

DROI: Committee on Human Rights, Freedom and Democracy

Preparation Module

The question of how the EU should handle young refugees and immigrants:

In the wake of recent crises, one of the pressing challenges faced by the European Union (EU) is how to effectively manage young refugees and immigrants. To protect the welfare and proper integration of such vulnerable individuals, this complex issue necessitates careful thought and practical solutions. How can the EU contribute significantly to finding a cooperative and tolerant remedy to the problem?

Dear delegates,

We, the committee presidents, are delighted to welcome you to the Committee on Human Rights, Freedom, and Democracy. It is a pleasure to have you join us at the upcoming MEP BSR session in Oslo, where we will be addressing the pressing question of how the European Union should handle young refugees and immigrants.

With the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war and the influx of refugees from the Middle East and African countries, the protection and promotion of young refugees and immigrants' human rights are paramount. These individuals are often subjected to displacement, language barriers, difficulty integrating into society, exploitation, and abuse.

Since this topic is very broad, the primary focus of our discussion in the committees will be the development of policies that ensure and protect the legal rights of refugees, and warrant their social inclusion and religious freedom. How can we ensure that the rights of refugees are protected and upheld in Member States and what can be done to improve the integration of refugees into host communities?

To have a fruitful discussion, there are two things you should take into account. Firstly, you must be well prepared and informed on the issue at hand. This is why we have provided all the background information on the topic in the fact sheet as well as some useful links below. Please keep in mind that even though the fact sheet and links will assist you in gathering the data you need for the discussion, you should still carry out your research to develop a thorough understanding of the problem. Below you will also find some key questions to help guide your research. Secondly, you need to make sure to participate actively in the debates. Only in this way will it be possible to reach a resolution in which each delegation's opinion had a stake. In addition, make sure to listen to other committee members while they speak, so that debates enhance fluently and get the chance to blossom openly. This ensures that they go deeper into the issue of young refugees and immigrants, making our resolution the best it can be. Don't worry about speaking up and maybe making a mistake against the used language - English. If things aren't clear for everyone, the committee members can reformulate, and ask their fellow

committee presidents or members for help. Lastly, if any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once again, we want to extend a warm welcome to everyone and are looking forward to hearing their unique perspectives and ideas, which will undoubtedly enhance our discussions and resolution.

Kindly,

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Questions you should focus on during your research

- What are the difficulties to safeguarding the freedom of religion for young refugees and immigrants within the EU and how can they be addressed?
- What policies or initiatives could the EU put in place to protect young refugees' and immigrants' religious rights?
- Should the EU focus on accommodating religious practices for young refugees and immigrants or enforce constraints to maintain the secular nature of the society, and how would this be executed?
- What legal rights are granted and/or should be granted to young refugees and immigrants?
- How can the EU make sure that young immigrants and refugees' legal rights are effectively upheld and enforced?
- What actions should the EU take to integrate young immigrants into the societies of its Member States, and make them be accepted and included by other citizens?

Useful links

- <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-migration-policy/>
- <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-lawmakers-endorse-pact-revise-migration-rules/>
- [https://www.ohchr.org/en/migration?
gclid=CjwKCAjwyeujBhA5EiwA5WD7_Ty_z8YdNUc7HzjC6d-
WH9Mhntt770kW1uzi07Yr8Ilgcoi9xfbatEhoCo0QQAvD_BwE](https://www.ohchr.org/en/migration?gclid=CjwKCAjwyeujBhA5EiwA5WD7_Ty_z8YdNUc7HzjC6d-WH9Mhntt770kW1uzi07Yr8Ilgcoi9xfbatEhoCo0QQAvD_BwE)
- [http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2019/integration-young-refugees-eu-good-
practices-and-challenges](http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2019/integration-young-refugees-eu-good-practices-and-challenges)

- <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/121425749/POY+Young+Refugees+and+Political+Participation.pdf/56545c96-23b1-a276-43ea-44098e5012ac>
- https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/common-european-asylum-system_en
- https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/home_en
- https://www.unhcr.org/europeanunion/wp-content/uploads/sites/70/2020/01/UNHCR-EU_refugees-ENG-V2-screen.pdf
- <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur30/8906/2018/en/>
- https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/agencies_en#ecl-inpage-788