

UNINETTUNO at UN Headquarters to present University for Refugees

On January 7th, 2019, at UN headquarters of New York, the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO presented the project “University for Refugees”, a multilingual portal created with the aim to give refugees and asylum seekers (also living in international refugee camps) the chance to access for free UNINETTUNO academic programs. All programs are delivered in five languages (Arabic, English, Italian, French, Greek) via the platform of the UNINETTUNO University. The project has the goal to facilitate the inclusion of the refugees in the society of the host countries by providing the access to University by means of the new technologies.

The project was displayed in the framework of the #JoinTogether Network Conference organized by the Du Montfort University from Leicester UK. During the event The Rector of UNINETTUNO prof. Maria Amata Garito signed the declaration of subscription to the global network #JoinTogether, supported by the organization Academic Impact of the UN, which represents a network of universities coming from every corner of the world engaged to pursue the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By today, 12.680 students have been downloading UNINETTUNO’s app to their mobile phones in order to learn Italian, 480 are the refugee and asylum seekers enrolled to the programs available on UNINETTUNO portal “University for Refugees”. On January 7th, 2019, the first student of the University for Refugees earned a Master Degree in “European Law and Policies”, with a dissertation on “European integration and foreign policy”. He comes from Cameroon, where he had already earned a Bachelor degree. He is a political refugee in Italy, where he arrived in 2016 onboarding on European coasts, together with hundreds of people. Today he holds a study diploma delivered by a European university and he is ready to build his life anew with dignity.