



PIN – Psychosocial Innovation Network is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization. PIN was founded in 2015 with the goal of gathering psychologists engaged in research as well as in provision of direct services, to form a team of experts to work together on the development and implementation of comprehensive and evidence-based models of psychosocial support. This model is set to engage beneficiaries, service providers, local communities and policy makers in creation of systemic and sustainable solutions for mental health protection.

PIN's main activities are divided into four program areas:

- 1) Psychological interventions and counselling;
- 2) Psychosocial support, including various educational programs;
- 3) Research;
- 4) Advocacy work

Since its founding, PIN has been engaged in mental health protection of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and has been recognized as one of the leading actors in this field in Serbia. As partner of UNHCR, IOM, UNFPA, EU, OXFAM, IRC, DIFID and Kahane foundation, PIN has been providing culturally sensitive psychological support and counselling in asylum/reception centers and shelters for UAMs, acting as a focal point for multisectoral collaboration in mental health protection of refugees in Serbia. Moreover, PIN, in collaboration with the Asylum Office, regularly conducts psychological assessment for the asylum procedure which led to a first positive decision on granting international protection in Serbia, which took into account psychological state of the applicant. In collaboration with UNHCR and Red Cross, since 2016 we have been conducting research on mental health of refugees in Serbia, following trends, as well as risk and protective factors for psychological vulnerability and resilience.

As a partner of WHO, UNHCR, EU, OSF and Divac foundation PIN has been engaged in capacity building and advocacy work aiming at reaching long-term solutions for the improvement of the mental health protection system. With the support of the WHO, we were involved in creation of national guidance on mental health protection, adopted by the Ministry of Health and Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia. In addition, in collaboration with WHO and Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, we established a *Working Group for Protection and Improvement of Mental Health of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants*, a national coordination mechanism that gathers representatives of governmental institutions, international agencies and NGOs involved in mental health protection of displaced people in Serbia.

In 2020, PIN has founded the Consortium on Refugees' and Migrants' Mental Health (CoReMH) with the goal of gathering experts that will work together towards establishing a common framework for the provision of mental health and psychosocial services to the refugee, asylum seeker and migrant populations on the European transit route.