



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

7th meeting of the European Migration Forum

"Youth inclusion: key to successful migrant integration"

Brussels, 20-21 October 2022

Background & Main Objectives

The **European Migration Forum**, organised by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee, is a platform for dialogue¹ between civil society and European institutions on issues related to migration, asylum and migrant integration. The aim of the Forum is to **enhance coordination and cooperation between key players involved in the multilevel European governance of migration**. It brings together European policy makers and civil society representatives to discuss and consult on key migration issues. The Forum aims to provide more information on the latest policy developments but also to gather information on how European policies are implemented at regional, local and grass-root levels. It should help key stakeholders to understand better the main challenges that civil society organisations and social partners face in the field, and to identify ways to better support their efforts to address migrants' needs.

The 7th Forum meeting will take place on **20-21 October 2022 in Brussels**.

The **topic** of the 7th European Migration Forum "Youth inclusion: key to successful migrant integration" was selected following consultations with civil society representatives. Public consultations, both in the form of a virtual event (held on 21 April 2022) and via a written questionnaire, were open to all organisations interested in the Forum and allowed organisations to give their input on proposed topics.

In view of the results of the consultations, the Forum will in particular address: young migrants' access to education and training; specific challenges and measures regarding integration of young refugees; legal migration youth mobility, both in the context of education and labour mobility of young people; and advancing participation and engagement of young migrants.

Some participants will be able to present successful projects to others at the Networking Village.

This call aims to **select** the participants to the Forum. The objective is to identify organisations working in this field of migration, namely the integration of young migrants, and youth organisations, whose

¹ The European Migration Forum employs a participatory approach, which entails the close involvement of civil society organisations in the preparation and organisation of meetings. Conclusions and summary reports from earlier meetings can be found under: <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/sections-other-bodies/other/european-migration-forum/events>.



expertise and contributions could bring added value to the European debate on this area. A separate selection procedure is held for each meeting of the Forum.

Format of the event

As in previous years, the 7th meeting will seek to ensure an **interactive and participatory approach**. The Forum will feature debates held in plenary, but the core of the event will consist of workshops, discussion islands and other opportunities to participate in the debate. This will maximize the opportunity for members of civil society organisations to interact with each other and with policy makers. Interpretation in several languages will be provided for the plenary sessions. However, the working language in workshop sessions will be English and **it is therefore strongly recommended that participants have a good command of English**.

Selection of participants

This call for expression of interest is open to all civil society organisations that:

- are **legally based** in an EU Member State;
- **have experience** in the topic of the Forum, at EU, national or local level;
- are **able to raise awareness** of relevant issues in their own constituency, national and European networks; and
- commit to actively **participate** in the meeting and contribute to the dissemination of the results of the Forum.

To apply, **please complete, no later than 23 August 2022, the application form [here](#)** Please note that late applications will not be considered.

The main selection criterion will consist of **relevance of the activities and expertise of the organisation to the topic** of the meeting. Moreover, the selection will be based on the need to ensure:
a) geographical balance;
b) diversity of fields of expertise, activities and types of organisations.

A maximum of **120** civil society organisations will be selected. Approximately 1/3 will be organisations active at EU level (umbrella organisations, EU networks, platforms, etc.) and 2/3 will be national, regional and local level organisations.

The European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee are in charge of the selection procedure. The final list of participants will be approved by the Forum Bureau.

Next steps

After the selection procedure of the applications is completed, the selected organisations will receive an invitation to register for the event (including the programme and a link to the registration form).



***Please note that the European Commission is in charge of organising the travel and accommodation arrangements for one representative per selected organisation, via its travel agent. The Commission will not be able to reimburse the costs of travel arrangements which were made directly by the participants.