

# Amaris Foundation's partnership with Techfugees

## Who are Techfugees?

Techfugees is both a non-profit organisation and a worldwide community connecting refugees with new technologies. Their goal is to empower the displaced with technology. They have developed different activities in order to achieve this ambition, including hackathons, meet-ups, conferences, programmes and partnerships.

They focus on 5 main areas of work (referred to as the Techfugees "T5"):

- Access to rights & information
- Health
- Education
- Employment
- Social Inclusion



(Source: [Facebook](#))

## What is the Fellowship Program #TF4Women?

It's a new pilot project, which was trialed in Paris from February to July of this year. For 6 months, 12 refugee women were given support through 3 main activities:

- Mentoring: the trainees were met with professionals from the French tech market, who provided them with advice, tips, best practices and contacts to help them succeed with their projects and increase their chances of being successful in the Tech sector.

- Training: improving their skills and knowledge of technological topics, as well as providing tips on accessing the French labour market and integrating into French society.
- Networking: this part of the project enabled the women fellows to meet potential future employers and useful contacts to help them develop their professional projects.

The overall objective was to give the women fellows all the essential tools to make their integration in the French labour market and into French society as smooth and successful as possible.

### **Why does the Amaris Foundation support this project?**

Amaris Foundation supports Techfugees because the Fellowship Program #TF4Women was selected in the 2017 Call for Projects. The programme was put forward by one of our Amaris Foundation members, was then approved by our panel during the pre-selection process and finally elected in the end vote. As this was one of the most voted for projects among our members, it became our 2018 partner.

### **What kind of support do we provide?**

Amaris Foundation is committed to being a long-term partner for all the non-profit organisations chosen by our members. With regards to Techfugees, Amaris Foundation not only sponsored the Fellowship Program #TF4Women, but also went one step further by getting directly involved: Caroline Decré, Amaris Recruitment Director and Amaris Foundation Steering Committee Trustee, became a mentor in the programme and was able to support the refugee women's integration into French society. Zeshane Malik, Amaris Foundation Ambassador in Paris, also participated in the programme by meeting the fellows during two networking events.



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### **What are the next steps?**

The Fellowship Program #TF4Women has come to an end, but as Techfugees say, "This is not the end but the beginning of something bigger". After an evaluation period, the non-profit will consider the ways in which they could repeat this project in the future, given that it has been so helpful for the women fellows who participated this time round.

Regarding the Amaris Foundation's partnership with Techfugees: we aim to support them throughout other projects: watch this space!

### **Would you like to know more?**

Techfugees website link: <https://techfugees.com/>

