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**“The Creation of an Integrated Governance Model for Reception and Integration Measures for Asylum Seekers and Refugees: The Role of Social Workers in SAI Projects in the Tuscany Region”**

This paper explores the development of an integrated governance model for the reception and integration of asylum seekers and refugees in Tuscany, Italy. At the heart of this model are two main features: (a) multi-professional teams and (b) a multidisciplinary approach engaging local associations, institutions, and resources (Gori 2019). This approach aligns with the 2017 *White Paper on Reception Policies for Asylum Seekers and International or Humanitarian Protection Holders*, which set the foundation for coordinated reception policies across Tuscany.

The model's implementation has involved pairing individual municipality-led SAI (System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees) centers with collaborative governance structures through Unions of Municipalities and Health Societies. This paper examines three governance models within the SAI framework: those managed by individual municipalities, those led by Municipal Unions, and those overseen by Health Societies. Each governance approach aims to enhance resource sharing and service integration to foster a more cohesive reception system.

Focusing on the role of social workers and local social services in SAI teams, the study underscores their role in bridging SAI interventions and local welfare services. Drawing on qualitative research and in-depth interviews with key figures from SAI across Tuscany, this study highlights variations in resources, operational flexibility, and strategic roles across governance models, identifying best practices and challenges. This research is part of the Horizon project “Global Social Work and Human Mobility: Comparative Studies on Local Government and Good Social Work Practices in the Euro-Mediterranean Region” (Global-Answer - H2020-MSCA-RISE-GA-872209).

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