





# How does it work?

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## SIGN UP

**Submit your application by filling out the form on [www.buddy.unhcr.it](http://www.buddy.unhcr.it).** You will be contacted by one of our representatives to discuss your expectations and reasons.

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## TRAINING

**You will be invited to participate in a training course** to acquire knowledge and skills that will be useful to become a buddy.

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## MATCHING

By comparing your personal characteristics with those of the refugees registered with the project, **we will assign you to support a person who will feel comfortable with you.** We will check your compatibility together.

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## MEETING

By comparing your personal characteristics with those of the volunteers registered with the project, **we will match you with a person who will feel comfortable with you.** We will check your compatibility together.

**[www.buddy.unhcr.it](http://www.buddy.unhcr.it)**

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# Create a connection: find a buddy!

*Community matching. Communities and Refugees  
Together for Integration.*



with the support of



# Have you been granted asylum or subsidiary protection and need support integrating in Italy?

This is the project for you: we will put you in contact with a volunteer  
- a "buddy" - who can help you in your journey of personal growth and integration, building a relationship based on trust and offering both practical and emotional support. **You can find the help you need to face the small and great challenges of everyday life, opportunities to speak Italian, and discover the city with new friends.**

*Community Matching - Communities and Refugees Together for Integration* is a project created by Ciac and Refugees Welcome Italy, with the support of UNHCR Italy, in the cities of **Bari, Milan, Palermo, Turin, Rome, and Naples.**







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# What is a buddy?

A buddy is a volunteer who will help you to expand your social network, get to know the area where you live, and improve your Italian. They will be able to help you solve both small and large everyday problems, supporting you in your decisions as well as in your studies or work. You will be able to discover the city together and share friendship, interests, free time. By participating in the project, you can: have an experience of exchange that will be enriching on a human level, make use of your skills and talents, and learn and teach others about different cultures and different worlds.

## With a buddy, you can:

- get to know new places and new people;
- participate in events as well as organise trips in the area and other social activities;
- improve your Italian;
- find a home, prepare a school exam, or get a driving license.