



The Future of Villages – Refugees as a Key to Sustainability

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Today is World Refugee Day and it is 65 years ago that the UN convention relating to the status of refugees was agreed upon. Unfortunately there is no reason to celebrate: the number of displaced people is higher than ever since WWII.

Looking at Europe, economic and demographic strengths are unevenly spread between countries and between urban and rural areas. Such unbalance seriously limits refugee absorption and has led to a “European Solidarity Crisis”; a crisis which is often mistaken for a lack of refugee acceptance.

Refival’s answer is to spread jobs/tasks to deprived, mostly rural, zones. The “Fourth Industrial Revolution” generates the job flexibility required; Internet based tasks can be moved to people instead of people to jobs.

Inclusion of rural areas should be top priority both at government policy as well as at corporate social responsibility level. It addresses the disadvantage of the more than 100 million people currently living at rural locations and would assist many refugees and unemployed who will face much better employment and integration chances there.

I need your help! If you are aware of other organizations or people who could be interested in working with me and implement Refival, please forward them my latest presentation: [“The Future of Villages: Refugees as a Key to Renewing Rural Sustainability”](#). I would be very grateful for this!

Kind Regards,

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