Consultation with civil society organisations on

**The eight meeting of the European Migration Forum in 2023**

The 2023 [European Migration Forum](https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/sections-other-bodies/other/european-migration-forum) will allow civil society organisations to engage in dialogue with policy makers, speakers, and practitioners throughout two days of networking and targeted workshops on migration, asylum, and integration topics.

As in previous years, the Forum Bureau decided to organise a consultation with civil society on the topic of the next Forum. This consultation consists of a written survey and a consultation meeting. The aim is to hear and gather civil society organisations’ recommendations and views on which topics and subtopics should be discussed.

The EMF Bureau proposes to address the following four topics at the 8th European Migration Forum:

**Migrants vulnerability** including possible subtopics:

* assistance and mental health support to migrant children, including unaccompanied minors,
* prevention of trafficking in human beings through awareness raising,
* specific needs and vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants accessing mental health assistance,
* persons with disabilities.

**Public attitudes and communication on migration** including possible subtopics:

* how to shift the current narrative on migration to a more positive, hope-based communication,
* how to move away from the crisis narrative that contributes to the polarisation of views,
* practical aspects and best practices of how civil society organisations can better frame their communication.

**Sustainable labour market integration** including possible subtopics:

* ways to strengthen cooperation between labour market actors and migrants themselves, inclusive workplaces and diversity in the workplace,
* civil society’s role in improving the assessment of migrants’ skills and recognition of their qualifications,
* specific needs of migrant women and migrants with vulnerabilities.

**Best practices in migration management and governance**

* to present and discuss how migration management is done at both the European and national/sub-national level.

During the consultation meeting, we would like to hear what aspects related to the suggested topics are you most interested in.