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Inspiration from Restad Gård

**Re:ACT** was established

Restad Gård

Activities

Cooperation

Together



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**Self organization and strategic  
cooperation**

# Challenges

- No representation
- Hierarchal decision making processes with no credibility among the target group
- Lack of co- creation and joint problem identification
- Not enough cross- sectorial work
- Lack of openness for internal and external change

# ReAct – Overview

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## ➤ Self- organization

Creating self organized groups (support groups)

## ➤ Strategic cooperation

- Identifying local key actors
- Creating platforms with joint objectives
- Including Support Group in the planning and implementation process

## ➤ Intercultural dialog

As an approach

# What do we want to achieve?

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- Make refugees actors for their own matters
- Pave way for refugees to become part of the local civil society
- Create platforms for cooperation between civil society and important municipal/public actors
- Create a movement that challenges the general idea of who should be a caregiver and who should be a caretaker
- Re-structure local patterns of working with integration in a way that is inclusive
- Work with local social sustainability

# Mobilisation and empowerment

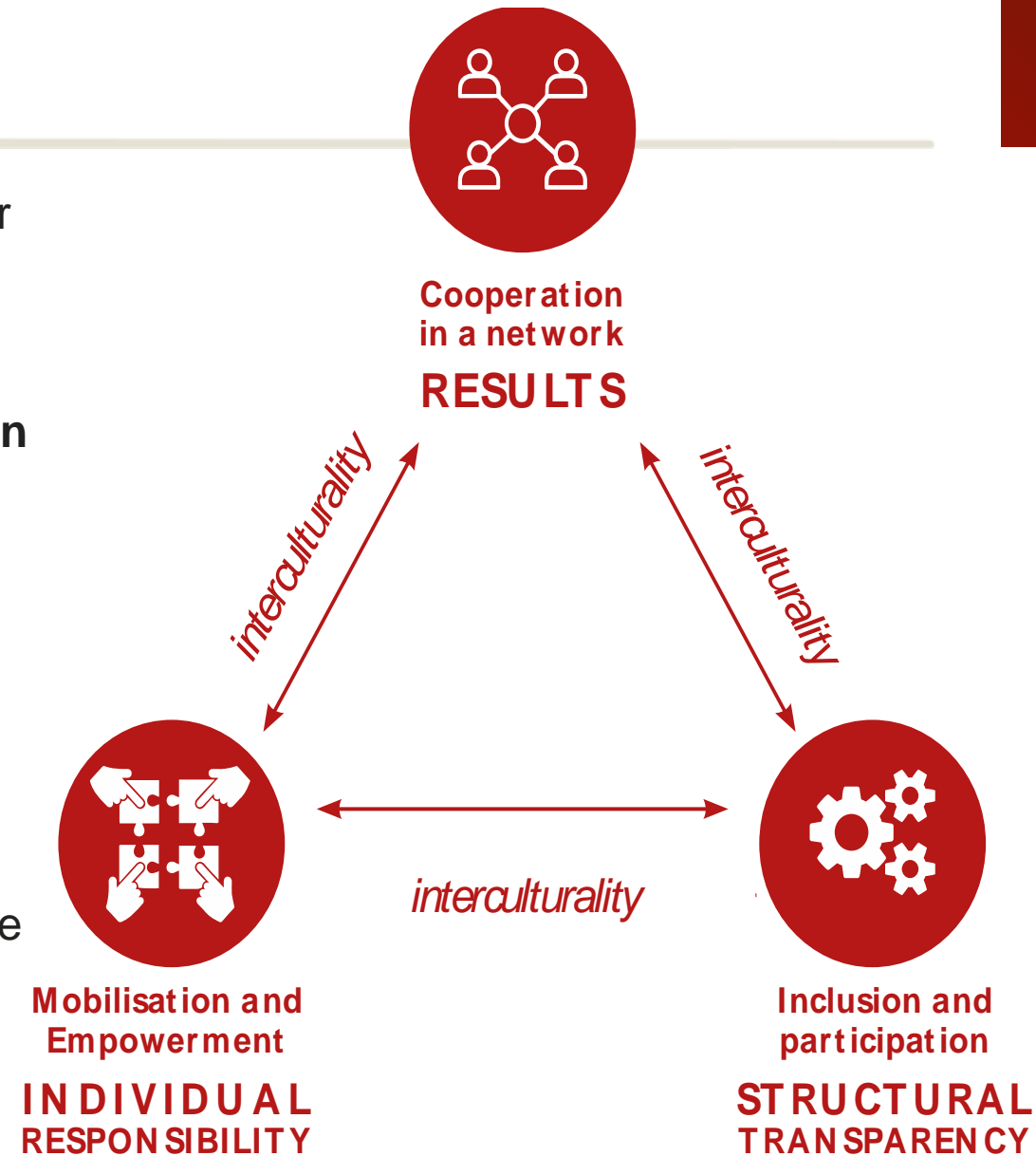
**Mobilisation and empowerment** is in this context to empower refugees and support them to become independent actors of their own matters.

**To voice their experiences and needs collectively, and get the mandate to initiate and implement activities projects on their own terms.**

This ensures that the activities are need-based and that the refugees themselves are the active actors in the creation of their own work.

## Individual responsibility

In addition, this requires that the individual knows and understands the societal context in which he/she will participate and act on their own terms regardless of cultural, religious and linguistic boundaries.



## – Why support groups?

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- In ReAct, self-organisation is about creating opportunities for the individuals to make their own situation better. Self-organisation can be accomplished with a small group of children, youth and adults or a larger group of people defining their **own objectives** and **solutions** in their own lives.

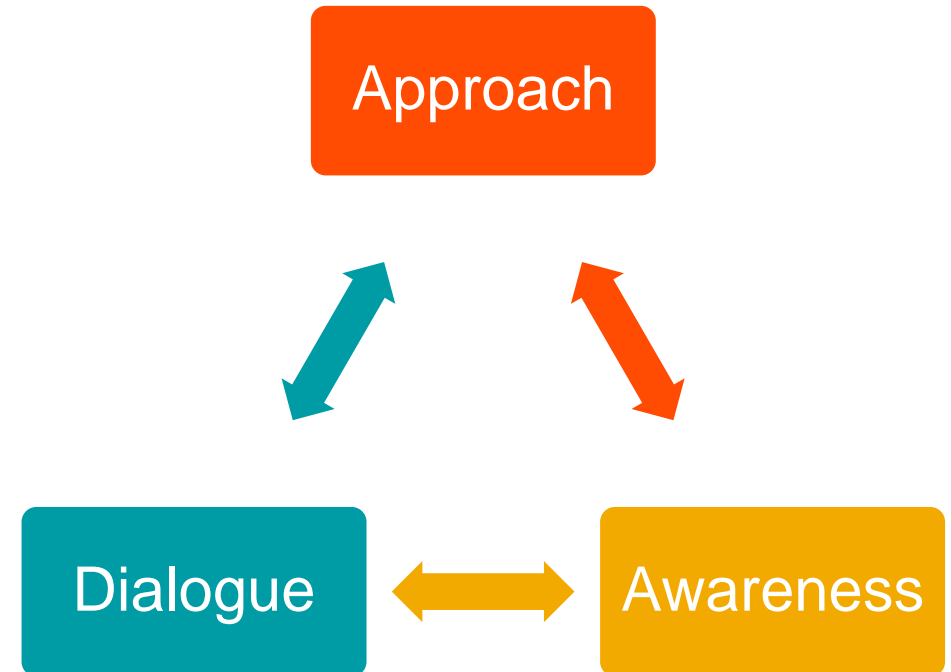
### Empowerment means:

- **autonomy, take ownership and responsibility for oneself and the community.**
- **to empower people to act, to be active and use the own resources, talents and expertise for the benefit of the society.**
- **is a positive attitude.**
- **is responsibility.**

# Intercultural approach in ReAct

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**In ReAct concept, the intercultural approach needs to be present at all times.**





**Explore**  
Plan  
Mobilize  
Drive  
Evaluate





\*With ReAct project 16 Support Groups in asylum camps and cities in more than 13 Municipalities.

\*Groups in the Cities and not only in

- Refugee camps, and work with newcomers as well.

- \* Helping and working with Networks in municipalities.

- \* Needs assessment, and working with the children rights perspective.

- \* Needs based activities.

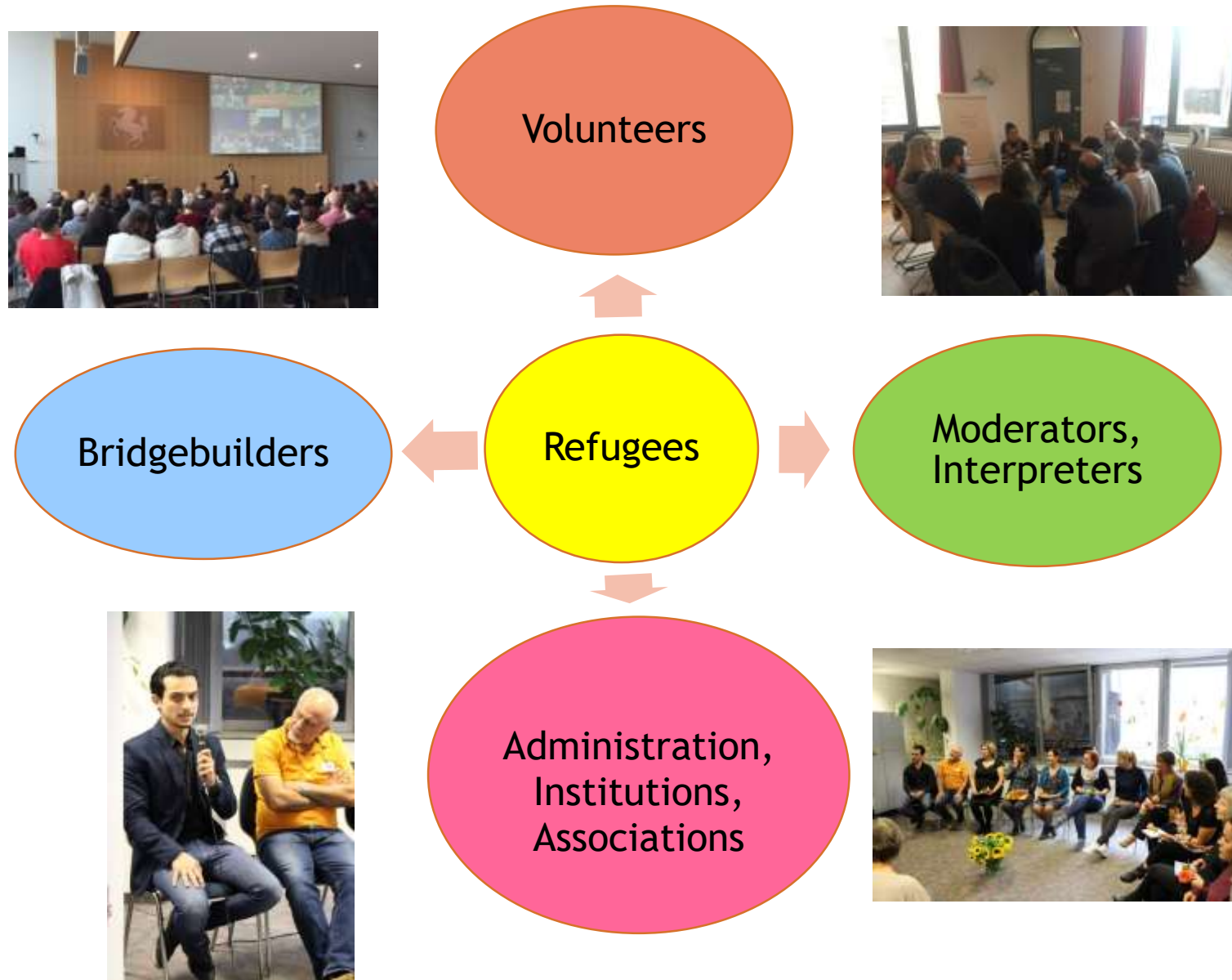
- \* Supporting jobs and internship creation for refugees.

- \* Advocacy on all Levels.

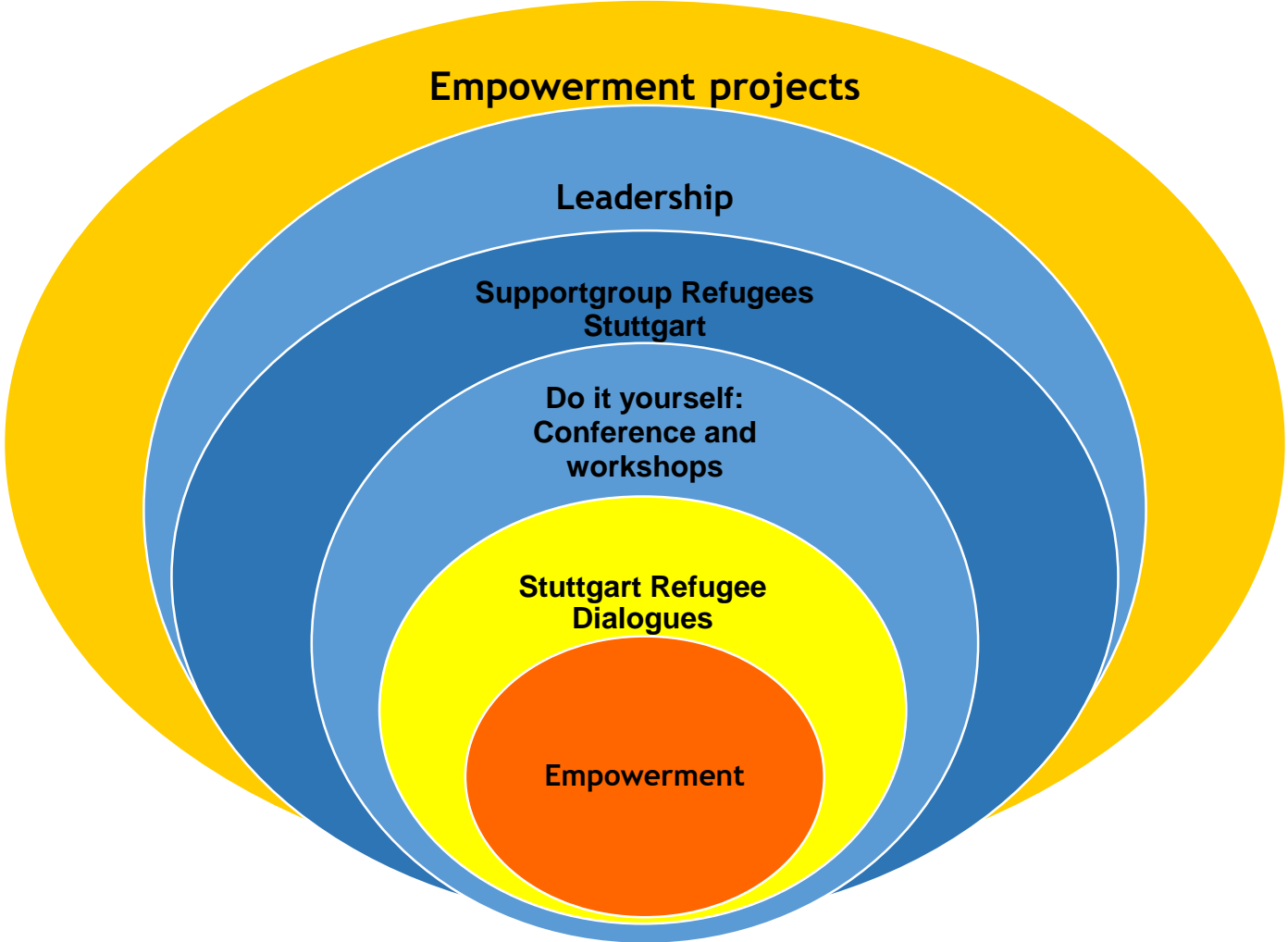
\* Becoming part of national projects.

\* Spread in EU

# Who is empowering whom?



# Dialogue-Cooperation-Empowerment-Leadership co-creation



Over 500  
refugee  
volunteered  
with the  
Support  
Groups  
to organize  
and lead  
activities



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