

INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE

JUNE 13, 2025

THE ECONOMY OF MIGRATION

FROM CONTRACTUALITY AND
TRANSACTIONALITY
TO RELATIONALITY AND COMMUNITY



ABOUT THE VALUE OF
MIGRATION IN THE LOCAL
LABOR MARKET AND ITS
IMPACT ON THE POLISH
ECONOMY

ABOUT SOLIDARITY
ECONOMY SOLUTIONS
TO SUPPORT FOREIGNERS
IN THE LABOR MARKET

The program includes, among other things, **the PRESENTATION of a REPORT** prepared by Deloitte on behalf of UNHCR, entitled.
Analysis of economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The BARKA Foundation For Mutual Help and UNHCR Poland
invite you to participate in
in the CONFERENCE
entitled THE ECONOMY OF MIGRATION,
which will take place
JUNE 13, 2025 (Friday) IN POZNAŃ
(at the Barka Foundation headquarters
at 6/9 Św. Wincentego Street).



The dynamics of change in today's world increase the need for constant adaptation of strategies and the implementation of activities in the labor market. The social and economic structure is evolving, which requires public institutions, employers and non-governmental organizations to be flexible, cooperate and seek new solutions in the field of social and professional integration of foreigners.

In light of these challenges, we invite you to the conference THE ECONOMY OF MIGRATION, whose main goal is to facilitate the exchange of experience in supporting the professional activation of people with migrant and refugee backgrounds.

The event is co-financed by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation under the RITA - Region in Transition program, implemented by the Education for Democracy Foundation, and UNHCR Poland.

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The academic community, employees of educational and social institutions, labor market representatives and NGOs are invited to participate in the conference.

The main theme of the event is the situation of people with migrant and refugee backgrounds in the labor market and the impact of foreigners on the economy of Wielkopolska region. There will be a series of lectures aimed at deepening your understanding of the situation of foreigners in the labor market. The conference will include the premiere of a report prepared by Deloitte on behalf of the UNHCR 2025 titled *Analysis of Economic Inclusion of Refugees from Ukraine*. We will also address topics such as institutional barriers, cultural stereotypes and strategies for supporting labor market integration in practice.

An integral part of the conference is a panel discussion and expert debate with good practices, which are examples of initiating changes for the professional activation of people with refugee experience.

We warmly invite you to take part in the event and engage in a joint discussion on this socially significant topic. We sincerely hope that the content presented will inspire the implementation of sustainable solutions that promote diversity and inclusiveness in the labor market in the Wielkopolska region.

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PROGRAM

Venue: The BARKA Foundation For Mutual Help, Assembly Hall, Building B

8:00 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 – 9:20 Official opening and welcome (Barbara Sadowska, Chair of the BARKA Foundation Board; Astrid Castelein, Director of UNHCR Poland in Krakow)

9:20 – 9:40 Introduction: Solidarity Economy (Barbara Sadowska, Chair of the BARKA Foundation Board)

9:40 – 10:00 The potential of refugees from Ukraine for the Polish labor market" (Joanna Warchał-Beneschi, Manager, Skills Alliance, CARE Poland)

10:00 – 10:20 Foreigners in the Labor Market of the Poznań Metropolitan Area (Dominik Zasada, Analyst at the Youth Career Counseling Center – Observatory of the Economy and Labor Market of the Poznań Metropolitan Area)

10:20 – 10:40 Analysis of economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine. Presentation of the report results prepared by Deloitte on behalf of UNHCR 2025. (Astrid Castelein, Director of UNHCR Poland in Kraków)

10:40 – 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 – 12:30

Panel discussion: *The impact of refugees and migrants on the shape of the labor market* – Moderated by UNHCR Poland – Eliza Przeździecka – Expert in Socio-Economic Inclusion Programs, UNHCR Poland

- Marcelina Rybak – head of the Labor Market Research and Analysis Department, Provincial Labor Office in Poznań
- Franciszek Szkudelski – project coordinator, Caritas Poznań
- Olena Shelest-Szumilas – assistant professor, Plenipotentiary of the Rector for Equal Treatment, Poznań University of Economics
- Marcin Princ – assistant professor, Migration Research Center, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań
- Marek Barszczewski – entrepreneur, president of the Wielkopolska Labor Agency, Wielkopolska Employers' Association

12:30 – 12:40 Technical break

PROGRAM

12:40 – 14:00

Expert debate e.g. Local labor market – realities, challenges, opportunities and barriers to employment and integration activities, moderated by: Leszek Waligóra – editor of Głos Wielkopolski

- Karolina Bloch, deputy mayor of Wronki Municipality
- Grazyna Stachowiak, president of the Uciec Dysforii Social Cooperative
- Anastasiia Kochnieva, president of the Nejmovirna Foundation
- Olha Chopei, job trainer, Municipal Center for Family Assistance in Poznań
- Oleksandra Altufiewa, head of the Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce in Opole
- Agnieszka Żak, Operational Excellence and Implementation Manager, Gi Group Poland
- Ziemowit Wisniewski, Regional Director, Gi Group Polska

14:00 Summary of the conference and official closing ceremony

14:10 Lunch (Bistro, first floor in building A)

15:00 – 16:30 Activation training for people with refugee experience (room 1, building C)

PARTICIPATION

If you are interested in participating - please submit the registration form available at www.barka.org.pl/konferencja

The form should be sent
by **June 10, 2025**.

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

We encourage you to contact:
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