



**Election of a Member of the Forum Bureau:
EU-level organisations**

CANDIDATES – EU LEVEL

Name	Organization
Alexandre Beddock	Voicify – The European Forum for Youth with Lived Migration Experience
Anna Coulibaly	International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe/ Share Network

Election of a Member of the Forum Bureau: EU level

Name and Surname:	Alexandre Beddock	Mr	Ms	X
Organisation:	Voicify - The European Forum for Youth with Lived Migration Experience			
Function:	Civil Society Organisation			
Country:	Belgium			
Website:	https://www.voicify-eu.org/			
Your organisation is active since...:	2022			
Your organisation represents the NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No (please describe more in details)		

**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?**

Voicify - The European Forum for Youth with Lived Migration Experiences represents 35 member organisations based in 16 different EU Member States and more than 100.000 Y.R.E.M.A.S.U.D. (Young Refugees, Exiled, Migrants, Asylum Seekers & Undocumented).

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?

Having extensive experience in various forms of refugee and LGBTQI+ advocacy roles, I have gained the necessary competencies, experience and knowledge for this position. As the Vice-President of Voicify, I am determined to bring a unique perspective and innovative approach to my day-to-day responsibilities.

My professional journey has encompassed substantial work within EU and Council of Europe structures. These roles demanded close interaction with a diverse array of individuals and entities, including governmental agencies and civil society representatives, whilst advocating for refugee and LGBTQI+ rights.

Both my professional and lived experience as a young queer refugee woman have enabled me to speak up about the difficult reality of many young refugees and asylum seekers. Consequently, I have observed many of my community's concerns tackled by the the EU's important work on the social inclusion of refugees through numerous initiatives. On both a professional and personal level, I would thrive if given the opportunity to become a member of the European Migration Forum's Bureau, achieving my goal of making meaningful contributions to refugee and migrant rights in the EU.

Election of a Member of the Forum Bureau: EU level

Name and Surname:	Anna Coulibaly	Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe/ Share Network		
Function:	Policy and Programmes Officer		
Country:	Belgium		
Website:	Share Network (share-network.eu) and Opening Europe's Hearts and Doors - The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)		
Your organisation is active since...:	1994		
Your organisation represents the NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)	

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<p><u>Our members</u></p> <p>The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe coordinates the Share Network whose mission is to foster the creation of safe pathways and improve the welcoming and inclusion of newcomers to Europe. The Network provides an inclusive multi-stakeholder platform for mutual exchange and learning. We connect local initiatives, share best practices, and bring the voices of local actors and communities to the EU level to inspire action and policy change.</p> <p>Our stakeholders are comprised of civil society organisations, national, regional and local authorities, international and faith-based organisations, universities, refugee-led organisations, European Institutions, think tanks, refugees and community volunteers.</p> <p>The Share Network has actively engaged over 4,500 stakeholders mainly from Europe but also from across the globe, representing 112 different countries including 27 EU countries.</p> <p>The network is engaged in national and EU level advocacy, awareness raising, and collaborates through training and capacity building; coordination of best practice exchange; monitoring and evaluation work; multi-stakeholder convenings, and outreach and engagement of actors at local, national and EU level, amplifying the voices of grassroots actors at EU level.</p> <p><u>Liaising with networks</u></p> <p>We are part of several formal and informal networks at the EU level, including ECRE, the Resettlement Coalition; the EUAA Working Group on Community Sponsorship; the Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways; the European NGO Platform on Asylum and Migration, the Christian Group on Migration; and the Cities and Regions for Integration Initiative coordinated by the European Committee of the Regions.</p>
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As a member of the of the EMF Bureau, ICMC Europe would bring forward the experience and voices of its diverse and multi-stakeholder network of actors and communities on topics related to integration, inclusion, participation, safe pathways, and community sponsorship to the EU level.

- Our work is rooted in **bottom-up strategies**, since we advocate for better policymaking and funding decisions that are guided by the experiences and evidence collected from local communities and grassroots actors. Therefore, if elected to the Bureau, we are committed to center their experiences in inclusion programmes and policies.
- We promote and support **participatory and co-creation approaches**, which covers the design, implementation and monitoring of asylum and migration policies and programmes. Therefore, if elected we are committed to shedding light and centering the knowledge and expertise of persons with lived experience directly affected by policies and programmes on migration and asylum while raising their voice.
- One of our key elements to successfully drive better policies in migration and asylum is to realise that there is no one-size-fits-all policy solution, even at the national level. Policies and programmes affect densely populated urban areas with more developed services differently than smaller municipalities and more remote areas. At Share we have identified **place-based or territorial approaches**, in which support frameworks for welcome and inclusion in smaller and rural communities are coordinated at a regional or sub-regional level, as a best practice to guide the ongoing participation of smaller communities. Therefore, if elected we are committed to bring a focus to the challenges of smaller and rural communities to the forefront who are usually facing additional barriers in being heard on the policy stage and having policies tailored to their needs including access to funding.

How would you use your experience and your network to contribute to the work of the Forum?

- As a **multistakeholder convener** on inclusion and welcome, we have experience in bringing together diverse sets of stakeholders and support them in creating both common goals and tailored output, relevant to their specific locations and needs. The various stakeholders include civil society actors, persons with lived experience, local authorities and national governments across Europe. We recognise that all parties engaged in welcome and integration have knowledge, experience, resources and capacities that can support better policymaking and action. We hope to bring the variety of voices represented in our networks in support of agenda setting, outreach and engagement of participants in future migration forums.
- We have experience in a **multi-level approach** since we connect local actors to others working in and around welcome and inclusion at a regional, national, European and international level. A core component of our work revolves around connecting actors in local communities with those working on welcome and inclusion at regional, national, European and international levels.
- Having good connections and engagement of national civil society organisations across Europe (such as the Irish Refugee Council in Ireland or the Fundacion Cepaim in Spain) and equally important smaller civil society partners (such as Helping Irish Hosts in Ireland, or Fundacion Ellacuria in the Basque Region of Spain) contributes to all **civil society voices being heard equally**, which we hope will guide the discussions around future meetings of the forum.

- We aim to capture existing expertise and knowledge and make it accessible to others through training activities, tools, resources and the sharing of best practices, which we hope can add to **evidence-based steering** of the discussions.

