



Election of a Member of the Forum Bureau:

EU-level organisations

CANDIDATES – EU LEVEL

Name	Organization
Ekaterina EFIMENKO	European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE)
Adnan Abdul GHANI	Save The Children
Mohammed MUSTAFA	European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
Anastasia PETRENKO	United Women

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Name and Surname:	Ekaterina Efimenko	Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE)		
Function:	Coordinator for Working Conditions, Human Rights, Equality and Environment		
Website:	Home - European Trade Union Committee for Education		
Your organisation is active since...:	1977		
Your organisation represents the NGO sector:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details) It is a trade union, i.e. social partner in the education sector	

Structure of your organisation – Please indicate how members are represented, how many members you have and from how many EU Member States

How would you liaise with other networks?

The European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) is a federation of 122 education trade unions in 51 countries, representing in total 4 million members all over Europe. We are the social partner for teachers and other education personnel at European level (with our counter-part being European Federation of Education Employers), and a defender of their interests towards the European Commission and other European institutions. ETUCE is composed of national trade unions of teachers and other staff in all parts of the education sector: early childhood education; primary education; secondary education; vocational education and training; higher education and research. The member organisations cover both EU (all 27 countries) and non-EU states. Outside of regular communication and cooperation with the European institutions (including European Commission, European Parliament, EESC etc.), ETUCE has been liaising with other key stakeholders in the education sector at European level, such as for example European Parents Association, OBESSU, European Student Association, SOLIDAR, Lifelong Learning Platform, and other civil society organisations.

Motivation of the candidate - What do you want to contribute and to achieve as a member of the Forum Bureau? How would you use your experience and your network to contribute to the work of the Forum?

As a coordinator for the work on equality at ETUCE (for the past 8 years), I've worked extensively with the issue of inclusion of both students and education personnel with migrant background in and through education. ETUCE has a longstanding expertise on this topic, including strong policy background (e.g. [Resolution](#) 'Education Trade Unions on the Refugee Situation in Europe') and contribution to the European Commission's policy-making on the topic (e.g. [ETUCE Statement](#) on the Action Plan). We regularly address the topic of inclusion of migrants and refugees in education and teaching profession in the work of our Standing Committee for Equality based on the implementation of the [ETUCE Action Plan on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#), as well as in the social dialogue (e.g. implementing the outcomes of the joint [ETUCE-EFEE project](#) "European Sectoral Social Partners in Education promoting effective integration of migrants and refugees in education"). We have just finalised the ETUCE project (which I've coordinated as well) 'In and Through Education: Education Trade Unions support the inclusion of refugees and migrants' which addressed the inclusion of refugees and migrants in the

education systems, including provision of the teacher training, psychological support, recruitment of migrant teachers, contributing to the positive social perception of refugees and migrants, and other issues. We believe that the issue of inclusion of migrants and refugees in and through education hasn't been explored sufficiently throughout the previous editions of the European Migration Forum so we would like to bring the experience of our members and their affiliates at the national level and our policy knowledge from the European level to strengthen that focus in the discussions of the future Forums.

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Name and Surname:	Adnan Abdul Ghani	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	Save The Children		
Function:	Migration Thematic Expert/Project Manager		
Website:	www.savethechildren.net / www.savethechildren.eu		
Your organisation is active since...:	1919		
Your organisation represents the NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)	

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How would you liaise with other networks?

Save the Children is a global federation of 30 national member organisations, including EU-based members active in 19 EU Member States. Members coordinate through the **Save the Children Europe Group**, representing a wide network of child-rights organisations with strong advocacy, programmatic, and community-based partnerships across Europe. I will actively liaise through Save the Children’s EU advocacy network, the EU Commission Expert Group on Migrant Views, refugee- and migrant-led organisations, and multi-country civil society coalitions, ensuring continuous dialogue, consultation, and two-way information flow.

Motivation of the candidate - What do you want to contribute and to achieve as a member of the Forum Bureau? How would you use your experience and your network to contribute to the work of the Forum?

As a refugee with lived experience and a member of the EU Commission Expert Group on the Views of Migrants, I am committed to ensuring that the European Migration Forum meaningfully integrates the perspectives of people directly affected by migration, especially children and families. I bring extensive experience working across EU Member States with NGOs, migrant- and refugee-led organisations, and grassroots networks focused on rights-based migration governance.

My goal is to strengthen the Forum’s relevance, inclusiveness and impact. I will contribute through evidence-based child-rights expertise, community insights, and my established EU-level network across civil society, institutions, and research actors. I aim to promote better links between local realities and EU policymaking, ensure that lived experience is reflected in the Forum’s agenda, and support constructive, solutions-oriented dialogue among stakeholders.

As a Bureau member, I will work to make the Forum more accessible, participatory and connected to the wider ecosystem of organisations working on migration, asylum and integration across Europe.

Election of a Member of the Forum Bureau: EU level

Name and Surname:	Mohammed Mustafa	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	ALDA - the European Association for Local Democracy	
Function:	ALDA is a membership based organization in the EU and its neighbour EU Project Manager - Migration Flagship & Hub Coordinator	
Website:	www.alda-europe.eu	
Your organisation is active since...:	1999	
Your organisation represents the NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

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How would you liaise with other networks?

Members are represented through participatory governance structure. They have voting rights during the annual General Assembly and are eligible to be elected to the Governing Board of ALDA, which oversees the organisation’s activities and decisions.
ALDA has +303 active members, which include both local authorities and civil society organisations. The members extend across almost 40 countries, out of which 21 are EU member states.

Motivation of the candidate - What do you want to contribute and to achieve as a member of the Forum Bureau? How would you use your experience and your network to contribute to the work of the Forum?

My dedication to inclusive migration governance is rooted in bridging grassroots realities with EU policies. Through ALDA’s Migration Hub, I currently coordinate 5 EU-funded projects - EPIC-UP & AMIL (AMIF), OUT4INGOV (Interreg Alpine), PACT Participatory Action for Community Transformation in Europe, and Citizens Academy (CERV); which collectively **advance inclusive public services, foster positive narratives around migration, promote fair labour market integration, and participatory policymaking through an intersectional and social innovative approach.**

ALDA’s network of LAs, CSOs, and engaged citizens provides a foundation to translate local experiences into actionable EU-level insights. Leading EU initiatives and coordinating closely with ALDA’s ASWAT and Eastern Partnership departments to ensure cross-thematic synergies & shared learning. Given ALDA’s various networks and my personal experience, I am confident in my ability to transform dialogue into tangible, positive impact for people on the move and cities that welcome them and build inclusive societies in the EU.

I am committed to working closely with Forum Bureau members to co-design priorities and inclusive initiatives that respond to the real needs of migrants and local communities, ensuring that grassroots realities inform EU migration policies, uphold human dignity, and foster social inclusion.

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Name and Surname:	Anastasia Petrenko	Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	United Women		
Function:	Founder		
Website:	https://unitedwomen2024.com/		
Your organisation is active since...:	2024		
Your organisation represents the NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)	

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How would you liaise with other networks?

United Women (EU TR 882586896248-15): Board & Exec; Country Leads/Ambassadors; Thematic groups (labour, legal, psychosocial, research). 2,500+ women in 22 EU states; monthly calls, surveys (5k), position papers. Liaison: MoUs/coalitions, joint EP/webinars, Telegram/newsletters, shared KPIs.

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I seek to bring a refugee-led, evidence-based voice to the Forum Bureau and turn outcomes into concrete improvements on the ground. As Founder of United Women (EU TR 882586896248-15), I 3 coordinate programmes across 22 EU Member States and lead research (5,000+ respondents) on Ukrainian refugees' integration. I would contribute by: Injecting data and lived experience into agenda-setting (briefs on safe/legal work, recognition of skills, childcare/housing barriers). Convening employers, unions, NGOs and cities to co-design pilot solutions: fast-track skills validation, fair-work onboarding, legal aid & psychosocial support Translating Forum outputs into toolkits, webinars and country labs, and disseminating via our network of clubs/ambassadors; producing progress dashboards/KPIs to track uptake. Advancing access to EU funds for migrant- and women-led groups by documenting bottlenecks and proposing simplifications. Ensuring meaningful participation of migrants in all stages—consultation, design, monitoring. My goal: help the Forum move from recommendations to scalable, measurable action that protects workers and accelerates dignified integration.