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THREAD RESEARCH PROJECT

Crafting a Model for
Integration of
Refugee Women
Through Textiles and
Fashion

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THREAD Research Project

- Migrant women's skills and competences in focus
- Agents of change → subjects
- Encounters →
 - Mutual exchange of knowledge vs. transfer of knowledge
 - Co-creation
 - Networking and private-public partnerships



Partners



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Aim

- Creative outputs resulting from cooperation between designers and refugee women
- Empowerment, entrepreneurship → network
- Encounters – mutual learning and understanding
- Entrepreneurship as tool for innovation
- Employment



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Approach

- Tangible skills
- Reframing crafts – redirecting focus
- Capture different knowledge paradigms
- Spending time together – lingering
- Knowledge exchange → co-creation

Activities

- Textile talks
- Crafts workshops
- Social/cultural events
- Internships in companies, colleges and universities

Research

- Danish Design School: Wardrobe Studies
- Garment contains stories
- Collaboration with refugee women unfolding the stories connected to textiles and wardrobe - memories





Outcome – Partners

- Digital Platform – connecting mentors/migrant women
- Pop-up shops
- Workshops supporting entrepreneurs
- Dissemination of results in newspapers, radio and television
- Innovative approaches related to integration programs in Denmark

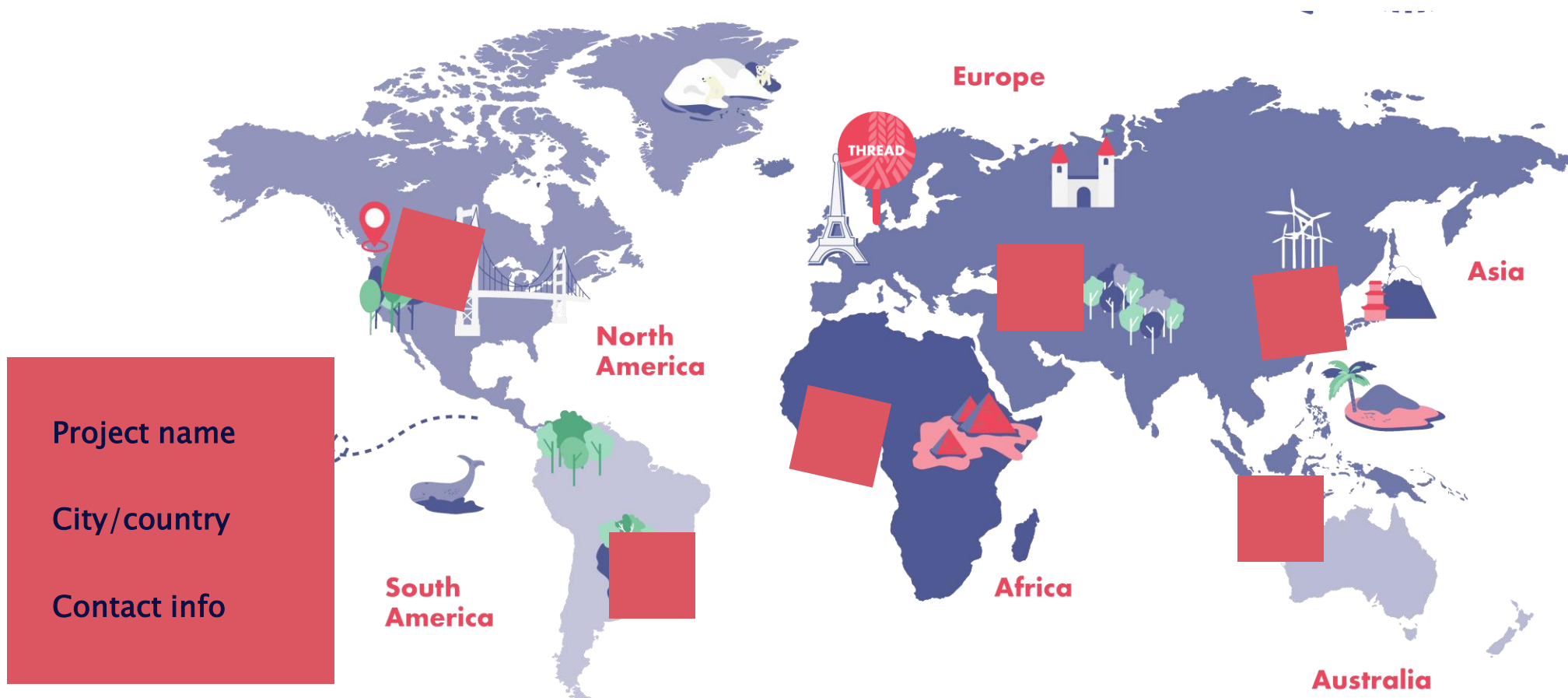
Outcome – Migrant Women

- Critical skills, shared knowledge
- Negotiation skills
- Adaptation to labor market – work experience → employment
- Entrepreneurship → self-employment, innovation
- Participation, empowerment

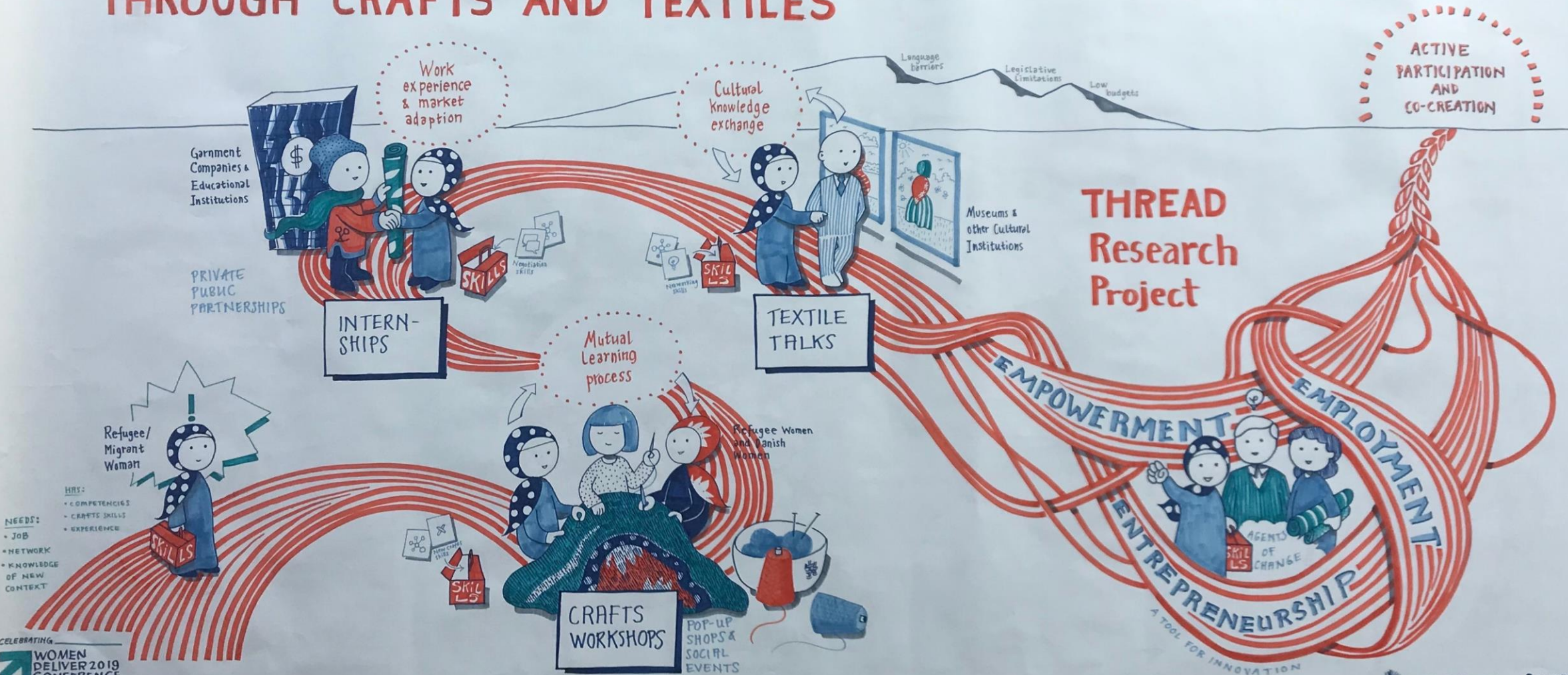


- A new model for integration

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CRAFTING A MODEL FOR INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE WOMEN THROUGH CRAFTS AND TEXTILES



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