

**Città di Messina**



# **3° TRANSNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

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**National Net of SPRAR (Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees): the experience of Messina (Castroreale and Rodì Milici) by Coop. Azione Sociale**

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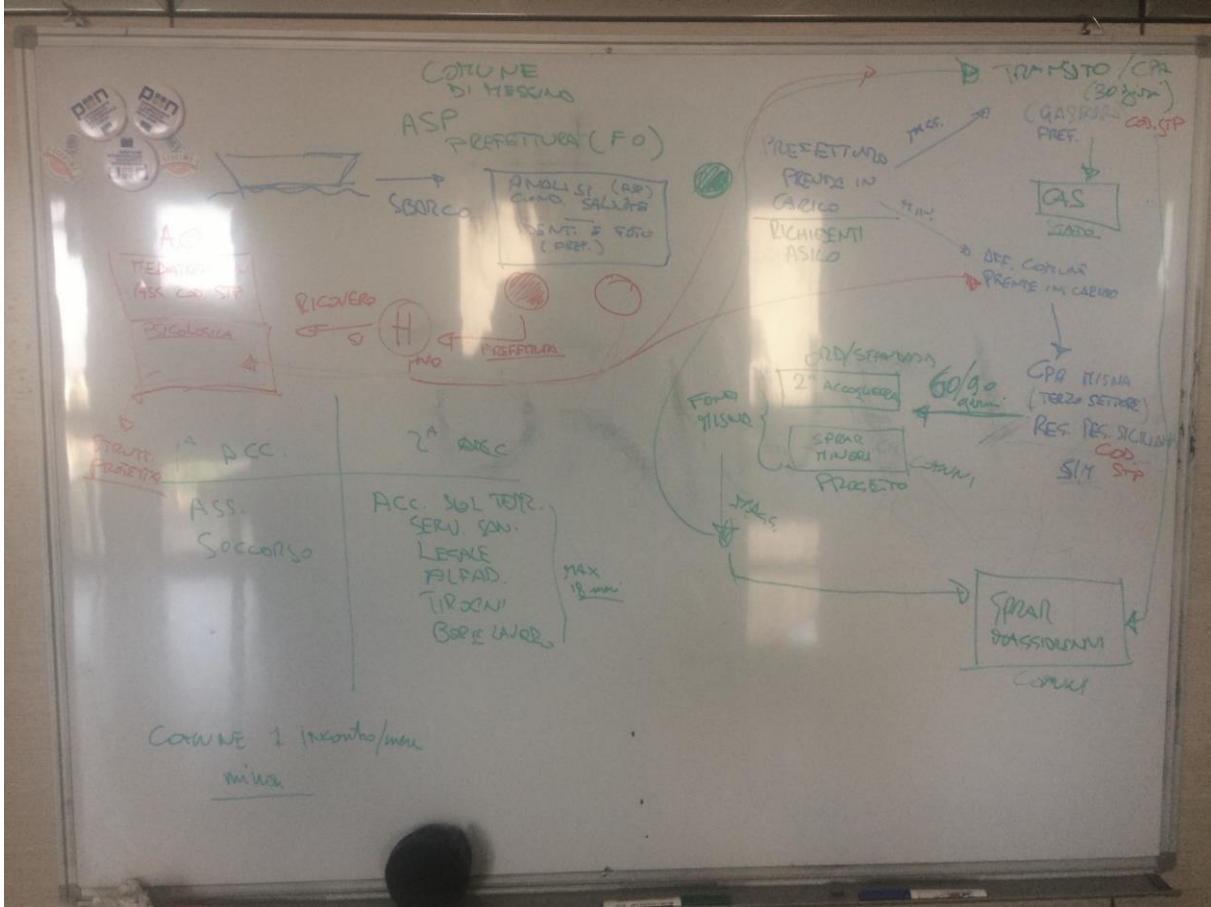


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# How welcoming system works

## Brief overview

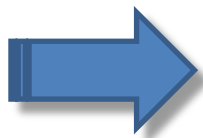


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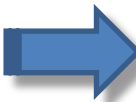


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Other adult people are carried to the structures for first welcoming (local, regional or national)



Unaccompanied minors are entrusted with a special centers managed by third sector organizations or familie for temporary adoption.



- disembarkment operations**
- Prefecture of Messina;
  - Italian Red Cross;
  - Police;
  - Municipality of Messina;
  - Public Healthcare Organizations



Analysis of health conditions  
 Registration ID, photos and fingerprint  
 Clothes and other goods of first needs are provided;  
 An STP code is provided for free access to all healthcare national services;

People which need healthcare services are carried to the hospital.  
 Woman and children have a different treatment, psicological in particular.  
 The figure of cultural mediator is very important.



**CARA** (Center for Asylum Seekers) managed by Gov, and **SPRAR** (Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees), managed by local authorities through special projects

After about 60 days, people are untrestd to special structurese for second welcoming

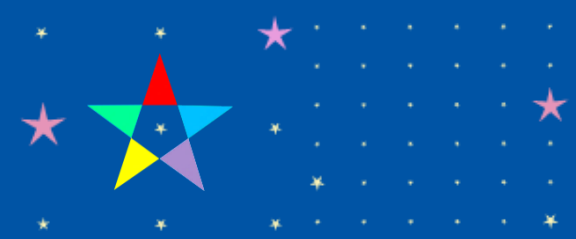


**SPRAR** is the system is becoming a good model of welcoming. In the SPRAR centers migrants are aided to learn italian and a work, to know their rights and duties.

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# What is the National Net of SPRAR



## SPRAR

Sistema di Protezione  
per Richiedenti Asilo e Rifugiati

*The Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (SPRAR), created by Law N. 189/2002, is made up of the 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 and provided under the Government finance law.*



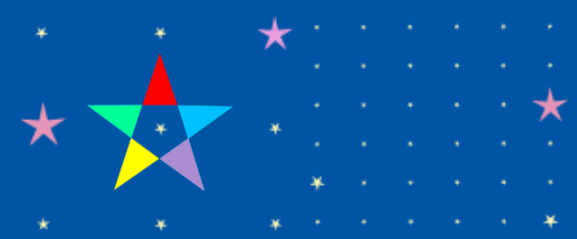
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# How does SPRAR work?



The Italian reception system is based on the collaboration between different levels of government



Ministry of the Interior



ANCI-National Association of Italian Municipalities



Local authorities with the involvement of the so-called third sector (NGO's, associations)

# The numbers of SPRAR

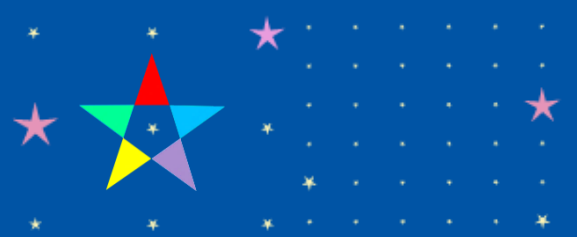


<b>PROGETTI</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>501</b> ordinari <b>95</b> per minori non accompagnati e <b>44</b> per persone con disagio mentale o disabilità
<b>ENTI LOCALI TITOLARI DI PROGETTO</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>482</b> Comuni <b>21</b> Province <b>14</b> Unioni di Comuni <b>4</b> Comunità Montane <b>25</b> Altri Enti (ambiti territoriali e sociali, consorzi intercomunali, società della salute)  <i>Oltre 1.000 comuni coinvolti in totale</i>
<b>POSTI FINANZIATI</b>	<b>25.838</b>	<b>23.239</b> ordinari <b>2.007</b> per minori non accompagnati <b>592</b> per persone con disagio mentale o disabilità

## In Sicily

- n. 4536 total seats
- n. 554 for unaccompanied minors
- n. 80 local authorities involved
- n. 107 projects in progress

# The numbers of SPRAR



## In Messina

- n. 335 seats
- n. 18 for unaccompanied minors
- n. 9 local authorities involved
- n. 11 projects in progress

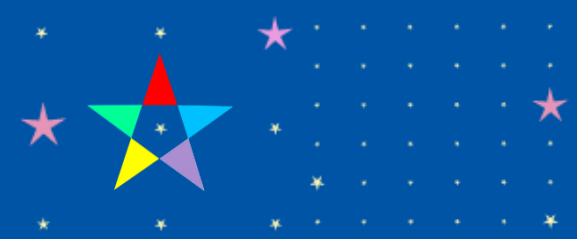


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# Developing a SPRAR work



All activities are possible thanks to a multidisciplinary group with hard skills:

- Cultural mediator
- Social worker
- Professional educator
- Psychologist
- Legal counsel

**Every group is led by a Project Manager Coordinator**



# Castroreale and Rodì Milici

## *The case study*



Castroreale and Rodì Milici are two small centres respectively of 2650 and 2150 inhabitants in the metropolitan area of Messina (Sicily).

Here the **Cooperative (Coop.) Azione Sociale** is the managing body of two projects, respectively 21 and 30 seats, broken down by family units, coming from different African and Asian countries.

## Objective and Aims

To activate pathways for the reception and integration of migrants on the territory through the activation of awareness-raising and social inclusion paths.

# Castroreale and Rodì Milici

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### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Cultural-linguistic Mediation;
- ✓ Accommodation;
- ✓ Orientation and Access to the Services on the Territory;
- ✓ Education;
- ✓ Professional Requalification;
- ✓ Orientation and Facilitation to Work Integration;
- ✓ Orientation and Integration into the Housing Market;
- ✓ Facilitation of Social Integration;
- ✓ Legal Support;
- ✓ Social and Health Services.

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### METHODOLOGY

- ✓ constant work of networking;
- ✓ balance of the individual skills of the beneficiaries;
- ✓ individualized planning through personal take charge of beneficiaries



**socio-occupational inclusion through the activation of professional trainings**

**use of young skilled workers through continuous training initiatives**

**involvement of youth groups (sports and cultural associations) in the socialization activities envisaged by the project**



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### Three Good Ends – Three Good beginnings

**Ebrima** (Gambia) after nine months of apprenticeship as a pizza cooker in Messina, was hired indefinitely in a pizzeria in the city centre and thanks to the support of the team found an apartment that she shared with Two other former beneficiaries

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### Three Good Ends – Three Good beginnings



**Toumani** (Malian), a lover of reading, spent nine months at the Feltrinelli bookstore, where he also worked as a waitress and barman. Thanks to the skills acquired and the knowledge of the French language he found work in a well-known restaurant of Lipari (Eolian islands) during the summer and the owner, pleased with his work, intends to call him back in the early months of next year to reopen the premises. Meanwhile, with the support of the team he found a rented apartment that shares with two students of university of Messina



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### Three Good Ends – Three Good beginnings



**Charles** (Nigerian), welcomed at Rodì Milici (ME) together with his companion and daughter born in Italy. Helped by the team, is placed in the CPIA where he reaches the third school graduation with good grades. Then he holds a training in a garden centre company of Terme Vigliatore (ME) where he is later recruited and settled with his family. He returns to greet the project operators periodically and is a point of reference for fellow countrymen. He has since become father of his second son.

# Why is SPRAR approach good ?



**different practices of widespread reception**

**involvement of local authorities during design of project  
integration with territorial services**

**the start-up of individual paths of socio-occupational  
integration**

**activation of professional trainings consistent with the  
balance of competences.**



# Final considerations for Peer Review



## Challenges/difficulties you have faced in development and implementation

- Small Communities where SPRARs are implemented tend to show drag and distrust
- Dialogue between Central System of SPRAR Net and Local developers is difficult.

What two questions /issues would you like the peer reviewers to focus on?

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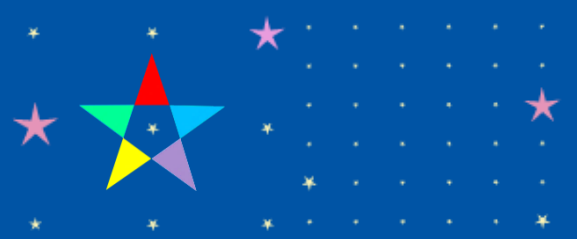
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## 1. How to guarantee continuity of work integration after the time in a SPRAR Centre (6/9 months max)

*Good opportunity about work integration could come from the small centres where SPRASs are developed*

## 2. How to have an hard involvement of local community



Grazie Thanks  
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**Obrigado** dziękować  
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Tack děkuji paldies  
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