



Supporting Ukrainian (UA) Refugee Women's Socio-Economic Integration and Wellbeing

## PROJECT FACTSHEET#1

**Duration:** April 2025 - October 2026

**Target Population:** Employable refugee women, displaced from Ukraine after February 2022, and their dependents. WISE aims to reach 200 Ukrainian refugee women in the four Holistic Support Centers.

**Implementation sites:** Sofia (Bulgaria), Milan, Rome, Turin (Italy).

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The **WISE** project combines mental health and psychosocial support with employment services to improve the socio-economic inclusion of Ukrainian refugee women in Italy and Bulgaria.

By scaling up **Holistic Support Centres**, WISE helps enhance employability, access to services, and overall wellbeing through a trauma-informed, gender-sensitive approach..

### KEY OBJECTIVES



Support access to **host labour markets** and potential reintegration into Ukraine's job market.



Improve **access to social and public services**, including childcare.



Enhance **mental health, well-being, and social connectedness**.



**Raise awareness** and promote the adoption of the **Holistic Support Centre model**.

### APPROACH & METHODOLOGY



Empowering to **access jobs** now — with future relevance for voluntary return to Ukraine.



Gender-sensitive support rooted in **Women & Girls Safe Space** methodology



Combined **mental health and employment services** tailored to refugee women.



Tested, refined, and shared across local and EU levels through **multi-stakeholder engagement**.

### CORE COMPONENTS

- Individual support
- Employment preparation
- Learning pathways
- Empowerment groups
- Mental health
- Cultural mediation
- Childcare
- AI Tools
- EU-level engagement[