



International Visitor Leadership Program

U.S. Department of State

INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

A Project for France

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

- Examine U.S. refugee resettlement policies and practices at the federal, state, and local levels;
- Introduce the role of nongovernmental organizations in the refugee resettlement process;
- Observe best practices of educational institutions in integrating refugees and immigrants;
- Examine U.S. laws and policies that protect the civil rights of refugees and immigrants and the role of advocacy organizations that work to safeguard those rights;
- Introduce academic research on immigration to the United States; and
- Study diverse perspectives in the debate over reforming U.S. immigration laws.

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France

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Director, ELIA Association

Ms. Fanny Nicole Suzy RUINART DE BRIMONT

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

France

Name: **Dr. Fabrice David BIZET**

Present Position: Director, ELIA Association

Previous Positions: Department Head, Housing Initiative, ELIA, 2010 - 2016
Social Worker, Housing Initiative, ELIA, 2006 - 2010
Organizer, Priority Education Zone, Ministry of Education, 1998 - 2004

Education/Training: Doctorate, Sociology of Migrations and Inter-Ethnic Relations, University of Paris VII, 2011
Master's Degree, Advanced Studies in Migrations and Inter-Ethnic Relations, University of Paris VII, 2004
Master's Degree, Management of Urban Education and Social Policy, University of Paris VII, 2003

Selected Publications: “Non-Profit Engagement of African Women in Paris and its Suburbs.” University of Paris, Social Solidarity Study Center, 2003

“Between Marginality and Citizenship: The Path of Young Women of North African Origin.” University of Paris, Society and Migration Research Unit, 2004

Report to the National Agency of Social Cohesion and Equal Opportunity: “Non-Profit, Political, and Union Engagement of Women of Black African, North African, and Comorian Origin in Marseille,” 2005.

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U. S. Travel: Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC

Other Travel: Greece, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Morocco, Denmark

Professional Background: Dr. Fabrice Bizet is the Director of the nonprofit ELIA Association, the main refugee resettlement partner of the Bouches

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du Rhône Region government. Based in Marseille, ELIA works with individuals who have received official refugee status, developing tailored plans to assist with integration and self-determination. In addition to language acquisition and developing job skills, ELIA addresses needs such as housing, healthcare and education. In his role as Director, Dr. Bizet emphasizes the importance of refugees being closely involved in the process of making decisions and setting goals for their lives in France.

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Previous Positions: Head, Counter-Trafficking and Unaccompanied Minors, International Organization for Migration, Paris, 2009 - 2011
Project Assistant, International Organization For Migration, Paris/Calais, 2009
Project Assistant, Menedek - Hungarian Association For Migrants, Budapest, Hungary, 2007
Cultural Assistant, Alliance Française, Pondicherry, India, 2006-2007

Education/Training: Master's Degree, International Relations and Peace Building, Institute for Political Studies, Lille, 2009
Bachelor's Degree, International Relations, Institute for Political Studies, Lille, 2007

Publications: “Counter-Trafficking Directory for Consulates and Embassies Staff,” IOM Reports, 2016

“Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Measures for the Integration of Trafficked Persons,” IOM Reports, 2013

“An Overview of National Integration Schemes Accessible to Victims of Trafficking and Successful Practices,” IOM Reports, 2013

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de Brimont develops initiatives that support IOM's commitment to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. Her work has focused on facilitating the resettlement of refugees in France and protecting migrants against trafficking. Her initiatives at IOM Paris include production of an informational video used by IOM staff in countries of departure (Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan) to provide legal and cultural orientation information to Syrian refugees before their resettlement in France. She also served as developer and coordinator of a French national project providing reintegration assistance to trafficking victims returning voluntarily to third countries. This project also provided training to civil servants of the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII) on identification and referral of trafficking victims.

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