Title of Proposal: ITHACA

## Interconnecting Histories and Archives for Migrant Agency: Entangled Narratives Across Europe and the Mediterranean Region

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#### Abstract

Migrations and forced population displacements are crucial phenomena in the contemporary world. The mass movements of migrants and refugees dominate the political debate and agenda at a global level. Socially, they have redefined entire societies, opening up fractures and opportunities, and putting to test national codes of belonging. Migrant and refugee voices and narratives have been too often neglected or disregarded by governments and international and local institutions, even by humanitarian agencies. Collecting, preserving, giving voice and value to migrant and refugee stories - as individual, family, and communities - is the very first step to promote politics of relief, empowerment, inclusion and participation. In this effort, past and present encounter and confront themselves.

#### **Objectives**

The ITHACA project aims at focusing on migrants themselves and at giving value to their narrations in a rigorous historical framework, through an interdisciplinary methodology, identifying continuities and ruptures, and adopting a comparative and transnational approach. In order to achieve these ambitious goals, the project intends to boost the collaboration between scholars, archivists, migrant and refugee organisations and the complex reality of stakeholders involved in their journey, arrival and assistance (non-governmental organisations, coastguards, police, doctors, psychologists, local and national authorities, international agencies) in order to define and promote efficient practices of document conservation and sharing, thus avoiding the loss of mass paper and digital documentation through archival sessions. The analysis of specific case studies will go beyond the existing state of the art to furnish fresh and interdisciplinary archival-based approaches and results, which will be shared through open-access scientific dissemination and public communication channels. The project intends to preserve and create entangled and historical-based narratives, challenging the former paradigm of analysis and deepening the most recent and innovative tendencies of the historiography of these fields. This will result in informed policies promoting migrant agency, active participation and inclusion.

### **BUDGET HORIZON**

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