



Conference on the **Future** of **Europe**

REVISED DRAFT PROPOSALS – Working Group on Migration

Proposal I: Legal Migration¹

Objective: Strengthen the EU's role on legal migration:

Measures:

1. Launching a communication campaign at a cross European level in order for EURES (European Employment Services), the EU Immigration Portal and the EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals to be better known by European citizens and more frequently accessed by EU companies (recommendation 6).
2. Creating an integrated agency for migrants' access to the EU labour market or alternatively widening the powers of the European Cooperation Network of Employment Services (EURES) for example improving the Talent Partnership projects (recommendation 7 and WG debate), with the possibility of online matching of supply and demand of skills, in the country of departure, on the basis of assessment criteria (recommendation 9 and WG debate). The EU should encourage Member States to simplify the process of reception of legal migrants and their access to the EU labour market through a better interoperability amongst the different relevant administrations.
3. Improving the functioning and implementation of the "blue card" directive to attract relevant qualifications that the EU economy needs (recommendation 7 and WG debate), taking into consideration the risk of brain drain.
4. Harmonising working conditions throughout the Union to combat inequalities of working conditions and to ensure an efficient EU labour migration policy and workers' rights. In this context, reinforce role of trade unions at national and transnational level (recommendation 28 and WG debate).
5. Increasing efforts to inform and educate citizens of the Member States about the topics related to migration (recommendation 30 and LT recommendation 9).

Proposal II: Irregular migration²

Objective: Strengthen the EU's role in tackling all forms of irregular migration and strengthen the protection of the European Union's external borders, while respecting human rights:

¹ Citizens' recommendations in which the proposal is mainly based: European Citizens' Panel 4 (ECP4) 6, 7, 9, 28, 30; Lithuania 9

² Citizens' recommendations on which the proposal is mainly based : European Citizens' Panel 4 (ECP 4) 8, 27, Lithuania 10, The Netherlands 3

Measures:

1. Participating actively in the economic and social development of countries outside the European Union and from where there is a high outflux of migrants to tackle migration at its root causes, including climate change. These actions should be transparent and have tangible results with measurable effects, which should be clearly communicated to EU citizens (recommendation 27 and NL recommendation 3 and WG debate).
2. Ensuring the protection of all external borders, by improving transparency and accountability of Frontex and by strengthening its role (recommendation 8 and WG debate) and adapting EU legislation to the present challenges of irregular migration, such as human smuggling, hybrid attacks by third states and violence against human rights (LT recommendation 10 and WG debate).

Proposal III: irregular migration³

Objective: Apply the concept of solidarity uniformly in all Member States:

Measures:

1. Imposing EU legislative measures to guarantee the safety and health of all migrants, in particular pregnant women and children and all vulnerable groups (recommendations 10 and 38 and WG debate).
2. Increasing EU financial, logistical and operational support, also for local authorities and regional governments for the management of the first reception which would lead to a possible integration of refugees and regular migrants or repatriation of irregular migrants (recommendation 35 and WG debate).

Proposal IV: Asylum, integration⁴

Objective: Strengthen the EU's role and reform the European asylum system based on the principles of solidarity and fair share of responsibility:

Measures:

1. Adopting EU common rules concerning procedures for the examination of claims for international protection in Member States, applied uniformly to all asylum seekers. These procedures will have to be respectful of human dignity and international law (recommendation 29 and IT recommendations 3.8 and 4.4 p.15). As the reception of asylum seekers involves different actors at a national level, the EU should encourage Member States to simplify and speed up this process through a better interoperability amongst the different relevant administrations, and to set up a unique desk (one stop-shop or entry point) for asylum seekers to streamline national administrative procedures (recommendation 37).

³ Citizens' recommendations on which the proposal is mainly based : European Citizens' Panel 4 (ECP 4) 10, 35, 38

⁴ Citizens' recommendations on which the proposal is mainly based : European Citizens' Panel 4 (ECP 4) 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40; Italy 3.8 and 4.4 (p.15) and 5.6 (p.11), Lithuania 2 and 3, The Netherlands 1 and 2.

2. Revisiting the Dublin system in order to guarantee solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility including the redistribution of migrants among Member States (recommendations, 33, 36, 37, 40; LT recommendations 2; IT recommendations 3.8 (p.15) and NL recommendation 2).
3. Enhance the minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers laid down in directive 2013/33/EU through stronger legislative measures to improve reception facilities and accommodation. (ECP recommendation 31 and IT recommendations 5.6 (p.11))
4. Special attention should be given to all minors including especially unaccompanied minors (recommendation 38).
5. Strengthening the mandate and increase financial and human resources as well as management capacities of the EU Agency for Asylum to coordinate and manage the relocation of asylum seekers within the EU Member States to achieve a fair distribution (recommendations 36, 37 and LT recommendation 3).

Proposal V: Asylum, integration⁵

Objective: Improve integration policies in all Member States:

Measures:

1. EU ensures that every asylum seeker and refugee, during the process of the residence procedure, attends language, integration courses, and activities (recommendation 32 and FR recommendation 13 and WG debate).
2. Asylum seekers with relevant qualifications should be given access to the labour market all over the EU (recommendation 7 and WG debate).

⁵ Citizens' recommendations on which the proposal is mainly based : European Citizens' Panel 4 (ECP 4) 7 and 32, France Change 13.