

Common Basic Principles

The Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy in the EU were adopted by the [Justice and Home Affairs Council](#) in November 2004 and form the foundations of EU initiatives in the field of integration.

- CBP 1 'Integration is a dynamic, two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of Member States'
- CBP 2 'Integration implies respect for the basic values of the European Union'
- CBP 3 'Employment is a key part of the integration process and is central to the participation of immigrants, to the contributions immigrants make to the host society, and to making such contributions visible'
- CBP 4 'Basic knowledge of the host society's language, history, and institutions is indispensable to integration; enabling immigrants to acquire this basic knowledge is essential to successful integration'
- CBP 5 'Efforts in education are critical to preparing immigrants, and particularly their descendants, to be more successful and more active participants in society'
- CBP 6 'Access for immigrants to institutions, as well as to public and private goods and services, on a basis equal to national citizens and in a non-discriminatory way is a critical foundation for better integration'
- CBP 7 'Frequent interaction between immigrants and Member State citizens is a fundamental mechanism for integration. Shared forums, intercultural dialogue, education about immigrants and immigrant cultures, and stimulating living conditions in urban environments enhance the interactions between immigrants and Member State citizens'
- CBP 8 'The practice of diverse cultures and religions is guaranteed under the Charter of Fundamental Rights and must be safeguarded, unless practices conflict with other inviolable European rights or with national law'
- CBP 9 'The participation of immigrants in the democratic process and in the formulation of integration policies and measures, especially at the local level, supports their integration'
- CBP 10 'Mainstreaming integration policies and measures in all relevant policy portfolios and levels of government and public services is an important consideration in public policy formation and implementation.'
- CBP 11 'Developing clear goals, indicators and evaluation mechanisms are necessary to adjust policy, evaluate progress on integration and to make the exchange of information more effective.'