INCLUSIVE EUROPE

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Results from the Joint Policy Roundtable

CO-DESIGNING AN INCLUSIVE EUROPE
Migration and migrants in the EU
Challenging narratives – modifying practices – influencing policies

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Including migrants in the European Union has not been a uniform process and has revealed several obstacles in the path of making the inclusion and integration of people on the move efficient, humane, and dignified. This roundtable aimed at informing future policy development and research in this field.

Findings from ten Horizon2020 projects were presented on the legal protection of refugees and migrants, on the (economic, cultural, political) impact of their presence on local, regional, or European constituencies, on innovative solutions to enhancing integration and cohesion, and on the role of domestic agents. The event brought together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss the potential of re-interpreting existing narratives, to present good practices resulting from the ongoing projects, and to inform political decision-making processes.

The rich ensemble of speakers and presenters both from the research community, as well as EU-level policymakers and migrants, offered an ideal environment for practical as well as conceptual discussions. The event concluded with a list of policy recommendations addressing the main challenges based on the results of the research projects involved. More information can be found on the event website **www.inclusive-europe.com**.

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POLICY RECOMMENDATION #1

Promote fair and equal co-creation in decision- and policy-making. Civil society and migrant groups should be made part of decisions pertaining to everyday life in the community and should receive adequate funding for their contributions.

Civilization makes progress when different people meet, when we are able to create the ground for them to meet.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #2

Foster a human-rights based approach to inclusion and integration.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #3

Create infrastructures and systems that recognize migrants' qualifications (both formal and informal ones) and facilitate their easy access to labour markets.

There are very diverse laws and territories within Europe, but they should consider all people as human beings, and provide the right to work to all people in the place where they live.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #4

Highlight the diversity of migrants as complex human beings with pasts, heritages, and skills.

It is about resignification, which requires co-creative meaning making. The changing and challenging of existing narratives needs to be communicated from the perspective of resignification.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #5

Create school curricula that normalize migration, de-colonize European memory discourse, and include lessons about migrants' cultures and heritages.

Welcoming spaces are created via the promotion of alternative ways of renting and via access to public housing.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #6

Create an inclusive housing policy, with migrants and locals living side by side, not in isolation. Offer infrastructures that foster quality interactions.
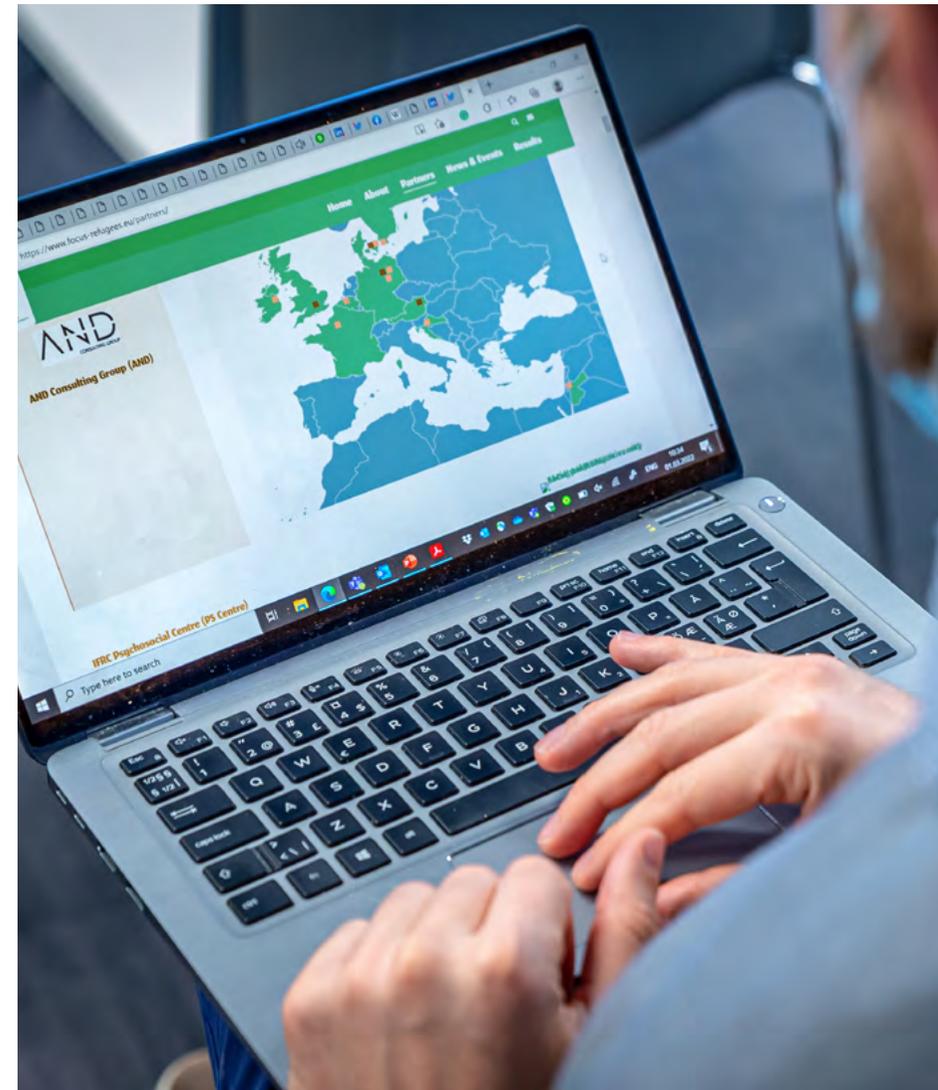
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Recognize and treat migrants' traumas not only as caused by forced migration but also by discrimination and racism in the host countries.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #8

Communicate relevant information on rights, opportunities, and local infrastructures for support in the migrants' languages, while facilitating migrants' acquisition of the language of the host community. Provide digital solutions to the above.

We are experiencing a momentum of increased digital literacy and willingness to digitalize in the EU. We need to build on this to create more opportunities for participation and access to information.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #9

Expand the legal definition of refugees and extend their rights towards other protection-seeking migrants.

POLICYRECOMMENDATION #10

Reach out, communicate, and engage with those of opposing views. Create the opportunity for constructive dialogues.

Too often, we move only within our own bubbles, ignoring other voices. For true dialogue, we need to bridge those gaps.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION #11

Better utilize the outcomes of H2020 research projects i.e., by creating sustainable solutions for knowledge transfer.

Many research results and solutions have been produced but the infrastructure to mainstream, integrate, and broadcast them across Europe is lacking.

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