

According to UNHCR, during 2015 about a million of refugees and migrants arrived in Europe through the Mediterranean and approximately 20 percent are women<sup>1</sup>, a growing rate compared to previous years. According to the recent report "Protection Risks for Women and Girls in the European Refugee and Migrant Crisis" (UNHCR<sup>2</sup>, UNFPA<sup>3</sup>, and WRC<sup>4</sup>), women and girls are exposed to various forms of sexual and gender-based violence either in their country of origin, first asylum or along the journey to and in Europe.

<sup>1</sup> <http://data.unhcr.org/mediterranean/country.php?id=105>.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations Refugee Agency.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations Population Fund.

<sup>4</sup> Women's Refugee Commission.

Drawing on participatory and action research methodology, the project has two general objectives:

- a) to compare how the recent increase in women refugees flows impacts on policies at local level in Italy (particularly in four Italian Regions, i.e. Calabria, Lazio, Molise, and Emilia-Romagna) and to what extent these programs are gender-oriented;
- b) to compare Italian post-arrival programs supporting women refugees integration with those implemented in other European countries (ideally Spain, UK, Denmark).

Deadline of expression of interest: 19th February 2016 Deadline of general call: 3rd March 2016

Duration: September 2016 - February 2018

The partnership is open to:

- \* Public entities;
- \* Universities;
- \* Research institutes;
- \* Non-profit public and private organizations, associations and institutions; \*
- International organizations.

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