



Summary of the results of the CSO consultation on the topic of the 7th EMF

In light of the 2022 European Year of Youth, the general proposal of the EMF Bureau was to focus discussions on youth related topics and cover different aspects of this broad theme. As an established practice, a consultation with the civil society organisations was organised in two stages: written consultation in the form of an EU Survey and an oral consultation. The EMF Bureau proposed nine subtopics for the consultation and the CSOs were invited also to give recommendations on the aspects that were not covered in the proposed topics but should in their view be addressed at the EMF.

Written consultation

The written consultation was open from 21 March to 5 April and 81 replies were received. The respondents were asked to reply on a scale from 1 to 5, where 5 was strongly in favour and 1 was least in favour of the topic.

Results of the written consultation



Ranking	Topic	Votes
1	Young migrants' access to education and training (access and measures to respond to specific needs)	337
2	Specific challenges and measures regarding integration of young refugees	326
3	Advancing participation and engagement of young migrants	323
4	Children at risk of trafficking in human beings in the context of migration	317
5	Unaccompanied minors: transition to adulthood	312
6	How to fight disinformation and prejudice to promote a balanced narrative about migration?	307
7	Legal migration: youth mobility, both in the context of education and labour mobility of young people	299
8	Role of sport, culture, volunteering in young migrants' integration	283
9	Youth specific angle regarding family reunification	279

Proposals for other aspects related to youth that could be addressed at the EMF

- Add the aspect of Ukrainian refugees

- Housing and situations of homelessness among young migrants, including asylum seekers, unaccompanied migrants and young refugees
- Employment opportunities for the young migrants and their inclusion into the labour market
- Access of young migrants to the higher education and vocational training
- Social and cultural integration of the youth to the host communities
- Mentoring as an efficient tool for facilitating the inclusion of young newcomers and improving social cohesion
- Changing the narrative that migrants are passive recipients of aid and in perpetual need of help, leading them to be infantilised by several external actors.
- Challenges and solutions related to the access of young migrants to information and services
- Challenges and solutions regarding young migrants exposed to the risk of sexual abuse and/or exploitation – awareness-raising, identification and care.
- Ensuring the inclusion of young migrants with disabilities
- Address the situation and particular needs of LGBTQI and undocumented young migrants and refugees
- Access to healthcare, especially psychological care for young migrants

Oral consultation

Around 60 CSOs participated in the oral consultation that took place on 21 April. The participants discussed the proposed nine subtopics and established their recommendations for other aspects to be addressed at the EMF in seven breakout groups.

Subtopics proposed by the EMF Bureau

The ranking of the nine subtopics was broadly the same as in the written consultation. Most mentioned were the following topics:

- Young migrants' access to education and training (access and measures to respond to specific needs)
- Unaccompanied minors: transition to adulthood
- Children at risk of trafficking in human beings in the context of migration
- Specific challenges and measures regarding integration of young refugees
- Advancing participation and engagement of young migrants

Proposals for other aspects related to youth that could be addressed at the EMF

- Mainstreaming the gender dimension to all topics that will be discussed
- Inclusion of vulnerable groups
- Funding for organisations working with young migrants and refugees
- Need of programmes and funding for people in reception centers to address their issue before they leave the reception center
- Funding needed for advancing young migrants' participation, youth organisations often struggle to find funding.
- Addressing legal migration in a broader way than just mobility, include also professional freedom and rights, skills and entrepreneurship, mismatch between skills and market's needs etc.
- Impact of the pandemic – access to health services, medical and psychological healthcare
- Discrimination between different migrant groups, how some groups of migrants are treated differently than others

- Transition to adulthood – common and minimum standards in the EU
- Challenge of family reunification

Recommendations for the Forum in general

- The Forum could be organised in chunks of issues related to the migration journey – creating the story and linking different pieces together
- The session should be ideally led by migrants, especially young migrants, including diversity.
- The time should be fixed that is spent in the breakout rooms to avoid people leaving and ensure that the time is spent effectively
- Forum should be accessible for everyone (hybrid or online) and the diversity of speakers should be ensured
- There should be a more tangible result of the Forum, e.g. in the form of policy recommendations.

EMF Bureau decision on the topic and subtopics of the 7th EMF

The EMF Bureau members discussed the results of the consultation in a meeting that took place after the oral consultation.

Based on the input received the decision is the following.

Title of the 7th EMF

"Youth inclusion, key to successful migrant integration"

Subtopics to be addressed

The EMF Bureau proposed to hold the Forum discussions on the subtopics that received most support from the CSOs:

- 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
- Advancing participation and engagement of young migrants

The topic **Children at risk of trafficking in human beings in the context of migration** was not selected for the European Migration Forum. This is due to other major events and activities taking place at around the same time in relation to **trafficking in human beings**, notably the EU Anti-Trafficking Day.

Please note that the session The Floor is Yours will allow participants to choose and discuss up to 10 other topics at the 7th European Migration Forum.

The aspect of the Ukrainian refugees will be added to each of the subtopics as an integral part and will not be made a separate topic.

The 7th EMF will take place in-person on 20-21 October in Brussels and will invite youth organisations from across Europe to share their ideas in Forum's debates and participatory workshops. The call for interest will be launched by mid-July via the EMF mailing list and social media channels.