



## Mersin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) – Capacity Building Project

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The project Mersin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) was carried out between 2017 and 2019 with the support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Confederation of Danish Industry (budget: EUR 200,488).

The objective was the Integration of Refugee Driven Enterprises (RDEs) into the MCCI and contribute to the resilience of RDEs and SMEs operating in the catchment area of MCCI. The project included: acknowledging the importance of Refugee Driven Enterprises (RDEs) and incentivizing the RDE to engage in the Chamber's activities that would result in their membership to the MCCI.

The primary outcome of the project has been that the RDEs importance has been acknowledged and that the RDE in turn have accepted that there is potential reward from engaging in the activities of the Chamber. The MCCI were, perhaps as a result of very sudden increase in the number of SuTPs, reluctant to recognise this part of the membership. However, the project has showcased that there is a significant growth potential within the group of RDEs and a strong interest in becoming a member of the Chamber.

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