#33 Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group Meeting

15 May 2025

Minutes of meeting #32 **Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Working Group**	
Location, Date & Time	Hybrid meeting from RomExpo, Bucharest and on Teams, Wednesday 16 April, from 13:00 to 15:00
Co-Chairs	Besnik Ligaçi (UNHCR) and Laurentia Mereuta (World Vision)
Agenda	

13:00 – 13:10	Arrival & Networking	
13:10 – 13:15	Opening Remarks, UNHCR	Besnik Ligaçi, Associate Livelihood & Economic Inclusion Officer
13:15 – 13:30	European project IMMERSED – a social innovation initiative aimed at supporting the professional, financial, and emotional integration of Ukrainian refugees in host countries	Adela Popovici, Project Manager - IMMERSED
13:30 – 14:00	Refugees, Entrepreneurship & Employment Challenges, World Vision	Laurentia Mereuta, Strategic Manager, National Office Romania
14:00 – 14:15	Overview of Upcoming Job Fairs in May 2025	Teodora Rogozea-Weatherlake, Senior Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Associate
14:15 – 14:25	Other updates and discussions	Other LEI WG Members
14:25	Next Steps & Closing Remarks, World Vision	Laurentia Mereuta, Strategic Manager, National Office Romania

Participants	In total, 22 people were participating, both in person and online.

	Discussion	**Action Points**
Presentation Heks Eper	Presentation of the cross-border project: Ensuring employment sustainability and financial resilience through a multi-layered model of well-being and immersion for Ukrainian Refugees in local communities, “IMMERSED”.	Presentation may be found in the ShareDrive HERE For more details, please contact adela.popovici@heks-eper.org

Presentation from World Vision	Presentation of World Vision Romania: update on entrepreneurship activities and introduction of the Entrepreneurship survey realised in 2025.	Presentation may be found in the ShareDrive HERE For more details, please contact laurentia_mereuta@wvi.org
Presentation from UNHCR	Overview of Upcoming Job Fairs in May 2025 **registration link to the upcoming Job Fair**	Presentation may be found in the ShareDrive HERE For more details, please contact rogozeaw@unhcr.org