



STAUDENHOF WOHNUNGSVERBUND

SECTOR

Inclusion of migrants

COUNTRY

Germany

DURATION

4 years

PARTNERS

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SUMMARY

Refugees face many challenges in integrating into their new host countries. The housing situation can exacerbate this, with countries often choosing to house refugees together, in isolation from the rest of society.

The Staudenhof Wohnungsverbund project for housing and communication provides refugees arriving in Potsdam with private accommodation within the community to avoid their placement in large shelters and to further their integration into society. Currently, the project has 30 apartments and hosts 77 residents for a period of up to 12 months.

It also offers community space for people to practice their religion and traditions, participate in courses (language, CV writing, ICT, legal awareness, health and hygiene, etc.), counselling

and the organisation of events and activities with the local community, including community gardening, cooking and movie nights. The project is considered a nationwide model for housing and the integration of refugees into society, particularly because of the involvement of the local community as a means to prevent discrimination and conflict.

“We lived side by side with German neighbours in the city centre and each family had their own apartment. Some of those became true friends. After moving out we used all we learned and were prepared to live independently. We still go to Staudenhof to meet friends, share our experiences and help others.”

- Project participant