



UNIVERSITÀ
DI TRENTO



Supporting At-risk researchers with Fellowships in Europe

Hosting measures and services

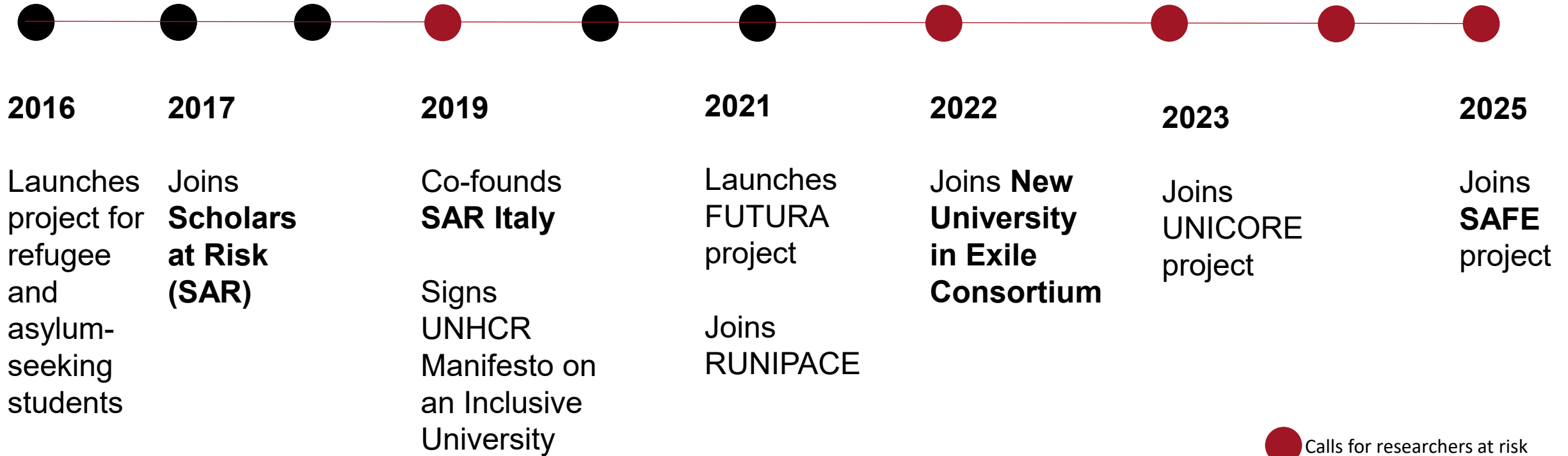
SAFE 2026 seminar - Paris, 10-11 June 2026



Experience in hosting researchers at risk

SCHOLARS AT RISK
NETWORK

SCHOLARS AT RISK
ITALY SECTION



Calls for researchers at risk

Experience in hosting researchers at risk (2019 – 2025)

- **Researcher profiles**

- 17 Researchers at risk from 8 countries: Cameroon, Iran, Pakistan, Russia, Syria, Türkiye, Ukraine, Yemen
- 11 (out of 16) Academic Structures (Departments, Centres, Schools)

- **Calls for applications**

- 4 University-wide SAR calls for 24-month fellowships (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)
 - ✓ co-funded or fully funded by public institutions and private foundations
 - ✓ each adhering academic structure must provide a research fund
- 3 Department-based calls
 - ✓ fully funded by individual Departments
- 1 Ukraine-emergency related call for 6-month positions (2023)
- **1 application for SAFE 24-month fellowship (2025)**

Hosting measures (extended/adapted to SAFE) - WHAT

- **Provision of wide range of services**
 - (Free) accommodation in University facilities for researchers and family members
 - Coverage of health insurance costs
 - Coverage of return ticket to country of origin at the end of fellowship
 - Free language classes (University Language Centre)
 - Legal advice and psychological support (MoU UniTrento – Centro Astalli / Jesuit Refugee Service)
 - Social integration support for family members (e.g. schools)
- **Clear communication on services, roles and responsibilities**
 - Vademecum for administrative staff (internal)
 - Vademecum for prospective/incoming scholars (external)

Hosting measures (extended/adapted to SAFE) - WHO

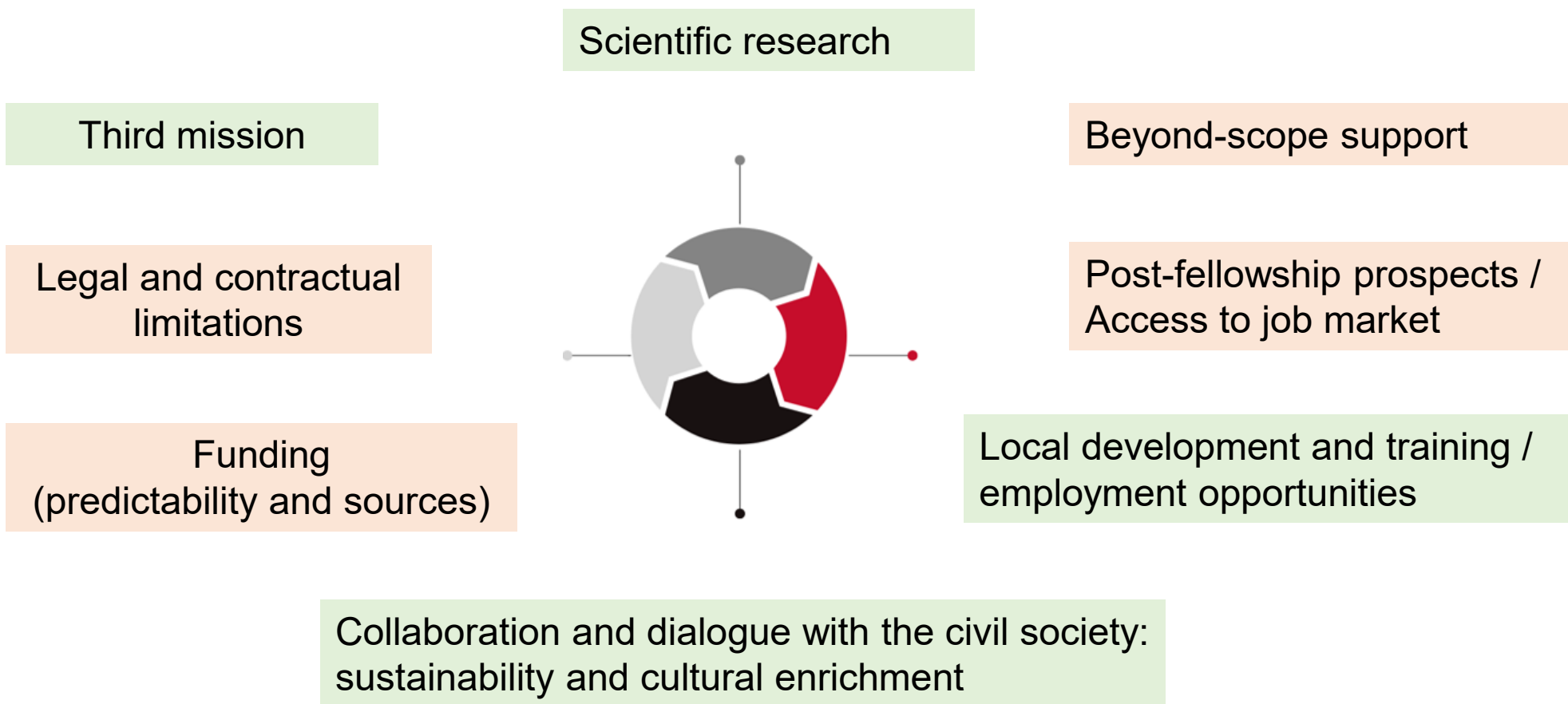
- **Coordinated admin support**

- SAR Inter-Office Administrative Working Group (e.g. Welcome office, Research Staff Recruitment office, Housing office, Research Support office)
- Scholars at Risk UniTrento office
- SAR Italy network (e.g. exchange of best practices, information sessions, in-fellowship and post-fellowship networking)

- **Scientific coordination and support**

- Rector's Delegate for Academic and International Solidarity
- SAR scientific delegate in each Academic Structure (Departments/Centre/School)
- Scientific mentor for each researcher

Opportunities but also challenges



Contacts

Scholars at Risk UniTrento

Education and Student Management Services

Via Tomaso Gar 16/A, Trento

scholarsatrisk@unitn.it

Elisabetta Dolzan

Via Tomaso Gar 16/A, Trento

elisabetta.dolzan@unitn.it

Prof. Ester Gallo

Rector's Delegate for Academic and International Solidarity

Via Verdi, 26 Trento

ester.gallo@unitn.it

