Refugee Integration: Local perspectives in contrasting European contexts

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“In a Europe without internal borders member States and the EU need to act on the basis of a common vision. This is a prerequisite for managing legal immigration and integration, fighting illegal immigration whilst upholding universal values such as protection of refugees, respect for human dignity and tolerance.”

Communication on ‘A common immigration policy for Europe; principles, actions and tools’, June 2008.
Defining ‘Integration’…. 

- Contested  
  (Robinson, 1998; Castles et al., 2001)  

- Culturally determined  
  (Kuhlman, 1991)  

- Always in a process of change  
  (Castles et al., 2003).
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Markers & Means

Employment  Housing  Education  Health

Social Connection

Bridges  Bonds  Links

Facilitators

Language & Cultural Knowledge  Security & Stability

Foundation

Rights & Citizenship

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Rights valued by refugees:

- Permanent right of residence
- Family reunification
- Safety
- Human dignity
- Independence
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Key References:
