

Sistema di Protezione per Richiedenti Asilo e Rifugiati



# The Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (SPRAR)

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# The reception system in Italy

#### FIRST LEVEL Governmental centres

#### SECOND LEVEL Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees SPRAR



# The reception system in Italy

First level reception

Temporary Reception Centres CAS 122.146 capacity ( as at 2017) CPA / CARA 10.000 capacity (approx.)

Second level reception Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees SPRAR 35881 capacity (as at July 2018)



# **Second level reception: SPRAR**

The Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (SPRAR) is the Italian network for reception and integration of newcomers who are seeking or are already granted international protection





# **SPRAR - How does it work?**

SPRAR was created by Law No 189/2002

It is made up of a network of local institutions that implement reception projects for forced migrants

by accessing the National Fund for Asylum Policies and Services, managed by the Ministry of the Interior





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# **SPRAR**

- Sprar draws, within the limits of available resources, upon the National Fund for Asylum policies and services (FNPA) managed by the Interior Ministry.
- The SPRAR system is made up of the network of local institutions that implement reception project for forced migrant by accessing, within the available resources, managed by Ministry of the Interior and provided under the Government finance law.
- The access to the FNPA is controlled by an Interior Ministry decree, which sets out the conditions under which project proposals for integrated reception by local authorities may be made.

# **The SPRAR network**

A national network consisting of local projects that guarantee reception and integration, according to the guidelines established by the Ministry of Interior



# SPRAR system is based on the collaboration (formalized by a specific agreement) between

# Local authority, which owns the project and is primarily responsible for it

"Managing body" (Ente Gestore), usually a third-sector organization, which manages the majority of the operations and services within the reception/protection/integration project



# Objectives, approach and principles of the SPRAR system

#### Empowerment

- SPRAR's main objective is to provide support for each individual
  - in gaining independence
  - promoting their integration in Italian society, in terms of employment and housing integration, access to local services, social interaction and scholastic integration for minors. Rather than designing specific services, SPRAR aims at empowering refugees in order to access Universal welfare services.

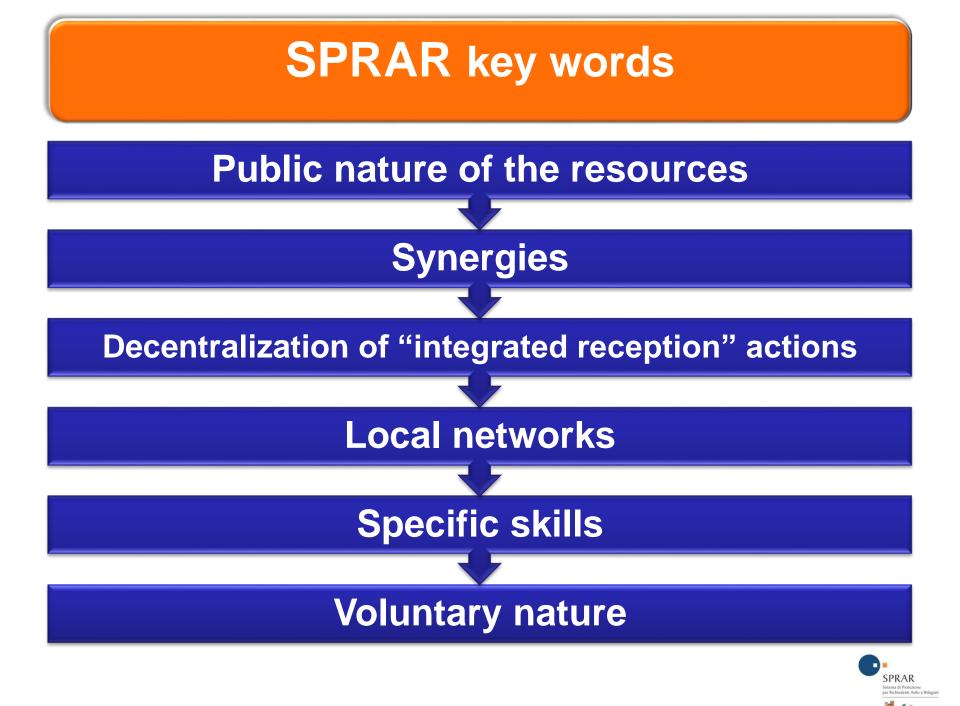
#### Integrated reception

 going beyond provision of food and housing: SPRAR, also offers complementary services such as legal and social guidance and support, and the development of individual programmes to promote socioeconomic inclusion and integration

# Networking with local communities

 each SPRAR project is an integral part of the local welfare: it is based on the construction and strengthening of local networks and on the active involvement of local actors





# **SPRAR key words: synergies**

#### Synergies, deeply based in each territory, between "managing bodies" and third sector players (associations, NGOs, cooperatives)



# **SPRAR key words: decentralisation**

#### Decentralization of "integrated reception" actions, carried out across the national territory with a presence in all Italian Regions



# **SPRAR key words: public nature**

Public nature of the resources and of the bodies that are politically responsible for providing reception - Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities according to the multilevel governance approach



# **SPRAR key words: local networks**

Local networks – stable, solid, interactive – promoted and developed with the involvement of all players and stakeholders for the success of the reception, protection and social inclusion measures



# SPRAR key words: specific skills

#### Specific skills of operators, strengthened over the years by in-the-field experience, by training and updating, ensured also at the central level



# SPRAR key words: voluntary nature

Voluntary nature of the local authorities' participation in the network, which testifies the political commitment by local authorities in choosing to plan the interventions to be carried out in their territory in favour of asylum seekers and refugees



#### **877 Local Projects**

681 for "ordinary" categories
144 for unaccompanied minors
52 for "vulnerable/disabled – mental disease"

Total reception positions 35.881Including:31 647 positions for "ordinary"<br/>categories3500 positions for unaccompanied<br/>minors734 positions for disabled or person<br/>with mental disease

The SPRAR network

> as at July 2018





#### **754 Local Authorities**

# 653 Municipalities 19 Provinces 82 Unions of Municipalities or other forms of Local Authorities' association

The SPRAR network

> as at july 2018





# The Central Service (Servizio Centrale)

Established by art. 32 of Law 189/2002 and activated by the Ministry of Interior, a convention entrusts its management to ANCI

is responsible for the coordination

and the technical support of activities promoted by local projects





# The Central Service's tasks

Managing of the national data bank

Monitoring of the activities locally undertaken for asylum seekers and refugees

Providing technical assistance and consultancy to local projects, including setting up services, operator's training and monitoring of projects' quality standards with regard to SPRAR guidelines

Supporting for information and awareness-raising activities



#### SPRAR Best practices Journalism workshop for refugees in Bologna







#### SPRAR Best practices Refugees participate in archaeological excavations







# **SPRAR Best practices**

"Bee my job", an urban apiary managed by asylum seekers and italian citizens in Alessandria



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#### SPRAR Best practices Rahaman, from Pakistan, teaches English language to city police officers in Caltanissetta



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