



MEDITERRANEAN CITY-TO-CITY MIGRATION

# VIENNA

## JUGENDCOLLEGE: TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR YOUNG MIGRANTS

MENTORING

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### ABOUT VIENNA:

- 1.8 million people
- 31% foreign born
- As well as a city government, Vienna is also one of Austria’s nine federal provinces – this means that it has greater responsibilities and resources than other Austrian cities with regards to social inclusion and migrant integration.

### WHY:

Given that compulsory schooling in Vienna ends at the age of 15, a need was identified to provide recently-arrived asylum seekers and young migrants who are beyond the mandatory school age with an opportunity to facilitate entry into further education, vocational training or workplace.

### WHAT:

Launched in 2016, the Youth College is a free education, training and mentoring programme for young migrants, predominantly asylum seekers, refugees who are entitled to asylum, or people granted subsidiary protection, aged between 15 and 21 in Vienna.

### WHO:

Led by VHS - City-sponsored Adult education centres in Vienna  
Engages a network of 9 institutions and NGOs working with refugees and migrants, in 2 locations in Vienna.

### AIMS:

Give recently-arrived young migrants the best possible opportunity to join the Austrian education and training system for long-term career, with the conviction that this will form the foundation of a strong and united society.

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Over 1,000 beneficiaries in its first months of existence
- 147 graduates moving onto further training or employment
- High motivation among youngsters enrolled in College

EDUCATION

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- European Social Fund (ESF) – funding two thirds of the costs
- Public Employment Service Vienna (AMS Wien)
- Department of Integration and Diversity (MA 17) of City of Vienna
- Social Funds Vienna

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

SOCIAL INTEGRATION

