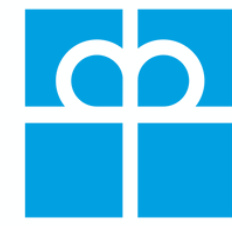


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*Connecting faith
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through action*



2024 MIGRATION NETWORK MEETING

Shaping migration narratives for social inclusion
10th & 11th October, Athens





Good practice sharing

Influencing migration narratives
and advocacy campaigns

Reflection on narratives and campaigns



- Could these type of campaigns work on your national context?
- What role do you think faith-based organizations can play to amplify inclusive migration narratives?
- How does your organisation address misinformation concerning migration?
- What role does social media play for your organisation?
- Could you share what type of communication strategies you use within your national context?

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EU Policy Update

PART II Context: New European Commission

PART III Ways forward? What can we expect from the new Commission?



New European Commission

Presentation of the New Commissioners

Shape the new direction of the European Institutions for the upcoming legislative period (2024-2029)

resident Ursula von der Leyen introduced her new team

The college of Commissioners: 27 Commissioners from each EU MS. Presented on the 27th of September.

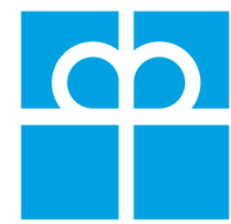
Confirmation hearings for Commissioners-designate

Announced from the 4th to the 12th of November

EU Parliamentary Committees hold these public hearings. The Parliament will vote to approve or reject the Commission as a whole

- The threat of rejecting the Commission is a powerful tool to push for individual replacements





PART III - New actors



Roxana Mînzatu

Executive Vice-President for
People, Skills and Preparedness



Magnus Brunner

Commissioner for Internal
Affairs and Migration



Dubravka Šuica

Commissioner for
Mediterranean

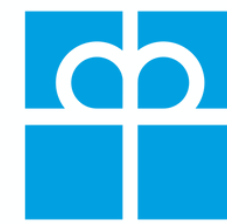


Hadja Lahbib

Commissioner for Preparedness
and Crisis Management, and
Equality

Mission Letter: Internal Affairs & Migration

- **Stronger common borders and security**
 - Strengthening of Frontex, Europol and increased border security
 - Digitalisation of border management
 - Concerns over instrumentalization and hybrid attacks
 - Stronger coord. on SAR operations, also with neighbouring countries
 - Countering irregular migration
- **Oversee the implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum**
- **Develop a new common approach to returns of irregular migrants**
- **Fight against migrant smuggling and human trafficking**

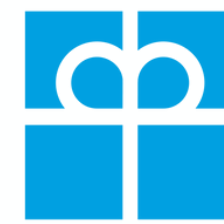


Mission Letter: Internal Affairs & Migration

- **Labour rights:** Revision of the rules on preventing exploitation of irregular workers when necessary
- **Regular migration and legal pathways**
 - Legal pathways referenced for the integration of *refugees in the labour market* + strengthening readmission
 - 'Legal migration' to attract people with the right skills - little attention to low-middle-skilled workers.
 - Similarly addressed on the People, Skills, and preparedness portfolio
 - Talent Pool + stepping up the recognition of qualifications
 - Integration and inclusion?

People, Skills and Preparedness

- Some promising points on skills and labour standards, as applicable to migrant citizens as well
- Addressing long-term care force challenges - recognition of skills & qualifications, career progression and working conditions
- Quality Jobs Roadmap



Resources

- Political Guidelines for the New European Commission 2024-2029 - Ursula von der Leyen
- Mission Letter - Roxana Mînzatu, Executive Vice-President-for People, Skills and Preparedness
- Mission Letter - Magnus Brunner, Commissioner Internal Affairs and Migration
- Mission Letter - Hadja Lahbib, Commissioner for Preparedness and Crisis Management; Equality
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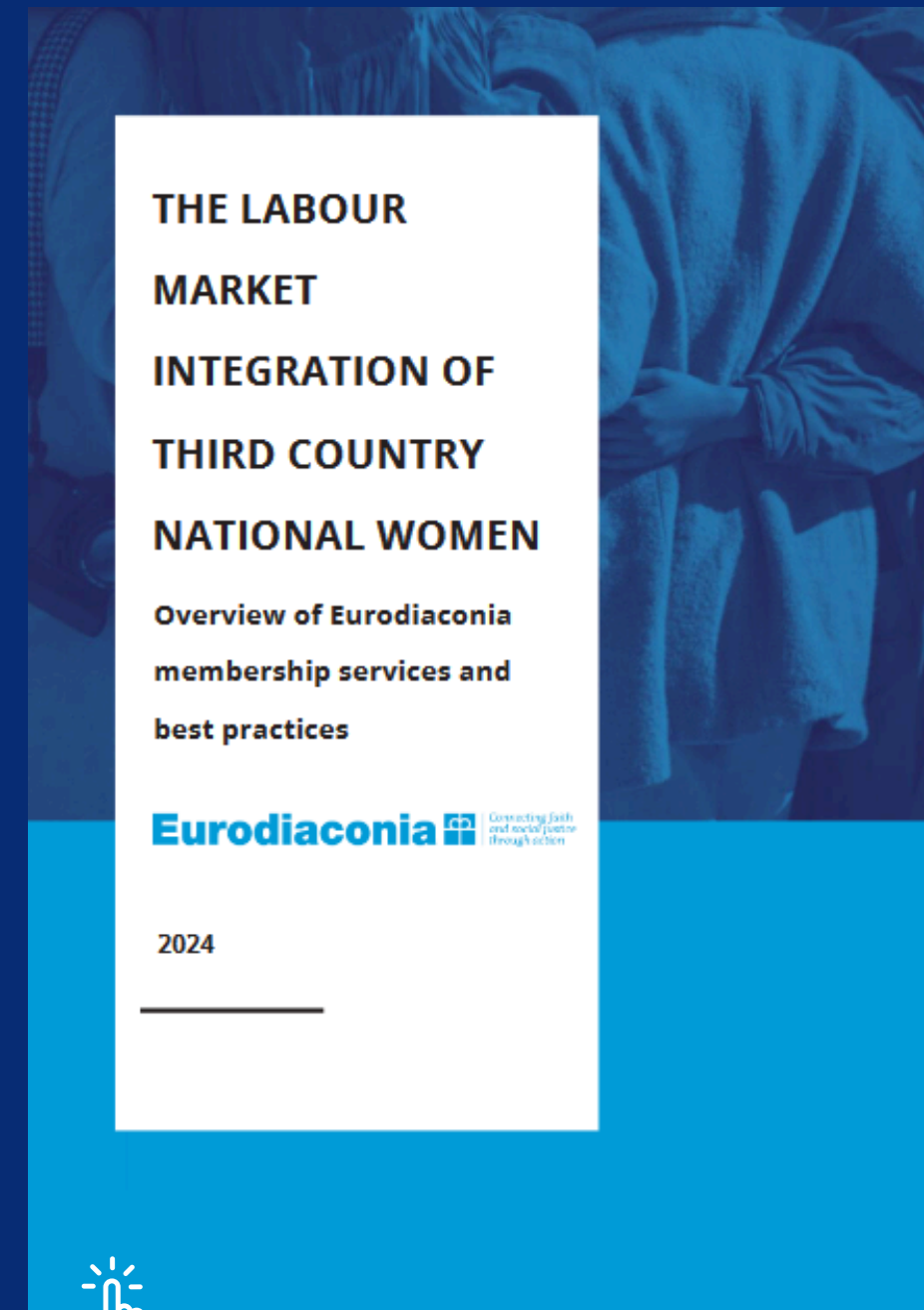
- EU law safeguards for non-EU workers - Fundamental Rights Agency (2024)
- Briefing: Proposal Establishing an EU Talent Pool (2024)
- European Pact on Migration and Asylum
- Common Implementation Plan for the European Pact on Migration and Asylum
 - Summary of the CIP 10 Building Blocks

Stay up to date with the latest in EU policy - Our team shares monthly **EU Policy highlights** covering our main working areas, including Migration, and Roma Inclusion.

If you want to sign up to our Policy newsletter, please email donal.brady@eurodiaconia.org

Eurodiaconia's Migration Network

- Gender focus: We published an overview of ED membership services and best practices, based on your input from last year and our Network Meeting in Paris
- What's next?
 - Position paper on the state of migrant care workers in the EU
 - Story-telling campaign
 - 2025: TCN labour market integration to drive competitiveness and address skills shortages





Story- telling campaign: Faces not Cases





Story-telling campaign

- TCN women make up 50% of the global migrant population but are among the most excluded in accessing employment.
- They face intersectional inequalities due to their gender and migrant/refugee status.
- Unfavorable labor market conditions compounded by gender roles, family obligations, lack of childcare, and administrative barriers, among others
- Current crisis narratives in migration discussions hinder integration and social cohesion.





Main obstacles

5 MAIN INTERNAL LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION OBSTACLES FOR MIGRANT WOMEN



Language barrier

Family obligations

Education level

Lack of self-recognition of skills

Motivations and expectations

5 MAIN EXTERNAL LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION OBSTACLES FOR MIGRANT WOMEN

Unfavourable labour market

Lack of childcare

Lack of recognition of skills

Legal barriers to employment

Intersectional discrimination





Story-telling campaign

- Communication campaign 'Faces not Cases': real life stories of migrant and refugee women and the obstacles they face accessing employment in Europe.
- Via the Working Group on Migrant Labour Market Inclusion
- 7 ED members from Spain, Greece, Czech Republic and Latvia
- Timeline:
 - Sep-Dec 2024: Recollection of stories and portraits among ED members
 - Oct 2024: In-person meeting Migration Network
 - 2025: Launch of the campaign





Co-creating recommendations & our network's priorities

2025: Labor market integration, skills shortages and enhanced competitiveness

Analysing the context

- Is your country affected by labor shortages and demographic change?
- If so, what are the most pressing labor shortages in your country?
- Have you observed sectors where TCNs already contribute significantly, and what roles are they filling?

2025: Labor market integration, skills shortages and enhanced competitiveness

Skills

- What are the challenges for the recognition of skills and qualifications in your country? What policy/legislative changes would you suggest to address these challenges?
- What additional support is needed to help TCNs meet labor market demands?

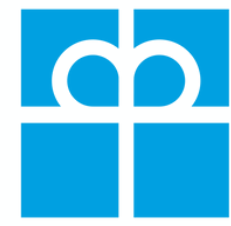
Fair conditions & labour rights

- Is your organization actively working on the prevention of labor market exploitation? Could you describe the current situation in your country?
- What measures should be taken to strengthen labor protections for TCNs, especially in sectors prone to exploitation?



Looking ahead:

Are there any specific migration topics you think our Migration Network should focus on?



Thank you!

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