



ORDRE DE MALTE  
FRANCE

France

*Refugee and Migrant Aid*



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## I. Changes and Trends since May 2017 in France

- Main new development: new law proposal on asylum and migration with the aim to shorten asylum procedures, increase in length of pre-removal detention and better support towards integration
- Future trends affecting refugee and migrant aid in France: limited access to the asylum procedure, increase in the number of migrants placed in detention centers
- Internally:
  - Development of French as a Foreign Language activities with volunteers
  - Board's acceptance to submit bid responses to open accommodation centers for refugees
- Tightening of links with Malteser Werke with a two-day visit to a ZUE in Hamm



## II. Challenges and Expertise

### Challenges

- What are major national challenges you currently face?
  - Overreliance on pre-removal detention despite its lack of efficacy
  - Lack of integration prospects for refugees, especially with regard to work
  - Relative lack of knowledge on refugee and migrant based issues leading to preconceived ideas

### Expertise

- Ordre de Malte France is viewed as a non-militant organisation that remains factual and objective : our lobbying activities are centred on providing statistics and fact-based arguments
- Focus on cooperation with stakeholders and partnership whenever possible
- Focus on technical lobbying (e.g. through amendments) and not on campaigning
- Ordre de Malte France valued for the high quality of its work and for its apolitical stance

### III. Best practice: French as a foreign language for parents of young children at the platform

- Parents of young children not attending school are often excluded from attending French as a foreign language classes because their children can't be looked after
- Ordre de Malte France is offering classes focusing specifically on what parents need to know in French to access healthcare, exchange more easily with school teachers, access libraries... whilst their children (0 to 3) are looked after by volunteers in a play room
- Parents get to focus on learning whilst their children get to play with other children and volunteers
- We are currently recruiting beneficiaries living close to the platform to help look after children whilst getting help with looking for work