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The European Agenda on Migration Inter-parliamentary committee meeting Brussels, 24 January 2018

Purpose

The European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs is holding an inter-parliamentary committee meeting to discuss the European Agenda on Migration, with particular focus on issue related to legal avenues and integration.

Representatives of national parliaments have been invited to participate in discussions on the current situation, international protection, labour migration, family reunification, opportunities and challenges related to integration, and the future of migration governance, amongst others.

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This publication contains supporting analyses provided by the European Parliament's Policy Departments to support committees in their work related to the issues that are being dealt with by this meeting. Scan the QR codes or click on the titles for access.



Publications

[Fact Sheets compilation on migration and asylum](#) – January 2018

The aim of EU asylum policy is to harmonise asylum procedures in the Member States by establishing common arrangements. The Fact Sheet on asylum policy gives an overview of its legal basis and objectives, and of the achievements made. This compilation further includes Fact Sheets on: the EU immigration policy - which intends to establish a balanced approach to dealing with both regular and irregular immigration; and on border management policy.



[Integration of refugees in Austria, Germany and Sweden](#) - January 2018

This study presents a comparative analysis of policies and practices to facilitate the labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection in the main destination countries of asylum seekers in 2015/2016, namely Austria, Germany and Sweden. It focuses on, amongst others, the development of policy strategies, to the political discourse and to public opinion on asylum and integration of refugees.



[Integration of refugees in Greece, Hungary and Italy](#) - December 2017

This study presents a comparative overview of recent policy developments in Greece, Hungary and Italy. The focus of the analysis is on progress achieved in the last three years in the adaptation of the reception and integration system for the high numbers of new arrivals and on the main challenges encountered, with a focus on labour market integration measures. Attention is also given to changes in perceptions, public opinion and political discourse.



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[Why cultural work with refugees](#) - November 2017

This briefing provides information on the effectiveness of cultural work with refugees - seen as including all arts activities and creative/cultural expression that is done by or in collaboration with refugees. Its theoretical basis lies in the arts and humanities, especially in the creative and performing arts and in social and cultural anthropology, security studies and global mental health, on which the majority of literature has been published.



[EU funding for cultural work with refugees: current practice and lessons learned](#) - November 2017

This document gives an overview of publicly funded cultural projects that are intended to address the current refugee crisis. These projects are analysed in the light of two interconnected challenges in contemporary Europe - good governance of cultural diversity, and refugees' aspiration to a good life in Europe. It looks into the question of what it is to live a good life together in Europe and how cultural interventions can contribute to this aspiration.



[EU funding for cultural work with refugees: towards the next programme generation](#) - November 2017

This paper looks into the EU's current programmes that support cultural work with refugees in Europe and provides case studies of EU-funded projects in this field, focusing particularly on Erasmus+, Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens. It offers feedback from these projects, recommendations on the future programme generation, and suggests actions that could be taken in order to inform and influence the future EU programme generation beyond 2020.



[The joint Africa-EU strategy](#) - November 2017

Implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) has taken place in a rapidly evolving political scenario. The overarching objectives identified in 2007 still remain valid, but concrete priorities now need to be adapted to the new reality. Ten years after its adoption, it is crucial to reassess the strategy's validity on the basis of achievements and shortfalls with regard to the fulfilment of its objectives in an evolving context.



[Fact Sheet on EU - Africa relations](#) - September 2017

EU-Africa relations are governed by the Cotonou Agreement and the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, which include political, economic and development dimensions. This fact sheet looks into how the EU is working actively to promote peace and security in Africa and engages with the African Union (AU) in various policy dialogues, including on democracy and human rights. The European Development Fund remains the main channel for EU development cooperation in Africa.



[Fact Sheet on the Southern partners](#) - September 2017

This fact sheet gives an overview of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), which covers Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. It consists of bilateral policies with the individual partner countries, plus a regional cooperation framework, the Union for the Mediterranean. The EU boosted support for democratic transformation under the ENP in 2011, and further reviewed it in 2015.



[Integrated use of ESI funds to address social challenges](#) - July 2017

This study analyses the implementation of integrated approaches under the ESI Funds in addressing challenges related to social inclusion, including integration of migrants and refugees. Programme logic of intervention, combinations of thematic objectives, synergies with other policy instruments and the use of integrated tools are analysed for a set of programmes. Recommendations are provided for the current and the next programming period.



[Value for money of EU programme funding in the field of democracy and rule of law](#) - June 2017

This study explores the extent to which processes are in place to enable the delivery of value for money through EU programme funding in the field of democracy and the rule of law. It includes a review of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights and the Instrument for Stability and Peace. Analysis is based on interviews with EU programme officials and EU delegations, and related documentary evidence.



[Private international law in a context of increasing international mobility: challenges and potential](#) - June 2017

This study was presented during a workshop dedicated to potential and challenges of private international law in the current migratory context. While Private International Law governs private relations between persons coming from or living in different States, migration law regulates the flow of people between States. The demarcation between these two areas of law seems clear, but in practice it is not. The EU should have a coherent approach in these areas.

[What has the European Union done in the field of migration since 2014?](#) - June 2017

The European Agenda on Migration of 2015 aims to set out a comprehensive approach for improving the management of migration in all its aspects. Several implementation packages under the Agenda have already been adopted and the measures therein are starting to be deployed; legislative proposals have also been made and are currently being discussed. This briefing was prepared in the context of the High-Level Conference on Migration Management of June 2017.

[European Parliament's positions on key issues related to asylum and migration](#) - June 2017

This briefing was prepared in the context of the High-Level Conference on Migration Management of June 2017. It gives an overview of recent European Parliament resolutions dealing with the following issues: the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration; human rights and migration in third countries; and the role of EU external action in addressing refugee and migrant movements.

[Migrant education: monitoring and assessment](#) - February 2017

This study explores the monitoring and assessment of migrant education (MAME) in EU countries. Most EU countries have developed educational policies for immigrant children, although this has not yet been accompanied by a comprehensive system of monitoring and assessment. Some countries have made greater efforts than others, in accordance with the relative size of their foreign-born population and the level of integration policies in the realm of education.

[The budgetary tools for financing the EU external policy](#) - January 2017

The paper provides an overview of the current setup of tools contributing to the funding of the EU external policies. The focus is on the recently established instruments and how they relate to the previously existing ones. It provides a first assessment of the current and envisaged setup of tools with regards to the following key aspects: added-value, coherence, flexibility and simplification, and democratic oversight of EU funding for external action.

[Turkey: labour market integration and social inclusion of refugees](#) - December 2016

This study identifies the challenges and opportunities that both immigrants and local communities face. It shows that Turkey has taken significant steps on the regulations which aim to create an attractive economic environment and facilitate the application process of work permits for foreigners as part of integration policies. However, policy makers should focus on the implementation of more stable and long term policies and practices.

[Overview on the use of EU funds for migration policies](#) - August 2016

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[Towards an EU humanitarian visa scheme?](#) - June 2016

This briefing seeks to understand the rationale and policy context of humanitarian visas, allowing asylum seekers to reach the EU safely. It gives an overview of: the current law and practice in the EU, the challenges with the current framework, the prospects for a fully-fledged EU humanitarian visa scheme, and the European Parliament position in this matter as supporting amendments to the Visa Code to provide more clearly for humanitarian visas.



[Labour market integration of refugees: strategies and good practices](#) - March 2016

This study provides an analytical review of literature to identify key elements of a strategy for labour market integration of refugees. Strategies and policies are illustrated by examples and good practices from various Member States. It finds a high degree of international consensus on key elements for a successful integration strategy taking up lessons from the past and research findings. However, a number of challenges for research and policy remain.



[Labour market integration of refugees: European networks and platforms](#) - February 2016

This briefing presents an overview of networks at European level, their members, objectives, main products and financing mechanisms, and main challenges identified in research. Amongst its key findings, it identifies a variety of European networks and platforms in the broader field of migration and integrating migrants, consisting of government representatives, NGOs and cities, focusing on migration in general or specific groups of migrants.



[Female refugees and asylum seekers: the issue of integration](#) - February 2016

The study gives an overview of the issues faced by refugees and asylum seeking women in their host country regarding access to appropriate housing, including privacy and shelter in case of domestic violence, training and language courses, the labour market, and the health systems, including psychological support and trauma healing. A summary of international standards and of applicable European laws, and details on available funding are provided.



[Exploring new avenues for legislation for labour migration to the EU](#) - September 2015

This paper reviews the social and economic context of European Union international labour migration policy, the status of relevant EU legislation and the available policy options from a comprehensive labour market perspective, as well as their feasibility. These options for opening up legal labour migration channels to the EU should be considered in the framework of the ongoing discussion over the European Agenda on Migration.



[EU funds for migration policies: analysis of efficiency and best practice for the future](#) - July 2015

This study provides an overview of EU funding and agencies in the field of migration, asylum and integration. It assesses their effectiveness and efficiency, and examines whether the design of management, budgeting and control systems is effective in preventing the misuse of resources. It also gives good practices, lessons learnt and recommendations on achieving greater transparency in the implementation of future EU funding programmes.



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