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The second half of 2024 on the project H:OUSE started very productively. The research continued on the cross-dimensional challenges and best practices of community sponsorship (CS) schemes at the global and EU scales.

By September 2024, partners completed the mapping of housing initiatives and community sponsorship schemes in their respective territories, while partners included in the research (ISCTE-IUL, Second Tree, ZRC SAZU and Artemisszió) prepared an analysis and study of previous EU experiences and projects, the best practices of the community sponsorship schemes and relevant grassroots experiences. This resulted in an elaborate data collection, which provided the basis for the Final research report. By the end of October, the partners also conducted comparative research through interviews and focus groups with visible representatives of migrant communities and diaspora in their territories. This research was intended to provide a more in-depth understanding of the housing challenges and initiatives from the part of migrant communities/diaspora that aim at finding solutions. Lastly, the core research team of WP2 partners combined all the findings and began preparing the Cross-dimensional Research Report, which was finalised on December 20th.

However, the project did not stay at a standstill there. As the project envisions the recruitment of potential sponsors to engage in existing or new CS schemes and training local stakeholders and public authorities in how CS schemes can help improve the housing challenges for vulnerable migrants, the teams behind work packages 3 (Framework setting) and 4 (Training) began rapid preparations for their activities. Refugees Welcome Italia (IT) and DORAS (IE), for example, started planning the guidelines for local activities partners will need to follow to successfully recruit sponsors that will be part of the in-person seminar held in Ioannina, Greece, on February 5, 2025, as well as the future project pilot activities. On top of that, the



team behind Second Tree (EL) started preparing training for trainers on the successful implementation of CS schemes, which will happen between February 6 and 7, 2025, and also in Ioannina, Greece.

The meeting in Ioannina will be a significant event attended by consortium representatives, local stakeholders, and authorities from all project territories. It is intended as a learning and networking experience in which attendees learn something new and share their visions and practices on tackling housing challenges and addressing the potential of CS schemes in their communities.

Finally, on December 11, our project lead organisation, Il Sestante and the team from Refugees Welcome Italia visited the Canadian Embassy in Italy to celebrate the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative milestone, which has helped welcome one new million refugees worldwide into community sponsorship programs since 2016. The event involved the QSN+ Share Project and also held a policy roundtable on sponsorship's role in creating welcoming communities. We at the H:OUSE project welcome any such initiatives, particularly the incredible milestones they can achieve.

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