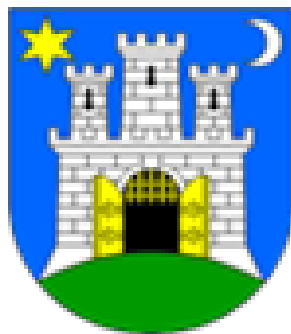




Taste of Home culinary/cultural/language cooperative



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refugees

integration

Economic emancipation

competence

multiculturalism

interculturalism

Social care

creativity

Health care

education

future



The context

Where we are ?

The world

- 65,3 million people forcibly displaced worldwide (by the end of 2015)
- 21, 3 million - refugees
- 10 million - stateless people
- 51% - children, under age of 18
- 1,3 million - European countries

Croatia

- Around 5000 asylum requests , 309 approved (2004-2017)
- Croatian „Act on international and temporary protection” refugees have the right to:
 - Residence
 - Freedom of movement
 - Appropriate material reception conditions
 - Health care
 - Elementary & secondary education
 - Information, legal counselling and free legal assistance
 - Freedom of religion
 - Work

The reality - neglected segments on the state level

➤ ASYLUM PROCESS

- Long duration- 6 month plus additional 9 and more
- Many of them leave during this period because of uncertainty
- Opposite to the law legislative, financial assistance during the procedure is not enabled to everyone and regularly

➤ EDUCATION

- LANGUAGE -no systematic course of Croatian language
- Available only in NGO's and with volunteers
- PRESCHOOL- children are not enroled
- HIGHSCHOOL- free for minors but no preparatory course; teachers & professors are not trained for the specific needs
- UNIVERSITIES- hardened involvement to universities -high tuitions, no scholarships

➤ HEALTH CARE

- Limited health care
- General medical practitioners refuse to take refugees as their patients – „they don't know the code for a certain health service”
- Poor medical care in shelters for asylum seekers
- No systematic psycho-social and rehabilitation programs for mental care, especially for refugees with trauma

➤ SOCIAL WELFARE & ACCOMMODATION

- Financial support: 13 Euros during the process, 106 Euros when granted protection (for unemployed and accommodated outside the asylum shelter)
- Insufficient quality of accommodation for the first 2 years of integration
- Xenophobic attitudes with landlords
- After granted protection refugees wait for accommodation several months in the asylum shelters

➤ COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING THE ENVIRONMENT

- No translation in everyday communication with the institutions , during the doctors appointments etc.
- Poor information about history, culture and the society

➤ OWNERSHIP

- Refugees with permanent residency don't have the right of owning property

➤ UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE CHILDREN

- poor accommodation during the process of granting protection and after
- accommodation in institutions for children and youth with behavior disorders

➤ QUALIFICATIONS AND LABOUR MARKET

- no developed system of recognition of educational qualifications of refugees based on different educational systems and standards of competences
- Closed labour market- towards employment and professional training
- In 2015- 92 unemployed persons with granted protection (77 men, 15 women) according to Croatian employment office
- 2 employed
- Most of the working experience is temporary

The conclusion + discrimination report

- **Integration is non-functional**
- In fact there is **no comprehensive integration policy** on state level- the new Action Plan for integration of refugees was suppose to be presented in June 2016
- No intersectoral cooperation between health, educational and status matters institutions
- **Poor awareness** on refugees rights in legal institutions
- **Poor inclusion** in local communities

- **Rise of discrimination** reports towards refugees and immigrants
- According to Ombudsman report for 2016: **30%** of official complaints were on **racial, ethnical, skin color and national identity** basis (531 cases)
- 63 % of youth in highschools consider immigrants shouldn't enter Croatia
- These numbers do not represent the real presence of discrimination which is certainly higher but not reported and recorded

So, if the authorities don't care- who does? -how we started-

During the CPS program course: „Migrations and asylum” & „Emancipation of cultural pluralism in the times of exile” in cooperation with the group of volunteers interested in asylum policy system in Croatia the question appeared:

„What would be the easiest way of communication with refugees and which model of socialization would be acceptable for them in the first place?”

THEM = THE PEOPLE IN SEARCH FOR SAFETY AND HAPPINESS

- tastes of home, stories about food they ate last in their countries, about recipes, occasions when they eat certain food... ways of preparation, the family circle, sharing the food, street food
- through the story about food they began to tell their stories ...
- The doors were open and so was the path towards trust

The book of stories & recipes



kako da ti pričam o domu
kad ga više nemam?

OKUS DOMA

film martine globočnik



2014 project : Qualitative steps towards integration of refugees

❖ Civil organizations & Associations:







- CPS, CEDRA , NESsT, Izazov & Iskra - educational workshops for informing and empowering refugees
- FADE IN - produces a documentary movie Taste of Home, radio jingle: „Integration starts with understanding”, video spot: The origin of food „We have accepted the food, why not people”

<https://vimeo.com/118005009>

- ❖ European union- IPA fund , Croatian Office for Cooperation with NGO's , Heinrich Boll Stiftung – Taste of Home book of recipes, web page: www.okus-doma.hr/eng
- ❖ European Social Fond: „Investment for the future”, Croatian Office for Cooperation with NGO's
- ✓ **February 24, 2015- Presenting the results of the campaign and introducing the idea for establishing a culinary/language Cooperative**



Crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo platform – october 2015

<p>OKUS DOMA INDIEGOGO KAMPANJA</p> <p>TREBAMO 17.000\$ ZA POKRETANJE AZILANTSKE KUHINJE</p>	<p>TASTE OF HOME INDIEGOGO CAMPAIGN</p> <p>WE NEED 17.000\$ TO START A KITCHEN RUN BY REFUGEES</p>
	
<p>ŠTO AKO SKUPIMO VIŠE OD OČEKIVANOG?</p>	<p>WHAT IF WE RAISE MORE?</p>
<p>27.000 \$</p>  <p>40.000 \$</p> 	<p>27.000 \$</p>  <p>40.000 \$</p> 
<p>PODRŽITE OKUS DOMA I DONIRAJTE ZA NAŠU INDIEGOGO KAMPANJU!</p>	<p>SUPPORT TASTE OF HOME THROUGH OUR INDIEGOGO CAMPAIGN</p>



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February 2016- registered Cooperative

16 Co-founders: Syria, Ethiopia, Senegal, Nigeria, Kosovo, Albania, Iraq, Croatia

Culinary activities

- *Catering* services for business conferences, events & parties
- Culinary workshops & courses
- Books of recipes
- Food festivals, public presentations & degustations
- Other culinary exchanges

Cultural-language activities

- Language courses: arabic, farsi, albanian, english, french...
- Translations of booklets and articles from croatian and into croatian
- Translations in conferences, seminars & lectures
- Organisation of cultural events- literature, film, language...



About

Good food is the foundation of genuine happiness

Auguste Escoffier

- Economic emancipation of refugees and individuals with migrant background
- Inclusivity & active participation in cultural, economic & everyday social life in Croatia
- Support in education & improving professional competences
- Sensibilisation of Croatian public about refugees needs
- Opening the labour market towards vulnerable groups in our society

Comprehensive approach of ToH

Social entrepreneurship

- Cooperative form
- Horizontal governing
- Collaborating & sharing power and responsibility
- Gender equality
- Equal wages
- Space for creativity
- Soft skills upgrade
- Building confidence
- safe environment

Sensibilization

- Social impact
- Bringing awareness on non-discrimination to the community
- Connecting & sharing culture
- Connecting to media
- Public advocacy















Kulin's habit is to enjoy your taste!

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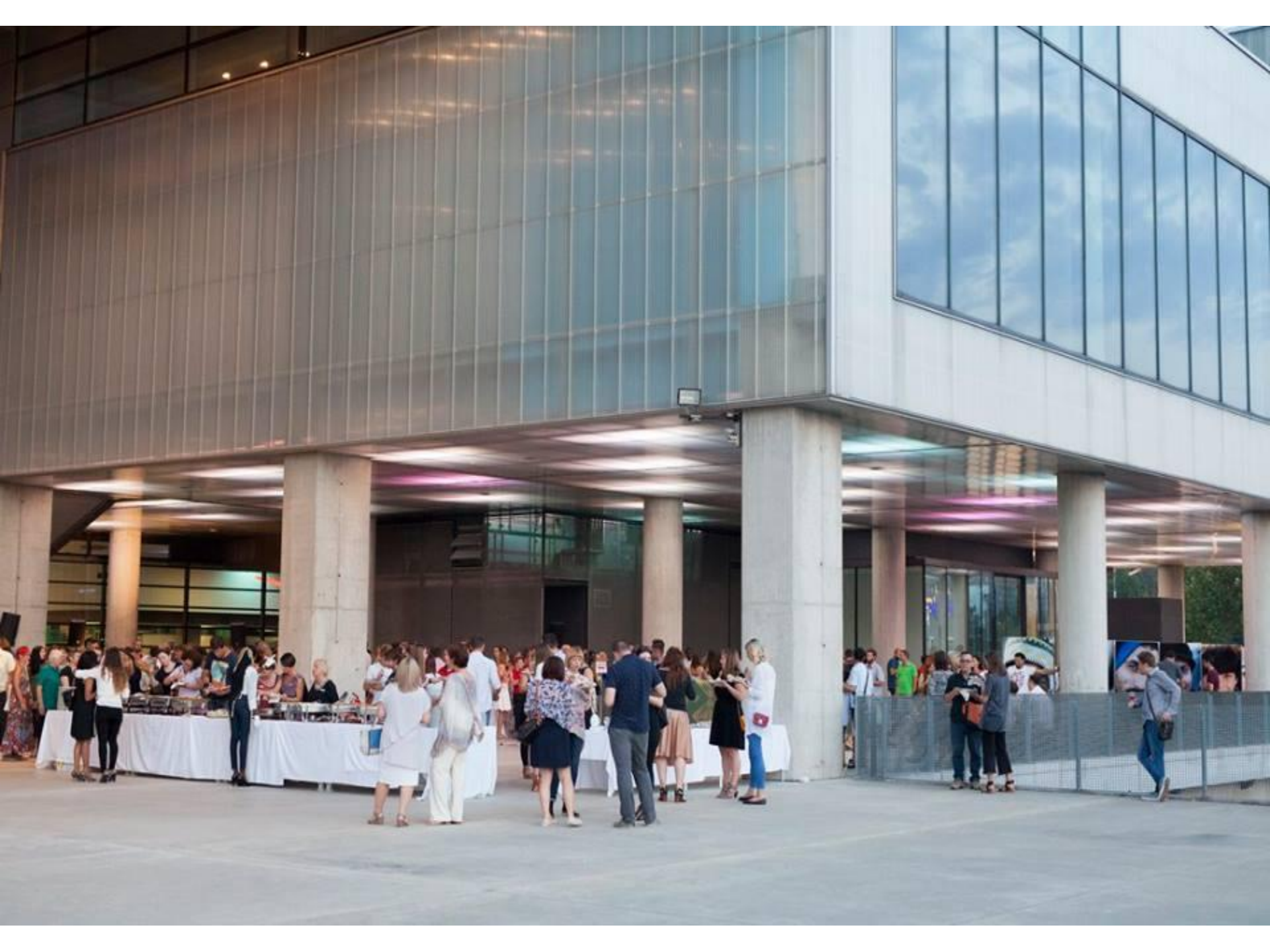
















*We came with the taste
and we found a home*