

CONTROLLED AND PEACEFUL BORDER CROSSING FOR REFUGEES WITH SECURITY BRACELETS

EXIT COUNTRY

DESTINATION COUNTRY



Section 1:
Translator explains system to arriving refugees:

- Wrist bands only for grouping, no official registration
- Families will stay together
- Please wait calm and relaxed till your number is called



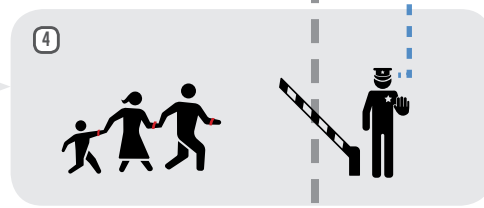
Section 2:
Volunteers attach bands to refugees' wrists:

- prepare & label security bracelets
- ask for family groups
- count group members
- give same number to max 15 people
- fill up empty group slots with single travellers, so that every group contains 15 people
- document the process on a list (template for list on page 4)



Section 3:

- Translator announces numbers that should go to waiting areas
- Volunteers write numbers on blackboard / flipchart
- Volunteers check wristband-numbers on waiting area entry
- Volunteers let groups exit the waiting areas when police is ready
- Always refill the waiting areas quickly
- If outflow is too fast, install more or bigger waiting areas (e.g. two groups = 30 people in each waiting area)

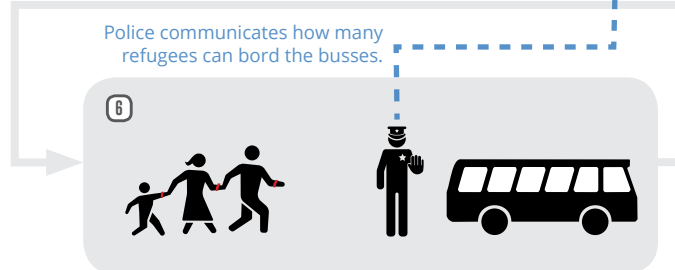


Section 4:

- Refugee groups can cross the border calmly and relaxed
- No more conflicts, easier border control by the police
- No more waiting outside at the border
- reduced suffering under bad weather conditions



SAME WAITING AREA SYSTEM LIKE SECTION 3



Police communicates how many refugees can board the busses.

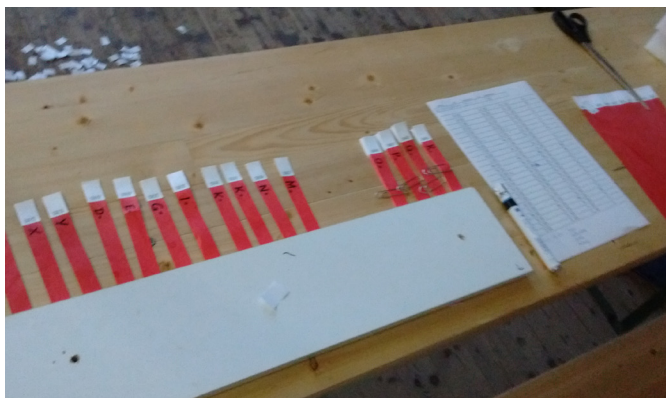
Section 6:
Refugee groups can board the buses without conflicts

Police communicates how many refugees can currently cross the border.

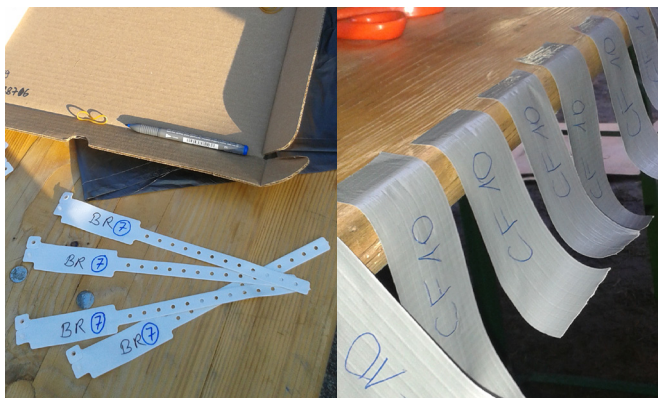
Security bracelet procedure can avoid serious harm, especially for vulnerable persons or in bad weather conditions.



Photos of PeaceWatch.de operations in Salzburg and Wegscheid



The citizens initiative in Salzburg uses letters instead of numbers. We strongly recommend to only use Arabic numbers, because many refugees cannot read Latin letters.



If you do not have proper security bracelets right at the beginning, you can ask local hospitals for patient bracelets or you start with tape. This worked fine for us, the only problem with tape stripes is, that some people started do trade with them or tried to fake them.



PeaceWatch.de activists equipping refugees with wrist bands in Wegscheid at night (30th October 2015).



White board for access control at waiting area in the tent.



PeaceWatch.de activist working together with translators at exit point of the waiting area in Wegscheid.



On the second day we successfully requested support from the Austrian army. The soldiers took over the entry control at the waiting areas (left and right lane in the picture).



Details, tips and experiences:

Good arguments for introducing the system:

- System is tried and tested: it works perfectly at border checkpoints in Salzburg/Freilassing, Braunau/Simbach and Kollerschlag/Wegscheid!
- Positive response from many officials (police, army, red cross) in Austria and Germany as soon as system was up and running.
- German federal police supported introduction of the System in Wegscheid.
- Makes work for police, army and red cross a lot easier.
- Refugees do not have to wait under bad conditions directly at the border, but can stay in tents or accommodation till they are next.
- clear and simple communication with refugees is possible.
- families can be sure to stay together.
- significant positive psychological effect on all refugees.
- less conflicts, less aggression, just and fair order of transit.

-> Better operation conditions for everyone.

Practical tips:

- Talk to all officials in both countries first and tell them about the system.
- Don't be discouraged, if their reaction is cautious or they refuse to make any decisions. Just tell them, that you would like to give it a try and show that it works. Depending on the situation you might not necessarily need their explicit approval right in the beginning. But please stick to any explicit orders of the police, otherwise you might get in trouble.
- Take your time to thoroughly prepare every section, when implementing the new system! Don't start before everything is ready.
- When introducing the wrist bands, it may be best to walk through section 3 and equip the long waiting refugees with bands first. Simultaneously you should deal with new people that arrive in section 2. This can be a bit stressful but after a few hours everyone in the camp will have a band.
- Every new system needs a bit of time to make it run smoothly and adapt it to the local circumstances. In our experience the critical implementing phase will take one day.
- Coordinate your volunteers with an online calendar (e.g. doodle).
- Try to hand over the system to officials as soon as it is up and running, so you can focus on new tasks or other borders then.

Resources needed for sections:

Section	Translators	Volunteers	Police	Equipment
Section 1	1	-	-	• 1 megaphone
Section 2	0, better 1 if questions occur	4-8 depending on amount of refugees	-	• sufficient amount of security bracelets costs: 200 EUR for 10.000 pcs = 0,02 EUR /pc (net), our supplier: http://kontrollband-shop24.de/ • 1 roll barrier tape • 4 mobile table sets with benches • room, tent or similar shelter
Section 3	1	4-6 (2 for each waiting area)	0, better 1 to improve communication or if any problems occur	• 1 megaphone • 3 black / white boards / flipcharts • 6 packs of chalk / markers • 1 roll barrier tape • 8 site fence segments or similar barriers to build waiting areas • mobile phones or mobile radio
Section 4	0, better 1	0, better 1 for communication with police	as usual	• mobile phones or mobile radio
Section 5	like section 3			
Section 6	like section 4			
In total (minimum):	3	12	...	

Do you have questions or need assistance?

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You can use this codes for documentation: A= adult; C= small child or baby, can sit on parents lap in bus; i = ill or disabled person;

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