

# **Project Presentation**

REACHing is a European initiative dedicated to strengthening the response to human trafficking within asylum systems. Its mission is to build a network of mobile teams of operational experts working across registration platforms, accommodation centers, and integration programs.

These teams will monitor and respond to the evolving needs of both frontline workers and victims, making use of existing national and European identification and support tools. Depending on each country's context, interventions may also extend to supporting minors.

#### **Partners**

The REACHing project, coordinated by Forum réfugiés, is implemented in partnership with the Greek Council for Refugees (GCR), the International Rescue Committee Italia (IRC Italia), CESIE ETS (European Centre of Studies and Initiatives, Italy), MIPROF (Interministerial Mission for the Protection of Women against Violence and the Fight against Human Trafficking) and University of Clermont Auvergne (UCA), over a two year period (July 2025 – June 2027).

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### **Activities**

REACHing will develop a common framework that will guide the teams' activities and ensure consistency.

#### **Key activities include:**

- Assessing operational needs: Distributing a questionnaire to partner centers, relevant actors, and facilities to identify the expertise required on trafficking in human beings (THB) and asylum. At least 50 responses will be collected. A follow-up questionnaire will later measure the impact of the interventions.
- Mapping good practices: Identifying existing tools, methods, and procedures at local, national, and European levels to build upon proven approaches.
- ➤ Establishing information-sharing protocols: Creating clear procedures for communication and collaboration among teams and stakeholders. · Identifying abuses within asylum systems: Strengthening detection mechanisms to expose and address cases of exploitation or procedural misuse.
- Improving access to rights: Enhancing monitoring of centers and programs, supported by continuous training for frontline staff.
- Supporting empowerment and integration: Acting within integration programs to promote inclusion, stability, and long-term resilience for victims.

## **Objectives**

#### In the short term, the project will:

- Raise awareness among victims, potential victims, social workers, and even perpetrators or potential perpetrators.
- **Empower** survivors through targeted activities that build confidence and resilience.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange, sharing expertise and good practices among teams to ensure a coordinated European response to a global issue.
- Promote international cooperation, including study visits and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with partners in Niger to strengthen protection for people