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## Air Liquide Foundation Newsletter #5

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In this issue, we take a look back at 2022, which was marked **in Europe** by Air Liquide's exceptional support for refugees from Ukraine. In 2023, the Foundation continues its support of basic **research** - on the **project in Poitiers**, France - as well as **many projects to equip underserved populations** with the right skills for the **jobs market** that we will recall in a next edition.

Enjoy the read,  
J-M de Royere & the editorial team

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### Help channeled to 60,000 Ukrainian refugees

In **2022**, projects supported by Air Liquide's refugee-programme will have helped an estimated **60,000 refugees** across 7 European countries, including Ukraine. **The programme continues in 2023**. It aims to help refugees from eastern and southern Ukraine in particular, whose return is not likely in the near future. This is Air Liquide's **largest solidarity programme to date**, and follows on the aid operations for refugees from Syria in 2015 and for vulnerable populations in the Covid-19 pandemic.

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### Epithelial cells starved of oxygen

On **August 24, 2022**, the Fondation Air Liquide awarded a grant to the **Université de Poitiers** in France to develop an *in vitro* model to better understand the functioning of epithelial (pulmonary) cells in an oxygen-deprived environment (hypoxia), **as encountered by people with obstructive respiratory conditions**. This will help identify new therapeutic targets. The **basic research** project is [the twenty-ninth currently supported by Air Liquide and its Foundation](#).

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