

## Resettlement programmes – Europe, Canada, USA

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### Useful links:

<https://www.resettlement.eu/>

<https://www.unhcr.org/resettlement.html>

<https://austria.iom.int/en/resettlement>

| Country     | Target group  | Criteria   | Where & how to apply   | Partners involved, Info   |
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| Switzerland | 1600 individuals from 5 different countries. The countries have not been announced as of yet. | Most beneficiaries will be persons fleeing conflict and persecution in five different countries. The list of countries has not been announced yet. Only a small contingent of 10% will be reserved for refugees fleeing unforeseen situations in other countries.<br>The selection criteria include holding a refugee status recognized by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the need for protection that the country of first reception fails to provide, and the refugee's willingness to integrate in Switzerland. Those selected will go through an in-depth security review, | I could not exactly specify where to apply, but this decision was put by the Federal Council. So maybe the official website of the government could have some (I also did not find anything as of yet). You can find more information on the Swiss resettlement program here:<br><a href="https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/asyl/resettlement.html">https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/asyl/resettlement.html</a> | The Swiss Government<br><a href="https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/32534/switzerland-to-welcome-1600-refugees&amp;sa=D&amp;source=docs&amp;ust=1648310433270965&amp;usg=AOvVaw3_BlgI9GbEx47iPYbmGKpj">https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/32534/switzerland-to-welcome-1600-refugees&amp;sa=D&amp;source=docs&amp;ust=1648310433270965&amp;usg=AOvVaw3_BlgI9GbEx47iPYbmGKpj</a> |

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| Germany | 500 vulnerable refugees. Seems like its all countries of origin, but focus is given to Syrian refugees.  | A new German resettlement program titled NesT ("Neustart im Team", or "a team for starting over") wants to provide a new home for an initial 500 refugees who are in particular need for protection: victims of torture or rape, unaccompanied minors, pregnant women or frail people. <b>The selection criteria is the same as the UNHRC</b>  | It is not specified how exactly you can apply for this resettlement program: "The NesT program is aimed at resettlement refugees. The resettlement procedure is an internationally recognized procedure. Further information on resettlement and the course of the procedure is available at <a href="http://www.resettlement.de">www.resettlement.de</a> . Within the framework of this procedure, there is neither a right of proposal for persons living in the host country (Germany) nor a right for refugees in the countries of first refuge to apply."<br><a href="https://www.neustartimteam.de/faq/">https://www.neustartimteam.de/faq/</a> | The German government and civil society. You can find more info here<br><a href="https://www.neustartimteam.de/">https://www.neustartimteam.de/</a><br><br>more info here as well:<br><a href="https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/18487/german-civil-societydriven-resettlement-program-for-vulnerable-refugees-enters-next-phase">https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/18487/german-civil-societydriven-resettlement-program-for-vulnerable-refugees-enters-next-phase</a>   |
| Spain   | 1,200 refugees. The program mainly addresses nationals from Syria, Iran, Afghanistan and Iraq. Two arrivals to Spain from Lebanon from countries in conflict are already scheduled to take place during the first quarter of 2022, with a total of 658 people. | Basic criteria<br><br>A refugee must be recognised as such according to the 2009 Law on the Right to Asylum and Subsidiary Protection, based on the criteria set out in the 1951 Convention on Refugee Status.<br><br>Refugees can also be accepted for resettlement for reasons of vulnerability.<br><br>Criteria related to integration<br><br>Spain applies broad selection criteria related to integration potential and capacity, comparing the needs of the resettled refugees with assessments of | The national authority responsible for asylum is the Office of Asylum and Refugees (OAR) within the General Sub-Direction of Asylum of the Ministry of the Interior. UNHCR submits cases for initial screening by to OAR, and all pre-selected cases are interviewed during selection missions. The Ministry of Employment and Social Security (ESS) participate in selection missions and are responsible for assessing integration potential and capacity.  | The Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration is responsible for providing reception under the International Protection Reception System.<br><br>Here are some useful links:<br><a href="https://www.resettlement.eu/country/spain">https://www.resettlement.eu/country/spain</a><br><br><a href="https://thediplotainspain.com/en/2021/12/government-commits-to-take-in-up-to-1200-refugees-by-2022/">https://thediplotainspain.com/en/2021/12/government-commits-to-take-in-up-to-1200-refugees-by-2022/</a> |

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|  |   | resources available both within the resettlement programme and in other programmes or services resettled refugees can access.  |  |  |
| Canada (Government-Assisted Refugees (GAR) program)    | individuals who have refugee status and are considering resettlement in Canada (applicable to Syrians, Iraqis, etc), so all countries of origin.  | Refugees are referred for resettlement to Canada by UNHCR and other partners with which Canada has an agreement. Refugees must be registered with UNHCR or the state authorities in the country where they found asylum to be considered for referral. Those who benefit from the program receive financial support from the Canadian government for up to one year from the date they arrive in Canada.   | The individual must register for refugee status with the UNHCR or state authorities to be considered by a referral organization.<br><br>A GAR's initial resettlement in Canada is entirely supported by the Government of Canada or the province of Quebec. This support is delivered by non-governmental agencies called service provider organizations funded by IRCC. | The Canadian Government, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.<br><b>You can read more about it here:</b><br><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-outside-canada/government-assisted-refugee-program.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-outside-canada/government-assisted-refugee-program.html</a>   |
| Canada (Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program) | The Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program allows Canadians to resettle specific individuals or families who qualify as refugees under Canada's refugee and humanitarian program. Privately sponsored refugees are additional to those resettled by the Canadian government through other programs. Privately sponsored refugees are approved outside of | Criteria for Sponsoring:<br>Any person who by reason of a well-founded fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion:<br><br>is outside each of their countries of nationality and is unable or, by reason of that fear, unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of each of those countries, or does not have a country of nationality and is outside the country of their former habitual residence and is unable or, by reason of that fear, unwilling to return to that country; and is outside Canada is seeking resettlement in Canada | There is an application that has to be filled by the sponsoring group or individual. Applications can be submitted to ROC-O either by e-mail or mail, not both.  | The Canadian Government, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and Civil Society.<br><br>You can find more info about this program<br><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/guide-private-sponsorship-refugees-program/section-2.html#a2.1e">herhttps://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/guide-private-sponsorship-refugees-program/section-2.html#a2.1e</a><br><br>This specific program is mainly run by Canadian civil society that work on sponsoring refugees through fellowships, etc. |

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|                                       | <p>Canada by Canadian visa officers and they become permanent residents upon arrival in Canada.</p> <p><b>Any refugee can apply as long as he/she has a status.</b></p> <p><b><u>all countries of origin.</u></b></p>  | <p>and does not have a prospect of another durable solution, within a reasonable period of time, that is: cannot return to their country of nationality or habitual residence cannot integrate in the country of refuge or the country of first asylum; and does not have another offer of resettlement from a country other than Canada.</p> |  |  |
| Canada (Blended Visa Office-Referred) | <p>UNHCR refers refugees who are most at risk for resettlement to Canada, such as women and girls at risk of sexual violence, survivors of torture and violence or refugees with special medical needs. Canada then decides whether to accept a refugee and conducts thorough background and security checks to ensure their admissibility to Canada.</p> <p>It seems open to all refugees, but special focus on women and girls</p> | <p>Same Criteria as the above (2nd Canadian resettlement program)</p>   | <p>There is an application that has to be filled. The sponsor has to choose a refugee/refugees from a list provided by the official website of this program (refugees are from the UNHCR's list).</p> <p>Here is a detailed explanation on how to apply for this:<br/> <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-outside-canada/private-sponsorship-program/blended-visa-office-program/how-to-apply.html#s01">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/help-outside-canada/private-sponsorship-program/blended-visa-office-program/how-to-apply.html#s01</a></p> | <p>The Canadian Government, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and Civil Society.</p> <p>You can find more information on this program here:<br/> <a href="https://www.unhcr.ca/in-canada/other-immigration-pathways-refugees/sponsoring-refugees-unhcr/">https://www.unhcr.ca/in-canada/other-immigration-pathways-refugees/sponsoring-refugees-unhcr/</a></p> |
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