience through a reading of her poem "Despatriada", establishing an analogy with the myth of Sisyphus. The writer emphasized the advances promoted by the feminist movement and the resilience of those who are forced to start over in their host societies, to which they can contribute their talent and productive capacities.

#### ➤ Panel and pledges in the area of economic inclusion:

Economic inclusion plays a key role in the full integration of refugees into their new host community. It is also essential to turn refugees into vectors of change and value their potential. An inclusive labour market for refugees and asylum seekers develops their skills and talents, strengthens their motivation, and contributes to the economic growth and social cohesion of host communities.

#### PLEDGES:

**GRUPO SOCIAL ONCE:** to reserve an **annual quota of 3% of the slots for refugees in its training programs** aimed at people with disabilities through its specialized entity INSERTA EMPLEO, as well as an annual quota of **2% of the applications of INSERTA EMPLEO for refugees**. The program presents around 40,000 candidates with disabilities to different job offers, of which around 20% are hired by companies. These actions will be implemented between 2024 and 2027. In addition, **ILUNION**, the business organization of the ONCE Social Group, **will reserve 10% of the new hires made during the period 2024-2027 for refugees** (around 300 new incorporations of refugees).

**Langoo:** to award **15 scholarships to prepare for the DELE<sup>3</sup> exam levels A1-B2** through its platform to help learn Spanish. The time frame to apply for the scholarship is until August 31, 2023.

**Northius:** to award **20 new scholarships to refugees in online training courses in the professional sector of their choice within the Northius offer**, to improve their employability. Refugees can apply to the scholarships between September 2023 and September 2024, with an open deadline for completion of the training.



**Platform for Green Employment:** to develop a **Pilot Project of Accompaniment and Requalification towards Green**

**Employment for 30 refugees or stateless people** in the professional profile of "Installer of Photovoltaic Solar Systems" that will initially be implemented between October 2023 and March 2024.

**Powercoders and Impact Hub:** to award **22 new scholarships for refugees or people in vulnerable situations to access intensive training** in Front-End programming and soft and professional skills workshops from October 2023 to June 2024. The program lasts 13 weeks, followed by accompaniment by Job Coaches to guarantee the labor insertion and social integration of the participants in Madrid. It is also intended to expand to other parts of the national territory in 2024.

**TENT Partnership for Refugees:** to update the **Guide for hiring refugees by companies in Spain** developed with Red Acoge and UNHCR and additionally, to **support large companies that want to facilitate access to employment** for refugees through individualized guidance to design projects that connect refugees to employment; dissemination of good practices based on the experience of TENT members; the formation of Human Resources and Diversity and Inclusion teams; research and systematization of the advantages of hiring refugees; and connecting companies with local entities and NGOs. Both pledges will run from 2023 onwards.

**Professional Union:** to promote **the employability and advice** to refugees to facilitate their access to the labor market through the implementation of an **orientation, accompaniment and mentoring program managed by volunteer professionals**. The program will offer guidance to refugees who have recently completed or are pursuing higher education, with theoretical and practical sessions for the acquisition of skills and the promotion of their employability. Refugees will also be accompanied and

<sup>3</sup> Spanish Diploma as a Foreign Language, officially expedited by the Instituto Cervantes.

guided by volunteer professionals. Each of the editions of the program will address a group of between 12 and 15 refugees, with the celebration of at least two editions a year.

**Win-Win Connection together with ESADE:** to develop new editions of the current **training and employment programme for refugee women** in Catalonia and elsewhere, facilitating *coaching* opportunities and corporate employment; to establish a platform for cross-sectoral mentoring and entrepreneurship cooperation; and to organize awareness and education events. The scaling of the project will begin with 48 refugee women with the aim of reaching a group of up to 1,000 refugee women in 2027, both in Spain and in other countries.

### **BEST PRACTICES:**

#### **IKEA:**

In 2016, together with UNHCR and other partners, IKEA launched a program that goes beyond providing refugees with tools for employment, also providing solutions to other barriers they face when they arrive in Spain – such as language or social integration – and involving the company in a cross-cutting manner. That project has evolved and has been strengthened in recent years. During 2023 alone, it will benefit 120 refugees. In addition, in 2019, within the framework of the Global Refugee Forum, the IKEA Foundation, Ingka Group and Inter IKEA Group committed to helping 2500 refugees through job training and language skills initiatives in 300 IKEA stores and units in 30 countries until 2022, with the experience in Spain being one of the bases of this global pledge.

#### **Oliver Wyman:**

Oliver Wyman has participated in the development in record time of a pioneering initiative in Spain: the [Business for Ukraine](#) platform, promoted by the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE) Foundation and the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations. Oliver Wyman has also been involved in the direct recruitment of refugees.

#### **➤ Panel and pledges on international cooperation:**

International cooperation – whether from public administrations, the private sector, or specialized foundations – plays a key role in protecting people under UNHCR's mandate in third countries. Its strengthening can be achieved through the support to specific projects, increased quality donations and multiannual commitments. All this must respond to the needs and challenges posed by the triple nexus of aid, peace, and development, with a humane and sustainable approach.

### **PLEDGES:**

#### **Basque Government:**

1. **To provide €50,000 to support UNHCR's work in the Ukraine crisis and €200,000 for protection and access to quality health services for Sudanese refugees and Chadians host community in Chad.**
2. **To provide food for refugees residing in the Kara Tepe II camp (Lesvos, Greece) and with a high vulnerability index (mostly people with chronic diseases and pregnant women or women caring for infants and victims of sexual violence), with the daily distribution of 1,300 rations through community leaders residing in the new camp and through a network of NGOs.**
3. **To ensure the work and sustainability of the ship Aita Mari in its work of rescuing refugees and migrants trying to reach Europe through the Central Mediterranean route with three missions throughout 2023 with a capacity for some 900 persons.**



**Entreculturas:** to guarantee the right of the most vulnerable Syrian refugee population in Lebanon to a dignified life free of violence through the creation of safe learning and recovery spaces for children; strengthening women's capacity for effective and safe social and economic participation; specialized mental health and psychosocial care services; and networking for access to services that guarantees exercise of rights. This project, launched in 2023 by AECID and the Jesuit

Refugee Service, together with other partners from the public and private sector, will be carried out until 2027 and will benefit some 4,000 girls and women and about 3,000 boys and men, 85% of the total, refugees and 15%, members of the host community.

**Alboán Foundation:** to launch the “Women on the Move” program responding to the personal, training, economic and social development needs of women who have faced violence in contexts of forced mobility in Africa.

**Camilo José Cela University Foundation:** to continue the expansion of the teacher training program led since 2022 by the Camilo José Cela University Foundation in the Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya, through the EachTeach digital platform, reaching to new secondary and primary schools and to analyse the feasibility of reaching other refugee camps. This pledge could have an impact for at least 160 primary and secondary school teachers from Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya.

**Geologists of the World:** with a 2030 vision, to build a neighborhood for 460 displaced Haitians in Fond Jeannette after the dismantling of the temporary camp in which they lived.

#### BEST PRACTICES:



The Spanish national association of UNHCR, as a **non-governmental non-profit organization that raises funds and raises awareness in the Spanish society about displaced persons**, is committed to continue mobilizing the decentralized cooperation of public administrations, as well as to remain among the top three private funding source to UNHCR – thanks to its more than 500,000 members and donors and almost 3,000 collaborating entities from the private sector.

**Fundación ProFuturo** and UNHCR have been collaborating since 2021, starting with a project in Rwanda (15 schools) that in 2022 expanded its scope to two new countries: Nigeria and Zimbabwe (in 5 and 4 schools respectively). To date, **985 teachers have been trained, impacting on the improvement of the educational quality of almost 35,000 primary school students in the three countries.**

The multi-year partnership (2022-2026) between **FC Barcelona and UNHCR** pursues a threefold objective: **to change the narrative and fight stereotypes** about forcibly displaced children and youth; **strengthen social inclusion, cohesion, and physical and emotional well-being through sport** in projects in Colombia, Turkey, Malaysia, and Uganda; **provide visibility to UNHCR and the refugee cause by incorporating the logo** on the jerseys of FCB's men's and women's teams.

**The "la Caixa" Foundation** is the **leading private sector entity in supporting UNHCR in the field of nutrition**. Its continued work in Ethiopia (since 2017) has reduced acute malnutrition and mortality among children, while advancing innovative approaches and technologies to prevent malnutrition.

**Generalitat de Catalunya (Catalan Government):** to **increase its contributions to support UNHCR's work both in sudden emergencies (earthquake in Turkey and Syria) and in long-term crises (Lebanon, Northern Mozambique).**

➤ **Panel and pledges in community-based reception:**

When someone arrives in a new country seeking protection, their first urgent need is access to decent accommodation - this will allow them to focus on other critical elements for protection, from access to asylum procedures to urgent medical care. In the medium and long term, access to stable and affordable housing is key to achieving a solid integration in the new community and allows developing the "sense of belonging" to the new society, focusing on the search for employment, progressing in education, establishing relationships and connecting with the host environment.

**PLEDGES:**

**Associació de Micropobles de Catalunya:** to promote, through the **Oportunitat500** program, that **small municipalities in rural environments are consolidated as an opportunity for the reception** of refugees, defining territorial strategies through community participation.

**Basque Government:** on the one hand, **to extend**, with the Secretary of State for Migration, UNHCR, the Jesuit Platform in the Basque Country and Caritas Euskadi, **the Auzolana II agreement**, for the implementation of an experience of hosting resettled refugees through the involvement of civil society

through **community sponsorship**, developing measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project and promoting the implementation of similar programs in other Autonomous Communities. On the other hand, **to strengthen and consolidate the Basque citizen network LOTURAK**, created for the community reception of people from Ukraine, and **extended to other profiles of applicants and beneficiaries of international protection who require accompaniment in local insertion**, together with the Ellacuría Foundation, Caritas of Bizkaia, the Pertsonalde Association, the Loiolaetxea Association and the Alboan Foundation.

### GOOD PRACTICES:

**Plataforma Techo:** with the aim of facilitating access to housing, the **Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations** has promoted the development of the solidarity platform TECHO, an **online housing search tool** through which people, both natural and legal, can transfer or rent their homes to beneficiaries of the International and Temporary Protection reception system, which have the financial aid provided within the framework of this program for the payment of the rent.



**Agermanament Comunitari Valencià Program:** The program is the first pilot experience of **community sponsorship in the Valencian Autonomous Community**, and the second in Spain after the Basque Country. 23 people from five Syrian families, who arrived in September 2020 from Lebanon, have been beneficiaries, hosted in five municipalities of the Valencian Autonomous Community where they have received housing and the support of local groups formed by volunteers and coordinated by professionals from the participating social entities. The experience has been carried out through an agreement between the Secretary of State for Migration, the Generalitat Valenciana, the UNHCR Spain and the social entities Jesuit Migrant Service Spain, Caritas Orihuela-Alicante, Caritas Segorbe-Castellón and Caritas Valencia.

**Family Welcomes Family Programme:** as a consequence of the war in Ukraine, the **Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations, in collaboration with the “La Caixa” Foundation, has launched this foster care programme for families in Ukraine**, which makes it easier for refugees to find a housing solution and, through coexistence between refugee families and welcoming families, promote a faster integration of refugees into the host society. The programme has the alliance and collaboration of social entities and the Technical Reception Offices of the "la Caixa" Foundation, responsible for the process of validation, care and monitoring of families.

➤ Panel and pledges on higher education:

Higher education is one of the fundamental bridges between learning and income generation. Access to university education allows refugees to develop their talent, access better career opportunities, facilitate their integration and actively contribute to the progress of their host societies. Investing in higher education for refugees also strengthens national education systems and benefits the entire education community and host societies, creating a more diverse academic environment and greater social cohesion.



PLEDGES:

Fundació Solidaritat of the University of Barcelona: to contribute and promote access to higher education, through the implementation and consolidation of the University of Barcelona Support Programme for refugees and people from

conflict zones that facilitates the university inclusion of refugees in Spain and students in refugee situations residing outside the EU, through **an educational pathway complementary to resettlement**. This commitment implies strengthening communication and collaboration with UNHCR and other institutions that are working in this line, including public administrations with competences in education, integration and inclusion, NGOs, and other civil society organizations. Each edition of the program will directly benefit a group of 15 refugees. The preparatory work will be carried out in 2023 and 2024 and in 2025 the 5th edition of the program will be implemented.

Camilo José Cela University Foundation: to **consolidate the INTEGRA program** to facilitate access of young refugees to higher education, providing the necessary support for their full inclusion in the university studies of their choice and their participation in the university community, including a scholarship of wide coverage during the duration of the studies. And also, to **accompany refugee students** who study second year (and last) of vocational training<sup>4</sup> or 3rd/4th Degree and are part of the "Integra Project" thanks to specialists in the area of Professional Careers of the University, in their orientation and professional development through individual mentoring addressing during the first semester contents of **professional development**, as based on their own preferences. In the second semester, the program will assign refugees an active professional mentor in their area of knowledge, as a facilitator of professional opportunities.

<sup>4</sup> In Spain, *Formación Profesional*, FP.

## GOOD PRACTICES:

**University of Málaga:** since 2015, the University of Malaga together with civil society organizations have developed the [UMA Refugee Plan](#) to support refugees. Within the framework of this Plan, protocols have been developed for the referral of cases, allowing refugees to continue university studies or start new ones. **Specific scholarships are allocated** for the improvement of Spanish or other languages necessary to obtain the bachelors and / or master's degree, and individualized cases are supported with **accommodation, maintenance and transport aids, and accompaniment during their educational processes and integration into university life**. In addition, university volunteering activities and training, information, denunciation, and awareness activities are carried out and projects of research on migration and refuge are developed. There are also activities and courses open to all people served by the NGOs members of the Plan.

### ➤ [Panel and pledges on sports:](#)

For refugees, the practice of sport, both amateur and professional, contributes to their physical and mental strengthening, as well as the development of a sense of belonging in their new host communities. Sport contributes to normalizing their lives by giving them back the fun and enjoyment, competition, and teamwork of young and old alike. Access to sports and the development of programs that facilitate the protection and integration of refugees through it are fundamental to promote a strong and healthy society.



**[The Spanish Olympic Committee, the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces and UNHCR in Spain:](#)** to promote that City Councils, Provincial Councils, *Consells* and *Cabildos* facilitate **free access to local sports programs and activities, as well as their sports facilities from 2023 onwards**, through the signing of a [collaboration protocol between the three entities](#).

**[Fútbol Más:](#)** to extend the "[Sport for Refuge](#)" project to more than 200 children from international protection mechanisms and **550 people from host communities** in the period 2023-2027, as well as to scale it to a greater number of cities.

The "[Carrera de la mujer](#)": to facilitate **300 registrations or bibs to women and girls under UNHCR's mandate in Spain in 2024**.





**Unió Excursionista de Catalunya (Gràcia):** to provide **grants for hiking gear and membership fees to 12 young migrants and refugees** to participate in hiking activities increasing their social capital and strengthening diversity of the entity. The project will run from September 2023 to August 2024, as a pilot project with the possibility of extension.

➤ **Panel and pledges on community support to inclusion:**

The meaningful contribution of host communities and the social environment to the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons is essential for the construction of a robust society. Community-based initiatives – often led by refugees – have proliferated in recent years in Spain. These actions are often linked to the provision of information, accommodation, exchange of opportunities for language learning, social support or leisure and sporting activities, all of which help to develop links with the host society.

**PLEDGES:**

**Bridge for Billions:** from 2023, to give **refugees access to an incubation program, with training and accompaniment of professional mentors**, allowing them to take forward their entrepreneurial ideas. The beneficiaries will have the necessary tools to be generators of employment and leaders of social transformation programs, supporting other refugees and the host community itself.

**DLA Piper:** from 2024, to **strengthen refugee-led organizations by providing them with free legal advice** in all areas of expertise of the firm (labor, tax, real estate, corporate, criminal, etc.).

**Gredos San Diego Foundation:** to grant about **20 scholarships to refugee children to participate in the various Summer Courses** of the Gredos San Diego de Moratalaz and Vallecas schools.

**Hazloposible Foundation:** from 2024, to **strengthen the social environment through technical and training support to refugee-led organizations**, development of specific materials, dissemination of resources and services available to associations in the different platforms of the foundation, as well as training workshops on their usage.

**Camilo José Cela University Foundation (UCJC Foundation):** the UCJC Legal Clinic will conduct a feasibility study for a new **free legal advice section for asylum seekers and refugees**, so that, in addition to offering a service to people in need of protection who do not have economic means, law students can

apply their theoretical knowledge in practical and real cases, thereby also increasing their sense of social commitment.

**Ministry of Culture:** from 2023, to give **refugees and asylum seekers free access to the 16 state museums every June 20**, World Refugee Day.

**Volunteer Platform:** from 2024, to support a coordinated response to emergency situations by **developing and drafting a guide for the management of volunteers** providing support in humanitarian situations.

➤ **Pledges on issues of age, gender, and diversity:**

Many of the pledges presented at the Forum respond to the specific needs and challenges faced by certain groups of refugees, from an age, gender, or diversity perspective, in critical areas such as economic inclusion, community participation, or education. These pledges help ensuring that solutions in favor of refugees do not consider them as a homogeneous group, but rather by designing responses that consider how age, gender, and other diversity issues – such as disability, LGTBIQ+ identities etc. – often hinder refugees' access to protection and safe environments. This ensures their full inclusion and meaningful participation and guarantees that no one is left behind.



**PLEDGES:**

**Latin American Association of Private Health Systems (ALAMI):** to provide prevention and recovery services for emotional well-being and mental health to 5,000 refugees in Spain over the next four years, through telemedicine platforms.

**Spanish Committee of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities (CERMI):** to prepare a **Handbook of Legal Advice and Defense for refugees with disabilities**, thus ensuring that all public administrations, state security forces and bodies, social organizations and disability entities adopt an inclusive, intersectional and human rights-compliant approach.

**LGTBI+ National Federation (FELGTBI+):** to monitor the implementation of Law 4/2023, of 28 February *For the real and effective equality of transgender people and for the guarantee of LGTBI people's*

**rights**, and carry out **advocacy actions** that allow the improvement of the rights of LGBTI + refugees (assessment of applications, reception standards, statistics, issuance of documentation according to gender identity). In addition, FELGTBI+ will prepare **informative material to guarantee effective access to the rights provided for in said law**. This commitment will include the participation of LGBTIQ+ refugees and the associations led by them.

**FUNDACIÓN UNIVERSIDAD CAMILO JOSÉ CELA (UCJC FOUNDATION)**: to conduct an **analysis of the usage and usefulness of the guides in App format prepared by the GAP – Ukraine team** aimed at conflict-affected persons in Ukraine, and explore and generate the necessary conditions for **the use of the same by other profiles** of refugees.

**GRUPO SOCIAL ONCE/FUNDACIÓN ONCE**: to **map third sector resources for disability** that can be made available to refugee reception programs. And also to generate a **network of experts in the field of refuge and disability in the entities of the Once Social Group**, which can efficiently guide refugees.

**Children's Platform**: to carry out a **study on the approach to childhood in the Spanish international protection system**, in particular on the situation of children seeking international protection and refugees accompanied by their families, attention to their specific needs and access to the exercise of their rights in Spain.

### III. Next steps:

The celebration of the **Forum España con los Refugiados** has served to highlight the commitment of Spanish civil society to the reception and inclusion of refugees and forcibly displaced people; and to encourage them to continue working together towards the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

UNHCR Spain, together with the Spanish national association for UNHCR, will continue to mobilize Spanish actors ahead of the II Global Refugee Forum to be held in Geneva from 13 to 15 December this year, supporting them in the formulation, visibility, and implementation of pledges.

The governments of member and observer states of UNHCR's Executive Committee have received the invitation sent by the co-hosts of the **Second Global Refugee Forum**, Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor of Switzerland and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. This landmark high-level event has been convened together with the Heads of State or Government of Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, Niger, and Uganda.

The event, which takes place every four years at the ministerial level and above, will offer all stakeholders the opportunity to report on the pledges and initiatives announced at the Global Refugee Forum held in 2019 and declare new proposals in support of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees. New pledges may take the form of financial, material, and technical assistance; resettlement places and complementary pathways to admission in third countries; and policies and actions to be

implemented at the national level to improve the lives of refugees and their host communities, thus paving the way for integration.

The Global Refugee Forum will also provide participants with a space to learn from each other's experiences and exchange good practices, both locally, regionally, and globally.

The pledges presented by Spanish civil society in the framework of the Forum *España con los Refugiados* will be added to those made public at the Global Refugee Forum.

### Relevant links

- [Agenda of the Forum](#)
- [Website Spain with Refugees Forum](#)
- [Landing event June 20: Spain Forum with Refugees](#)
- [Landing Guernica Refugee](#)
- Press release: [UNHCR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation organize the first Forum Spain with Refugees prior to the II Global Refugee Forum](#)
- Press release: [The Forum Spain with Refugees galvanizes civil society to promote the inclusion of refugees](#)
- Press release: [UNHCR surprises with #GuernicaRefugiado at the opening of Forum Spain, linking art and solidarity](#)
- [Broadcast of the event](#)
- [Statistical report on commitments](#)
- [Playlist Forum España con los Refugiados](#)





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