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# Integration in times of crisis

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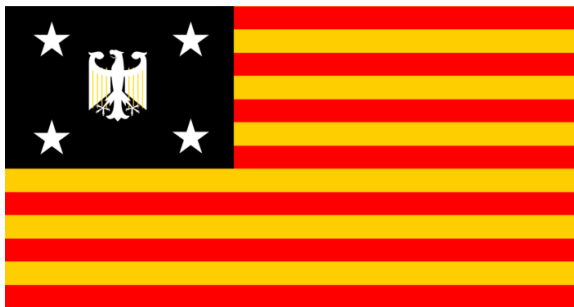
# Introduction

- Flemish Taskforce Ukraine as inspiration
- Integration policy in times of crisis: differences? Commonalities?
- A fictitious crisis in EU as a starting point
- Teamwork makes the dream work!
  - 6 separate groups
  - 3 different challenges to face
  - Plenary feedback
  - Open discussion
- Closing round: reflection & lessons learned

# It's 2025, a natural disaster occurs...

- Unprecedented natural disasters caused by rising sea levels
- Impacted regions include:
  - the western coast of Denmark,
  - the northern coast of Morocco,
  - the southern part of England
  - Large number of displaced refugees, seeking refuge in Europe.
  - No possibility of return due to extent of environmental damage
- Different refugee statuses:
  - Moroccans & Britons: Eco Sanctuary Status – Right to education, employment, healthcare & housing
  - Danes: EU-citizen – all reserved rights for EU-citizens
- Affected (Fictive) EU Countries by refugee influx:
  - Aurelia
  - Silvantis
  - Veridia

# Let's meet...



## Aurelia

EU-country

Language: Aurelian & English

### Main challenges

- Labour market shortage
- Demand for highly-skilled professionals



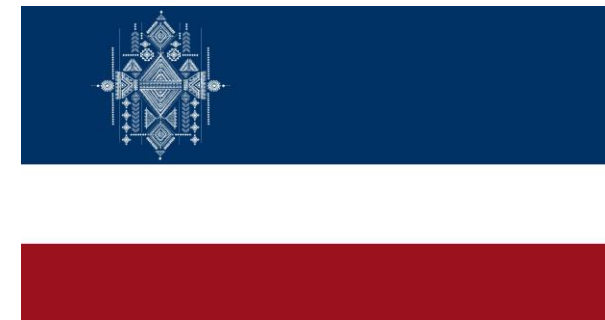
## Silvantis

EU-country

Language: Silvantian

### Main challenges

- Strong but understaffed healthcare
- Attractive for refugees with health issues



## Veridia

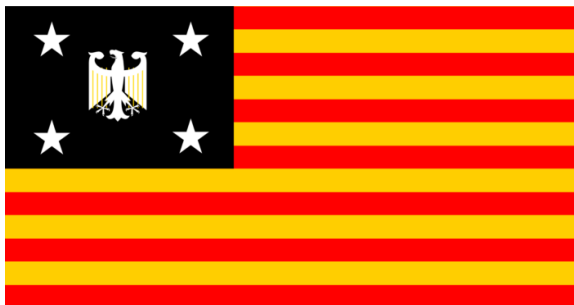
EU-country

Language: Veridian

### Main challenges

- Imbalance of supply & demand on housing market
  - High rental costs
- Policy shift to collective housing for refugees

# How to face these challenges?



1. How does the national employment service in Aurelia organize itself to handle this influx of displaced individuals?
2. What language support is provided for the three groups of refugees in relation to entering the job market?
3. What role does civic integration play in the journey of displaced individuals towards employment?
4. What other specific challenges and solutions do you see regarding access to the labor market for displaced individuals in times of crisis?



1. How does Silvantis cope with the increased pressure on its healthcare system? What measures are in place?
2. How is culturally sensitive care promoted in the healthcare system?
3. How is the language barrier addressed in medical services for displaced individuals?
4. What other specific challenges and solutions do you see regarding healthcare for displaced individuals in times of crisis?



1. How are collective accommodation facilities organized concretely? Location, financing, responsibilities (local, regional, national), duration...?
2. How does Veridia handle social tensions around housing resulting from the influx of refugees?
3. How is the facilitation and encouragement of access to the private rental market for displaced individuals managed?



4. What other specific challenges and solutions do you see regarding shelter and housing for displaced individuals in times of crisis?



**LET'S  
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# Discussion & reflection

- Integration into the job market for refugees in times of crisis
- Access to healthcare for refugees in times of crisis
- Providing shelter for refugees in times of crisis
- Other relevant topics: Education, integration, leisure, youth,...
- Lessons learned?