During the **#TFSummit**, our partner **Techfugees** exclusively revealed the new project that we have been working on together: **Basefugees**. This project aims to develop a web platform that will **connect refugees, NGOs and tech start-ups**. Why? Because together, they can work towards finding the best technological solutions to support refugee integration.

Guillaume Boulangeot, Amaris Consultant in Luxembourg, is directly involved in this project as a Tech Leader: he tells us more in this article!

Can you introduce yourself?

I am Guillaume and I've been working as a **Developer for the Amaris Group** in Luxembourg since November 2017. I decided to join Amaris because I liked that you had the freedom to choose your projects and change assignment.
In August 2018, my manager suggested that I work on an **Amaris Foundation project**. I wanted to learn REACT and Node JS languages, and that's exactly what I'm doing for Basefugees.
Over time, I got more and more invested in the project and I am now **Tech Leader**. I'm not really sure how that happened, I simply began to train new comers and organize the team's workload according to deadlines. It's going well!

How would you explain the Basefugees project to a 6-year-old child?

Basefugees is a platform **connecting innovators** (refugees, entrepreneurs, funders, volunteers) looking to build technology for and with refugees. It details new and existing projects, their founders, and people that would be able to help support them. It aims to be, first and foremost, the trusted place online where refugees across the world can get instant access to people and tools that will **empower them**.

The long-term vision for the tool is to become an **archive for technology tools** and projects that support the sustainable development of the Techfugees community, and thus empower refugees across borders.

3 positive impacts the project will have?

Firstly, Techfugees will give birth to their baby – as Josephine would say - and it will enable them to **scale up the Techfugees community** and support the growth of their projects.

Secondly, there will be a positive impact for refugees in terms of helping them access **trusted tools to empower them**.

Finally, for me, there has been a positive impact in terms of developing my technical skills and soft skills. I didn't think I had it in me, or even wanted, to be a team leader but in fact I really like it and I'm good at it.

3 things you like most about this project?

1. **New technologies**: I love learning. I am constantly discovering new programming languages. And it's really cool to be able to have fun and test new technologies.
2. Meeting interesting people and networking: if I didn't work for Amaris, I would probably never have heard about Techfugees or met any of the great people I work with. They are the kind of people I like to have around me and **working with them is rewarding**. Christopher *[Basefugees Project Manager]* and I make a good team :)
3. Evolving professionally: at the beginning, it just seemed to be a small Foundation project. However, in fact, it has **allowed me to grow** a lot because the projects are so diverse and have a lot of potential.

What are the next steps?

Finish coding the back-end and front-end – some features are still missing. Then launch Basefugees!

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