

## Air Liquide Foundation Newsletter #3

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This June edition focuses on **the massive influx into the European Union, since March, of refugees from the war in Ukraine. Air Liquide's European subsidiaries reacted fast, together with the Foundation, drawing on the support of many shareholders and employees.** Their exceptional commitment has been **life-changing for many refugees!**

You'll also find news of a project in Lorraine, eastern France, where **Air Liquide France Industrie (ALFI), the Foundation and Air Liquide shareholders** have joined forces to get young people into apprenticeships.

As always, we love to get your feedback,

J-M de Royere & the editorial team

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### Ukraine refugee-projects gather steam

**By mid-June**, Air Liquide's European operations and the Foundation had backed close to **30 NGO-projects, with hundreds of beneficiaries**, in **Poland, Romania, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France and Ukraine**. The projects range from **schooling to psychological support, temporary shelter, emergency supplies and help in finding a job**. The Foundation had **committed close to €600,000** to these projects. The programme is ongoing: Air Liquide employees in Europe can **sponsor projects** or give **volunteer time**.

***Here are the projects***

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### Teams from ALFI (Air Liquide France Industrie) prepare shipments for refugees

**This spring**, ALFI teams volunteered to work with La [Gerbe](#), an NGO whose base is close to Paris, **to ship basic necessities to Central Europe**. "La Gerbe" receives **up to 7 tons of donated products every day**, which must be sorted before shipment. The project is supported financially by the Foundation, who had worked with the NGO before.

***Watch the video (French version)***

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### When basic necessities matter

One of the first projects that we supported in **Poland in April** was the **supply of spare underwear and toiletries** to thousands of refugees in Krakow, most of them women and children. With **10 projects to date**, our **Polish colleagues** have, as project sponsors or volunteers, **shown exceptional solidarity**, like the rest of the country. **The Foundation is proud to back their projects.**



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### Shareholders and employees pitch in

As the Ukraine refugee operation got underway in **March**, hundreds of **Air Liquide shareholders**, as well as many **employees of the Group\***, offered immediate financial support: **more than €200,000** were collected in just a few days, through the Foundation's **dedicated gifting platform**. These funds have provided a **1/3 of the grants** awarded by the Foundation to date.

*\* restricted to France, for legal reasons.*



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### ALFI\*, the Foundation and Air Liquide shareholders join forces in Metz

On **March 16th in Metz** (eastern France), the Foundation gave Afev ([www.afev.org](http://www.afev.org)) **€15,000** on behalf of **Air Liquide shareholders**. It will go to the first class of "Apprentis Solidaires", a programme that equips young people in Lorraine **with the soft skills they need to follow apprenticeships** successfully. And thanks to **ALFI's local teams**, the project has the Group's full backing.

*\* Air Liquide France Industrie*

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