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## TOWARDS A EUROPEAN MODEL OF COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: THE THEORETICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS

The CoSME (Community Sponsorship for Migrants in Europe) project is a two-year research project of national interest (PRIN 2022), funded by the Italian Ministry for University and Research. It aims to explore the theoretical and institutional framework for a European model of community sponsorship – a concept intended to encompass all forms of public-private partnerships aimed at promoting the safe entry, initial reception and durable integration of migrants and refugees in Europe. While the EUAA Guidelines on a European Approach to Community Sponsorship are expected to provide a legal definition of community sponsorship at EU level, this project aims to fill a gap in legal studies on migration and asylum, which devote considerable attention to the analysis of legal pathways to entry, but mostly leave unexplored the link between these pathways and the subsequent processes of integration and inclusion of migrants and refugees in host communities. The three research units involved – the University of Bologna, the University of Turin and the University of Tuscia – are working on three case studies (namely: university corridors for refugees, urban and rural employment through migrant sponsorship and public-private partnerships for managing mass displacement), selected on the basis of the research unit's expertise and in view of their topicality within EU reception, integration and legal migration policies, as well as for the new EU framework on resettlement and legal pathways. For each case study, a set of success factors of community sponsorship at national level will be identified and assessed in order to provide an informed understanding of: (i) the common denominator of promising EU schemes; (ii) the minimum administrative and operational conditions for policy transfer; and (iii) the potential of these forms of responsibility sharing for the protection of fundamental rights and the development of transnational solidarity in the EU.

**Consortium:** The scientific consortium is led by the University of Tuscia (Principal Investigator: Daniela Vitiello, Assistant Professor of EU Law) and includes 2 other units: the University of Bologna (Associate Investigator: Marco Borraccetti, Associate Professor of EU Law) and the University of Turin (Associate Investigator: Stefano Montaldo, Associate Professor of EU Law). Each unit brings together a variety of skills and expertise, ranging from law to economics, political science, engineering and sociology.

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