



Election of a Member of the Forum Bureau: national level organisations

CANDIDATES – NATIONAL LEVEL

Name	Organization	Country
Bilal Almobarak	Support Group Network	Sweden
Adel Baba El Mokhtari	CODENAF	Spain
Marieluise Knobloch	SUS INIMA	Romania
Ekaterina Kokkalou	Youth Included	Czech Republic
Konstantinos Kyrmanidis	ARSIS	Greece
Gianpietro Losapio	NOVA National Consortium for Social Innovation	Italy
Lila Mastora	ActionAid Hellas	Greece
Yonous Muhammadi	Greek Forum of Refugees	Greece
Julius Mvenyi Ntobuah	Newcomers with Disabilities in Sweden	Sweden
Umbreen Salim	SEEK Feminist Research Network	The Netherlands
Sonila Tafili	COSPE	Italy

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Name and Surname:	Bilal Almobarak	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	Support Group Network	
Function:	Executive director	
Country:	Sweden	
Website:	Supportgroup.se	
Your organisation is active since...:	2016	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/established partnerships with other organisations (if any).

How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

Support Group Network (SGN) is a democratic body and functions as an umbrella organization for migrant-led organizations functioning in the EU. Today, SGN has seven registered member organizations inside Sweden, and one in Germany with a total of eight registered member organizations.

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?

I have been leading SGN for more than three years and I could significantly succeed in building networks on national and EU level; with academia, authorities, businesses, and CSOs. E.g., we have now strategic partnership with University West, among other six important actors in West Sweden. We are partners with Municipality of Trollhättan, and with Region Västra Götaland. We are included in their biggest project which is targeting the inclusion of third-country nationals in the labour market. We are member organisation of Voicify on EU level, which is an umbrella NGO for youth-led NGOs with migrant background.

I am head of board to another migrant-led organisation, and I am a board member of two other organisations; one of them is the Anna Lind Foundation, which is a Euro-Mediterranean network of authorities and CSOs.

I am a Phd student in sociology at University of Barcelona doing research on usage of Successful Educational Actions in conflict zones to enhance the educational performance of minors up to 18 years old.

I believe that my experience is of great significance to the forum to expand partnership with new important actors on different levels to achieve goals of the forum.

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Name and Surname:	Adel Baba El Mokhtari	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	CODENAF (Cooperation and Development with North Africa)	
Function:	President	
Country:	Spain	
Website:	https://www.codenaf.org/inicio/accion_social/	
Your organisation is active since...:	1996	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

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CODENAF, Cooperation and Development with North Africa, is a pioneer non-profit institution in Spain, established in 1996. Pioneer because it is one of the first and most solid associations founded and managed by immigrants. Its mission is divided into two areas of action: intervention with immigrants and the work of Development Cooperation with North Africa

Having the common goal of improving the quality of life of immigrants, we are open to interacting with any entity in the member states to achieve the inclusion of these people in all strata of society, learning and sharing both success stories and failure.

State forum for the social integration of immigrants. Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations - Andalusian Forum for the Integration of People of Migrant Origin. Ministry of Social Inclusion, Youth, Families and Equality - Regional Government of Andalusia.

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?

From CODENAF we can contribute to the Forum: 1- Being an association of immigrants and of immigrant origin, which makes us subjects and objects of any immigration policy that is going to be proposed at the level of European countries. 2-our trajectory as an association of the oldest and most solid (more than 25 years). 3- our location in a geographical area, the door of Europe. 4- our originality as an entity in terms of structure and organization model. We combine immigration and international cooperation for development (co-development). 5- our daily and continuous treatment with the immigrant population of different nationalities (more than 45 different countries). 6- our active participation in all forums and platforms at the national, regional and local levels related to the world of migration. All this

allows us to have a very broad vision of the migratory reality and that can contribute a lot to this forum so that the diagnosis of the issue is as realistic as possible to be successful in making future decisions.

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Name and Surname:	Marieluise Knobloch	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	SUS INIMA	
Function:	Head of SUS INIMA PROGRAMMES FOR REFUGEE INTEGRATION	
Country:	ROMANIA	
Website:	www.susinima.eu	
Your organisation is active since...:	2015	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/established partnerships with other organisations (if any). How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

The organisation I am part of is member of some relevant networks in Romania and the Eu, such as: National PSEA Network Social Service Network, National Cancer Patient Network, UNDRR. We have ongoing operational and strategic partnerships with UNHCR, Unicef, Red Cross and IOM. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to increase good-practice exchange and communication through the official channels provided by the EMF.

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Collaboration is key in shaping the future. Coming from an immigrant family myself, and by working alongside refugees and immigrants, I know how important it is that all voices are heard. Thus, being able to exchange ideas and address problems with EU level decision makers will undoubtedly develop a sustainable future for more families. It has been paramount to my and our teams consolidated work of integration development programs, to show-case a highly functional collaborative approach, in which public authorities, UN agencies and the civil society make an equal effort for all children, youth and adults residing in one part of Europe. By doing this, we've been able to assist more than 150.000 persons within the last two years. I strongly believe that "Unity in diversity" is, and should remain, the foremost relevant European motto, that can stand for safety, respect, unity and equity to all members of civil society. I am highly motivated in fostering pro-active partnerships and collaborations with others, that can help construct a mentality shift in which "we" will not imply an automatic "them" or "others", but instead will simply mean "us". All of us. We're all needed for this. Change starts with every one of us and I'd be honoured to be part of this change.

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Name and Surname:	Ekaterina Kokkalou	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	Youth Included, z.s.	
Function:	President	
Country:	Czech Republic	
Website:	www.youthincluded.com	
Your organisation is active since...:	2012	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/established partnerships with other organisations (if any). How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

Our organization is a grassroots migrant organization, consisting of migrants and working to empower migrants and refugees, and integrating them into the hosting society. We are the part of Diesis network, and Voicify network on European level. On national level we are in close cooperation with the city council of Prague, and represent ourselves at every integration platform in the city.

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I believe I have a great mix of experience. On one hand, I have created and manage grassroots migrant organization, being in direct contact with migrants and refugees. On another hand, I am coordinating integration efforts in one of the city districts in Prague, Czech Republic, working and with stakeholders and with migrants and refugees. Additionally, I am working on my PHD in the geomigration department of Charles University in Prague. And, I have lived through integration path myself, therefore I do know what is effective and how to work with community activism, community empowerment, talent development of migrants and refugees.

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Name and Surname:	Konstantinos Kyrmanidis	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	ARSIS Association for the Social Support of Youth	
Function:	NGO	
Country:	Greece	
Website:	https://arsis.gr/en/	
Your organisation is active since...:	1992	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/established partnerships with other organisations (if any). How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

Networks: PICUM, DYNAMO International, ECPAT, FEANTSA, EAPN, EURONET, CRIN, EPA, SCEP, ARIADNE,
 Having the experience of participation in the networks above, our aim is to expand our collaborations and to link more Organizations not only to these networks but also to each other.

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By submitting the current candidature ARSIS Association for the Social Support of Youth would like to raise the difficulties citizens of third countries are facing in EU.
 We would like highlight the need for the regularization of undocumented people, at least for them who belong in vulnerable groups.
 Moreover, we would like to mention the legal gap in Greece and in EU regarding the legal residence of all undocumented children originated from third countries (including unaccompanied, victims of trafficking and other), who can't been granted with legal documents according to the current legal framework.
 We strongly believe that our participation as a member of the Bureau could lead to a strong cooperation between all the members of the EMF, leading to better common suggestions and policies for the citizens of third countries in Europe.
 By our candidacy we would like to contribute to a common EU policy and legislation for the undocumented people, to support migrants and refugees with specific needs by finding solutions for their housing, their education, their sustainable access to health and justice and of course their labour market integration.

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Name and Surname:	Gianpietro Losapio	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	Nova Consorzio nazionale per l'innovazione sociale	
Function:	CEO	
Country:	Italy	
Website:	https://www.consorzionova.it/	
Your organisation is active since...:	1998	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

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Nova is a national consortium made up of 18 social cooperatives and active in 15 Italian regions. It is constantly in dialogue with institutions, in particular the European Commission's DG Home and Affairs, the Italian Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies, several Regions, Prefectures, Municipalities and local authorities. It has established partnerships through the management of projects with several national and local organizations, including partners from different European MS, like Spain, Germany, Greece, Belgium, Cyprus, Slovenia, Finland, Portugal, France, Romania, etc. Nova is also a founding member of Startnet Italia with the Goethe Institute and a partner of Startnet Europe, a multistakeholders European platform and network on young people's transition from education to employment, connecting 18 initiatives from 12 countries for capacity building, exchange of good practices and project partnerships. It is also a member of ICPC- The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, as a NGO active on the field of prevention of crimes and urban safety policies.

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At Nova National Consortium for Social Innovation we deal with research, experimentation and policy design starting directly and concretely with our beneficiaries. We operate with a network of individuals, NGOs and third sector organizations that have been working on migration-related issues for over 30 years. We represent a network of honed skills and knowledge pertinent to the issue at hand and for several years we have been experimenting with public and private and for-profit and non-profit collaborations in this area, supporting both communities and institutions. We have developed "shared

administration and public policy experiences” based on the active participation of civil society and migrant and youth organizations (peer work) within the scope of migratory flow management policies and empowering different forms of social vulnerabilities.

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Name and Surname:	Lila Mastora	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	ActionAid Hellas	
Function:	Programmes and Institutional Fundraising	
Country:	Greece	
Website:	https://actionaid.gr/	
Your organisation is active since...:	1998	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

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ActionAid Hellas is an active member in the following networks:

1. [Common Goal Community](#): a global movement of 193 organisations from 90 countries, working on social inclusion and empowerment of vulnerable children and youth, including migrant and refugee children, using football as a tool for building tolerance.
2. [Hellenic Platform for the Development](#): a network of 22 Greek NGOs in the fields of international development cooperation, humanitarian aid and development education. It represents also Greek NGOs in CONCORD.
3. Athens Coordination Center for Migrants and Refugee Issues ([ACCMR](#)), an initiative of the City of Athens to coordinate 185 authorities and stakeholders on the smooth integration of migrants and refugees living in Athens.

ActionAid Hellas can mobilise the above networks through its regular meetings and activities to share good practices in the field of migration and social inclusion, while promoting the actions, interests and priorities of the European Migration Bureau Forum.

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Through its candidacy in the Forum Bureau, ActionAid Hellas aims at sharing its expertise in community-based paradigms on social inclusion and empowerment of vulnerable people including migrants and refugees, while discussing the challenges and realities of the integration of migrants at community level. We also expect to have the opportunity to exchange ideas with the members of the Forum Bureau,

learn from best practices of other civil society organizations and European Institutions in the field, and participate in structured dialogue with decision makers at national and EU level.

Our exchange of experiences will be based on ActionAid Hellas' expertise in the field of social inclusion and empowerment of vulnerable people, including migrants and refugees, which can be summarized as follows:

- In the context of the Athens Coordination Centre for Migrant and Refugee Issues (ACCMR), ActionAid Hellas co-chairs the Health and Wellness Working Committee and participate in all committees, influencing policy change and integration initiatives at community level.
- In Greece, and particularly through our work at ActionAid Hellas' Community Centre in Athens, we support our fellow citizens who experience social and economic exclusion, including migrants and refugees, by offering targeted services (i.e. psycho-social support, accounting/financial counselling, job counselling), as well as capacity building programs and citizen engagement initiatives for adults, children and youth, bringing together the local population and migrants, empowering, mobilizing and properly equipping them to improve their lives.
- During the refugee emergency response programme from 2015 to 2018, ActionAid Hellas supported over 100,000 refugees, focusing its efforts on the protection, social mobilisation and empowerment of women and the most vulnerable groups of people, by establishing Women Friendly Spaces, providing psychosocial support services, offering urgently required non-food items, implementing capacity building activities and community-based protection programmes.

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Name and Surname:	Yonous Muhammadi	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	Greek Forum of Refugees	
Function:	A refugee/migrant-led association, network of refugee and migrant communities, advocating for integration and meaningful participation of refugees and migrants in decision making processes	
Country:	Greece	
Website:	www.refugees.gr	
Your organisation is active since...:	2012	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

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The Greek Forum of Refugees started as a movement of asylum seekers and refugees in 2004 and was officially established in Athens in 2012. It is comprised of refugee and migrant communities, dedicated professionals and individuals. GFR currently has 11 official communities, 3 informal groups of refugees and migrants, and 47 individuals as members. Each community has an average of 200 members. All our members are residing in Greece.

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Originally from Afghanistan, I myself have experienced the challenges of asylum and migration. From the very beginning, when I arrived in Greece as an asylum seeker in 2001, I actively contributed to organizing refugee and migrant communities. We successfully organized several communities and initiated the Greek Forum of Refugees, which supports and empowers refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers, advocating for their integration and active participation in the host society. As the President of GFR, I fostered networking and cooperation among refugee and migrant communities and with other CSOs. As a result, GFR is now an active member of numerous important networks and platforms at both national and EU levels such as ECRE (European Council on Refugees and Exile), PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants) and ECF (European Civic Forum). GFR is also the co-founder of the Racism Incidents Recording Network in Greece, consisting of more than 100 NGOs. I represent GFR in the Network for the Right to Housing and serve as the President of this network, which comprises 90 NGOs in Greece.

I am happy to mention that I was elected as a Bureau member of the European Migration Forum back in 2015-2016. However, I am not satisfied with my contribution during that time, as I lacked the required experience and was not as active as I would have liked. I believe that this time, with my extensive knowledge and experience over the years, I can contribute significantly to the work of the Forum, in the areas of migration, asylum, and integration. I am currently a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on the Views of Migration and Asylum, further enriching my perspective and engagement in these critical issues

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Name and Surname:	Julius Mvenyi Ntobuah	Mr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	Newcomers with Disabilities in Sweden	
Function:	Board chairman	
Country:	Sweden	
Website:	https://newcomerswithdisabilities.se/	
Your organisation is active since...:	2021	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/ established partnerships with other organisations (if any).

How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

Newcomers with Disabilities in Sweden is part of several national and international networks that advocate for refugees and asylum seekers with disabilities. On the National level we are part of the Stockholm integration pack which is a network of NGOs working in the Stockholm city area on inclusion questions. Newcomers is also in collaboration with Welcome House Stockholm, which helps to welcome quota refugees in the city of Stockholm. We are also part of the National Disability Focus Group chaired by Sweden's national disability authority. The aim of the focus group is to highlight challenges faced by disabled refugees and asylum to various state authorities and together propose recommendations. Internationally Newcomers with Disabilities in Sweden is part of the Advisory board of UNHCR. The UNHCR Advisory Board acts as a representative body for organisations led by displaced and stateless people, and plays a critical role in providing strategic policy advice to UNHCR, based on members' experiences and expertise.

Newcomers with Disabilities in Sweden is part of Nordic Network of NGOs, working with refugees and asylum seekers with disabilities in the Nordic and Baltic Countries. We have NGOs from Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Poland and Norway in the network. Newcomers with Disabilities in Sweden is als a member of Voicify Network , 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?

As a member of the European Migration Forum Bureau my aim is to contribute to the development of policies, strategies, and initiatives that address the challenges and opportunities associated with migration.

I have a background in project management mostly disability inclusion project and refugees inclusion project. I am also a member of The Advisory Board of UNHCR that acts as a representative body for organisations led by displaced and stateless people; and will play a critical role in providing strategic policy advice to UNHCR based on its members' experiences and expertise.

I am bringing onboard my experience of working with refugees to help shape effective migration policies that are fair, humane, and considerate of the needs of both migrants and host communities.

As a refugee with disability, I aimed to promote Inclusivity: One of the key goals of the EMF is to promote dialogue and cooperation among various stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and international organisations. I can help ensure that diverse voices are heard, including those of refugees with disabilities themselves, to build more inclusive policies.

I will ensure that migration policies prioritise and protect the human rights and dignity of migrants should be central. I will do this by advocating via my vast network for fair treatment, access to essential services, and the prevention of exploitation and discrimination against refugees.

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Name and Surname:	Umbreen Salim	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	SEEK Feminist Research Network	
Function:	Founder and Managing Director	
Country:	The Netherlands	
Website:		
Your organisation is active since...:	2019	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/established partnerships with other organisations (if any). How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

We operate as a network comprising individual members and member organisations. I will use existing contacts, memberships and network to reach out and liaise with organisations. We are member of various like-minded networks including: European coalition of migrants and refugees, UN Network on Migration, UNFCCC PCCB Network, European Network Against Racism, European network of Stateless, Global Network of Women Peacebuilder, Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network UNHCR. I liaise at personal level and with SEEK team members for our advocacy, capacity-building and activism activities.

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?

I am a Human Rights, Women-Rights and Migrant & Refugee-Rights advocate. I am a migrant woman and a PhD researcher with lived experience of migration and professional experience of 10 years in the migrant and refugee landscape. Contributing to inclusive and just ecosystems has been a driving force for me. I am rooted in communities across the Netherlands as well as established contacts with groups and organisations working with/for us.

My experience and knowledge will help me liaise with organisations to support and fill the gap towards better integration, advocate for positive public perception, and inclusion of voices of migrants in public policy.

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Name and Surname:	Sonila Tafili	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisation:	COSPE – Cooperazione per lo sviluppo dei paesi emergenti	
Function:	Project Manager and Board Member	
Country:	Italy	
Website:	https://www.cospe.org/	
Your organisation is active since...:	13/05/1983	
Your organisation represents NGO sector:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe more in details)

Please state networks that your organisation belongs to/established partnerships with other organisations (if any). How would you liaise with organisations from other Member States?

COSPE is committed in collaborating and supporting other organisations through EU projects, advocacy and research actions. It is a member of more than 30 networks such as Concord Europe; SOLIDAR; CILD (Italian Coalition Freedom and Civil Rights); ASGI – Association on studies on migration etc.

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I think that EMF is an important entity at the European level who can serve as an incubator for CSO's to bring back to the EU level what they experience from the application of European policies in the member countries. I wish that if I'm elected to be a member of the Bureau to contribute together with other colleagues in expanding exchange with stakeholders from the EU countries who can bring insights on how to improve policies regarding migration and strengthening the role of the Forum to be the meeting point between EU institutions and CSO's who work on migration. I have an extensive experience as a Project Manager in EU and national projects in Italy and I have been an activist for migrant's rights and the rights of people with a migratory background (second generation) for more than 10 years. I'm President of IParticipate, Youth Organisation based in Florence, co-founder on the national network CONNGI and a board member at COSPE where I currently work. I am sure that my experience in organizations, networks and movements and working on migration on different levels can be an instrument to bring the voices and raise the issues of many others whose voices are and cannot be heard.