

UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Semiannual Report
data as of December 31, 2021



The Directorate General for Immigration and Integration Policies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies publishes a monitoring report on unaccompanied foreign minors every six months, it is the main and the most up-to-date source of information on this issue in Italy. In addition to the data on the presence of the unaccompanied foreign minors and the data on the new arrivals, the report presents the latest updates on national and international legislation on this issue. The report also presents the pathways of social and work integration, including some stories of the protagonists. This report is enriched by contributions from other international institutions and organizations, which investigate various aspects of the phenomenon.

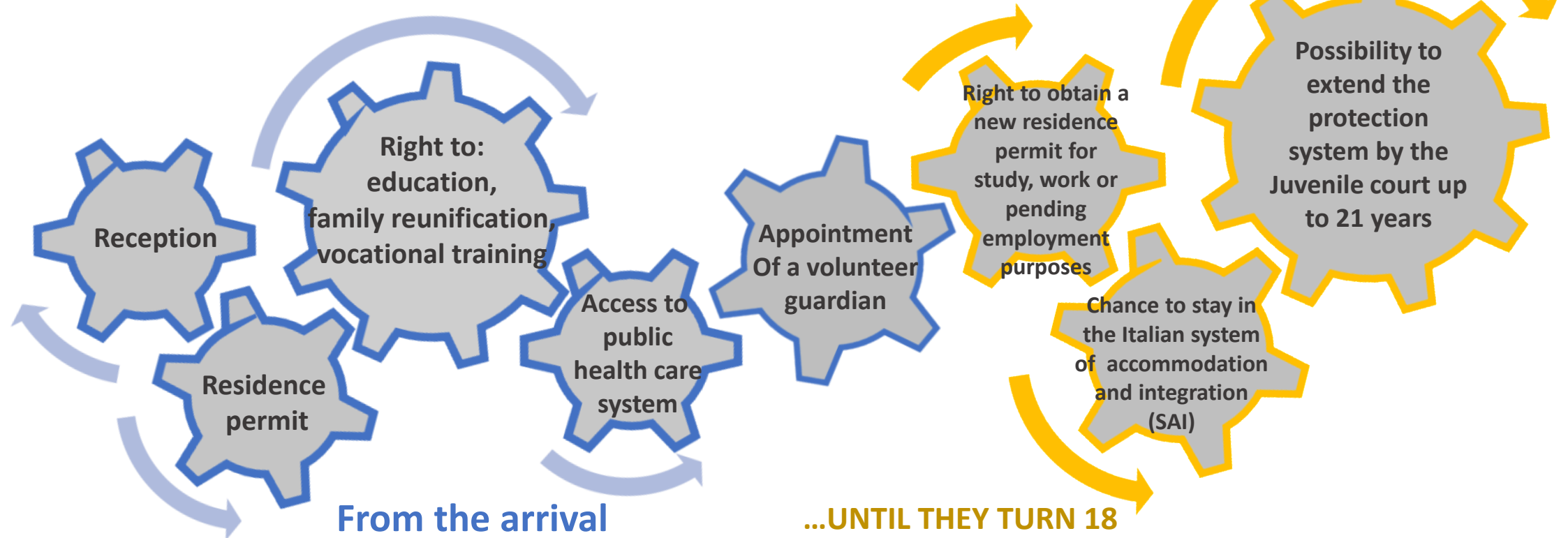
All the semiannual reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).



THE SPECIAL CARE AND PROTECTION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY

"(...) is a minor who has neither Italian nor EU citizenship, who is, for any reason, in the territory of the State or who is otherwise subject to the Italian jurisdiction, without any assistance and representation by his parents or other adults legally responsible for him according to the Italian laws in force".

(Article 2 (1) Law No. 47 of April 7, 2017)



THE RESPONSABILITIES OF THE DG FOR IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION POLICIES



MANDATORY OPINION ON THE
TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD
PROCEDURE



FAMILY TRACING



INTEGRATION POLICIES

MAIN ACTIVITY



Monitoring the presence of the
minors and tracking their
movements on the
Italian territory

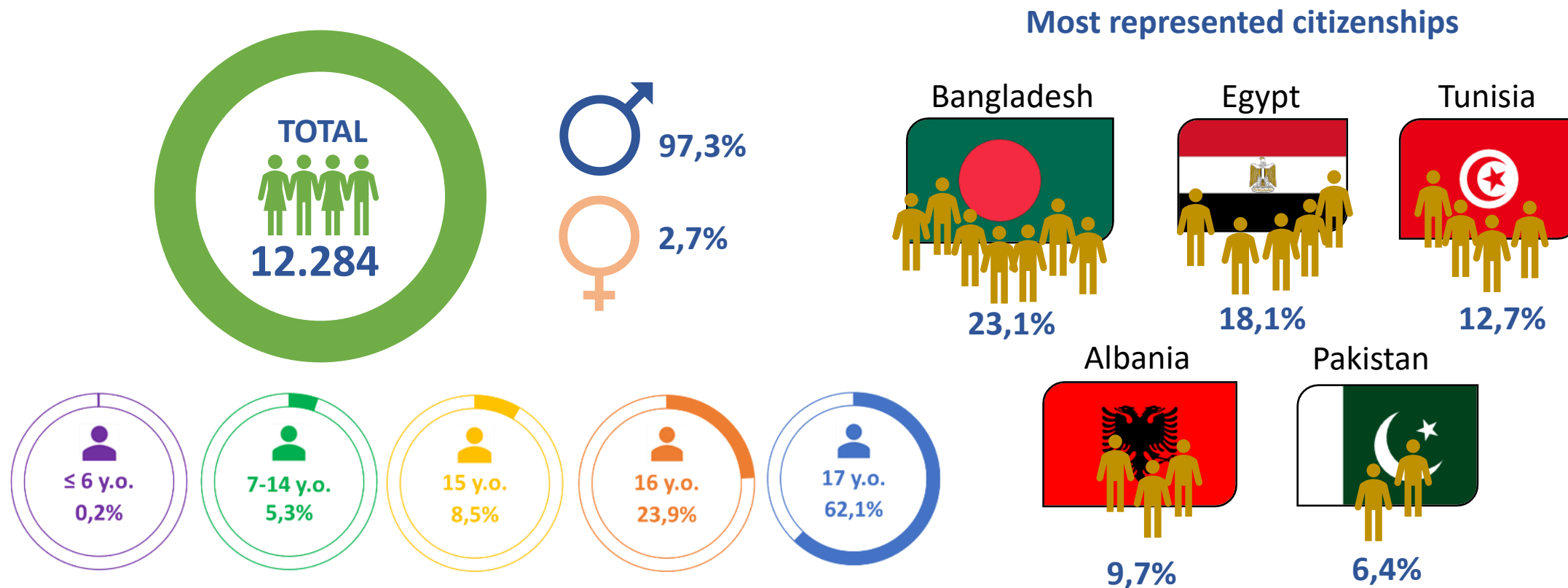


National Database on UAMs



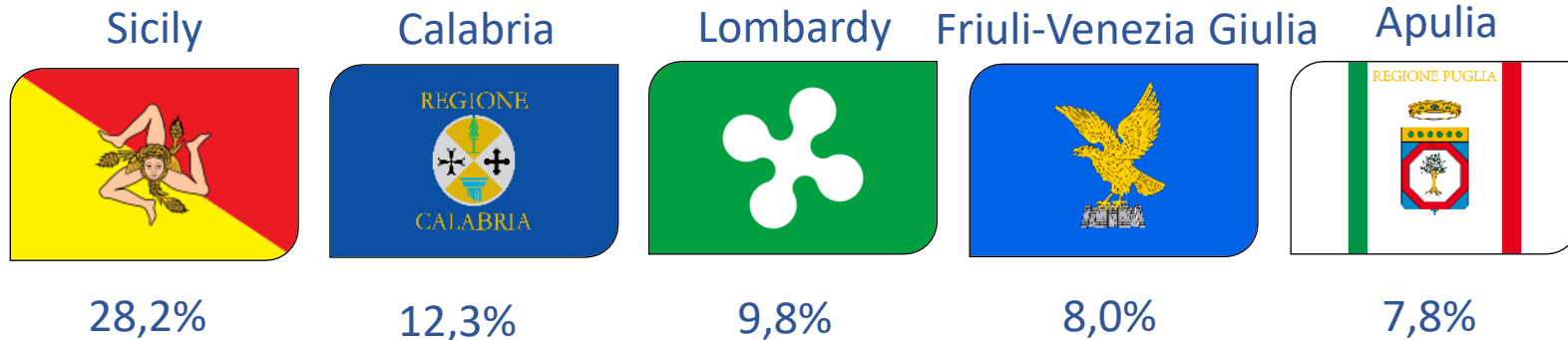
Handling personal
data of minors and information about their
status and placement on the territory

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Regions hosting the largest number of minors

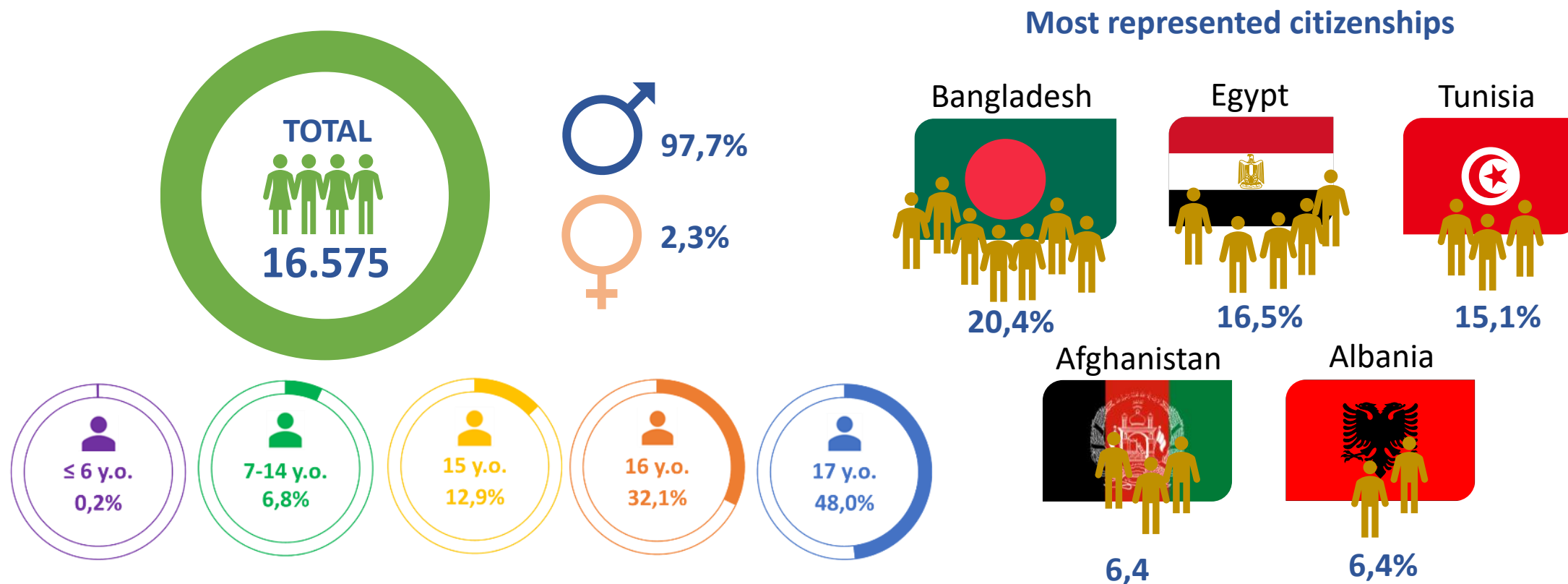


Hospitality

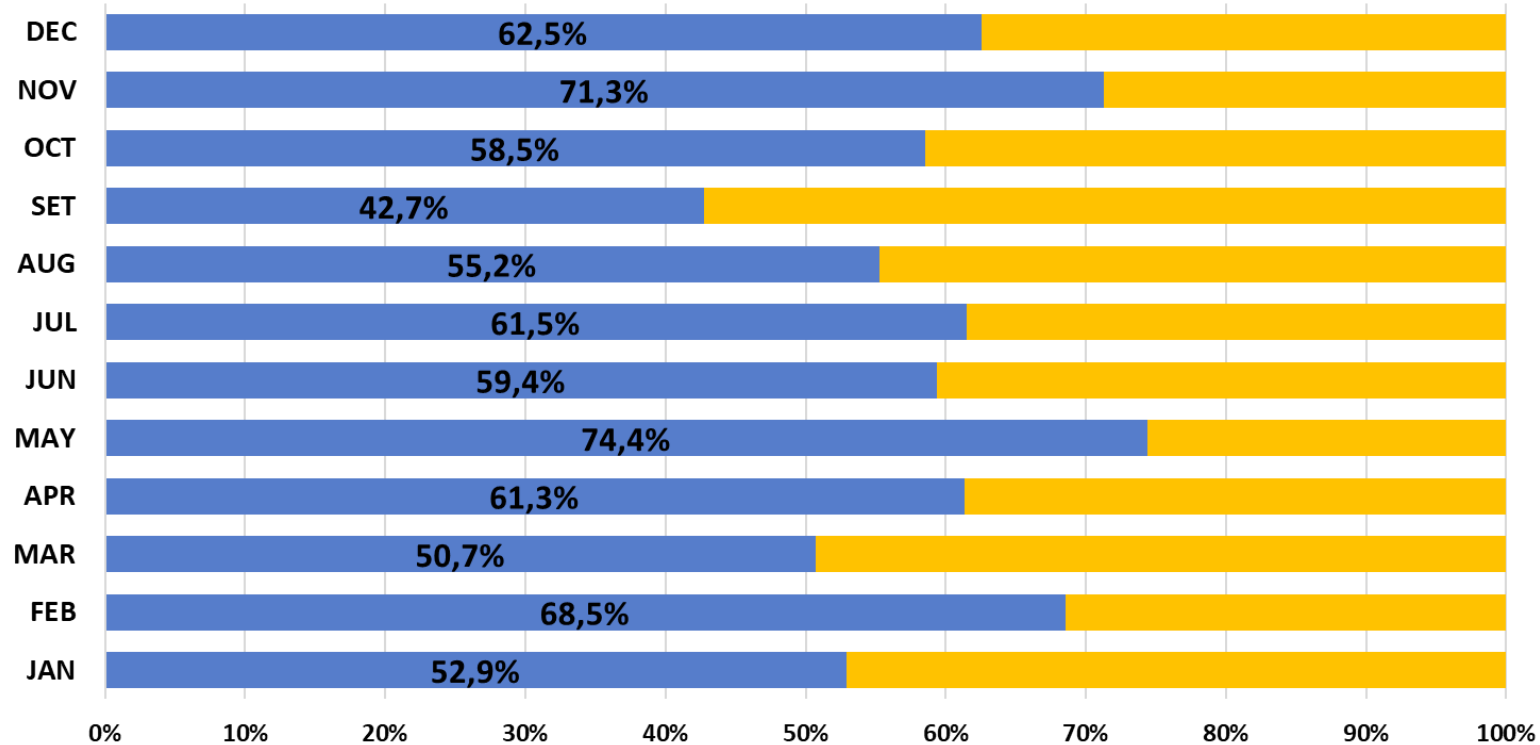


Reception facilities - 96% —> First reception facilities – 32,6%
Private - 4% —> Second reception facilities – 67,4%

ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING 2021



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ENTRY FOLLOWING LANDINGS



TRACK DOWN ON THE TERRITORY

AVG 62,5%



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1.894 in 2021

Most represented citizenships
Albania (26,4%), Bangladesh
(24,4%), Egypt (17,6%), Kosovo
(15,0%)

Regions most involved

Friuli-Venezia Giulia (23,8%),
Lombardy (15,8%)
Emilia-Romagna (10,6%),
Lazio (9,6%)



FAMILY TRACING



105 in 2021

The information obtained through family tracing is used to better calibrate the reception and integration process in Italy, and to evaluate the opportunity for assisted voluntary repatriation or family reunification pursuant to the Dublin Regulation.



INTEGRATION POLICIES



Percorsi



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Buba Camara



Buba, originally from **Gambia**, arrives in Sicily in 2016, at the age of seventeen. In **Palermo** he was given accommodation into a community for minors where he first undertakes to learn Italian. When, through his community, he discovers the possibility of conducting a six-month internship, as part of the **PUOI project**, at a technology store in Palermo, his face lights up. He absolutely wants to do it. **Computers**, together with the game of football are his passion. Today, he would like to stay and collaborate with his team, which is so close-knit, but he is aware that the experience gained and above all his commitment are the right cards to be able to achieve and continue his pathway in Italy in the best feasible way.

Denisa left **Albania** when she was sixteen. Her adopted city will become **Bologna**, where her curiosity and desire to learn will lead her to experience any opportunity offered to her. In fact, she undertakes an internship that allows her to work at a hotel as a receptionist and waiter. After the internship, Denisa was offered a work contract, but her, who in the meantime obtained a scholarship at the **UWC Adriatic of Duino** international school, decided to devote all her energy to studying, the main reason that led her to leave her country. In 2021, Denisa participates in the Changemaker Generation project promoted by Ashoka, the largest network of social entrepreneurs in the world, being among the winners with the idea of a psychological listening point for all minors who face such a delicate moment of their growth away from home and loved ones.

Denisa Cani



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Ibrahima Diassiguy



Ibrahima comes from **Senegal**, from which he left in search of a better life. He sets foot in Sicily when he is still seventeen, in 2018. Once in **Messina**, welcomed in a community for minors, he takes a course as a tour guide. His big opportunity, however, comes thanks to the possibility of conducting a six-month internship as part of the **PUOI project** at a **winery** located in an ancient Messina estate. His motivation is so strong that in brief period he can learn the job, convincing his employer to hire him for another year, with the possibility of renewal. For the moment, Ibrahima is fine, he could not ask for more. But for the future he has countless ideas for the future, which he jealously keeps to himself, waiting for the right moment to make them flourish.

Karim comes from **Egypt** and arrives in **Naples** alone in 2018 when he is still sixteen. Karim was given accommodation in a center for unaccompanied foreign minors and expresses his desire to undertake a pathway to learn how to make **pizza**, his dream. With the help of the community, he could follow two courses in a specialized school at the end of which he obtains the much sought-after qualification as a pizza maker. Then he did an internship at an important Neapolitan pizzeria in the *Vomero* district. He has no more doubts, this is the life for him. The owner is also of the same opinion, who hires him after the internship, allowing him to continue improving his perfect dough technique. Now his goal is to open his own pizzeria, not only one but two, one in Naples and one in Egypt, so as not to spend too much time away from his family.

Karim Gomaa



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Constantin Saghin



Constantin leaves **Moldova** at the end of 2019 when he is still sixteen, heading for Italy, to be precise **Padua**, where some of his compatriots already live. There, Karim was given accommodation into a community for minors through which he could work at a company that manufactures **sofas**. Constantin, who had never done this job before, is fully committed to this current activity by conducting an internship at the end of which he obtains an apprenticeship contract. Constantin has no doubts, he has found his dimension in Padua: a job he likes and gratifies him, through this opportunity he feels he can make his contribution to the society in which he lives; he has many friends, with whom he meets on Saturdays or Sundays to play soccer or to listen to music.



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