

RECEPTION CENTER ON THE FERRY

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GENERAL INFO

HISTORY OF THE SITE

GALLERY

TEAM BEHIND IT

TYPE

temporary accommodation center on the Méditerranée ferry

STRUCTURE

a 500-cabin ferry operated by the Corsica Linea shipping company on the Marseille-Algiers line. It has been temporarily docked in the port of Marseille in France.

TIME TO BUILD

n/a

OPERATION TIME

March 29 – June 10, 2022

FUNDING

French Ministry of Interior

TOTAL COST

appx. EUR 6 mm for 73 days of operation, including the provision of free daily meal service in the onboard restaurant, childcare, French lessons, psychological support, and medical and administrative services.

OF REFUGEES

930 people (60% of Ukrainian refugees in the Bouches-du-Rhône prefecture in France)

AVERAGE AREA PER RESIDENT

n/a

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The Méditerranée had been out of service for much of the pandemic, while cross-border travel restrictions were in place. Within days, the operator of Corsica Linea and the French government were discussing the details of turning the dormant boat into a floating center for refugees. For French officials, the idea of a refugee boat was appealing in part for practical reasons - Marseille faces a housing crisis, with affordable space in short supply even before the influx of Ukrainian refugees¹⁰. The ferry housed 60% of Ukrainian refugees in the Bouches-du-Rhône prefecture in France.

In addition to accommodation, the ferry offered various additional services, including free daily meal service, laundry, childcare, psychological, employment, medical and administrative services, and French lessons¹¹. A total of approximately 6 mm in operation included:

- EUR 4 mm for the provision of the 1,600-seater boat and its crew, the consumption of water and electricity
- around EUR 850K for catering and laundry services
- agreements with the Red Cross (EUR 415K) and the SOS Solidarité group (EUR 320K)¹²

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MÉDITERRANÉE
FERRY

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DINING AREA ON
THE FERRY

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ONE OF THE CABINS
WITH NO WINDOW

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NURSERY ROOM FOR
YOUNGER KIDS

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COMMISSIONED BY

Minister of the Interior of France and the regional administration

PROVIDER

Corsica Linea company that operates the ferry

CONSTRUCTION

n/a



SIMILAR PROJECTS

n/a

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