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Promoting European Values and Citizenship for Migrant and Refugee Youth Integration

Who is this aimed at

- **Policymakers at local, national and European levels, educational institutions, NGOs, community leaders, and youth organizations** working on migrant and refugee youth integration across Europe.

Key messages

- **Promoting European Values:** The policy brief emphasizes the importance of integrating European values such as democracy, tolerance, and respect for diversity into educational curricula to support the civic engagement of migrant youth.
- **Intercultural Dialogue:** It highlights the need for constructive intercultural dialogue to reduce discrimination and foster mutual understanding, particularly through community programs and school initiatives.
- **Addressing Challenges:** Key challenges identified include discrimination, economic barriers, and a lack of structured opportunities for dialogue, which hinder the social integration of migrant youth across Europe.
- **Actionable Recommendations:** The brief provides recommendations such as increasing funding for youth-led initiatives, launching awareness campaigns against discrimination, and enhancing access to social resources and vocational training.
- **Focus on Rural Areas:** Special attention is given to the need for tailored support in rural regions to ensure equitable access to integration programs for migrant youth.

Policy options

- **Promote Intercultural Dialogue:** Implement programs in schools and communities to encourage interaction between migrant and native youth.
- **Support Youth-Led Initiatives:** Increase funding for projects led by youth that enhance social inclusion and foster cultural exchanges.
- **Combat Discrimination:** Launch campaigns to challenge stereotypes about migrants and promote inclusivity through various media.
- **Increase Resource Access:** Provide financial support for migrant youth to engage in extracurricular activities and create vocational training opportunities.



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Executive Summary

This policy brief focuses on the integration of migrant and refugee youth in Europe by promoting European values and citizenship. It underscores the necessity for inclusive educational curricula and constructive intercultural dialogue, identifying key challenges such as discrimination, economic barriers, and insufficient structured opportunities for engagement. To address these issues, the brief recommends implementing intercultural programs, supporting youth-led initiatives, launching awareness campaigns against discrimination, enhancing access to resources, and fostering partnerships with local and European organizations. By tackling these areas, the brief advocates for empowering migrant youth to actively participate in civic life and feel valued within their host societies. The recommendations aim to create an environment where migrant youth can thrive, contributing positively to their communities while embracing their identities as European citizens.

Introduction

This policy brief is a specific contribution of the MyCOMM project, an EU funded Erasmus+ project that unites youth organizations and civil society stakeholders in five EU countries (Ireland, Spain, Cyprus, Romania, France), as well as EU umbrella level organizations for youth and migrant advocacy. A direct contribution to the capacity building of youth organizations in the EU, this policy brief aims to highlight common challenges, as observed by the partners, and propose targeted recommendations to foster the successful integration of migrant and refugee youth across Europe in diverse contexts

This policy brief specifically draws from the insights and contributions of the project partners, based on their work and experience.
It also integrates feedback from project events with other European youth organizations.

Project' Partners and their field of action with youth:

- The Rural Hub (Ireland): They specialise in creating innovative educational materials and digital resources for marginalised groups such as rural communities, NEETs, older people, migrants and creative sector entrepreneurs. They focus on e-learning tools to address training needs, skills gaps and alternative approaches to education, working with European partners to develop interactive online resources such as video lectures, escape rooms and WebQuest challenges.
- Group for European Integration GIE (Romania): NGO dedicated to supporting Romania's integration into the European Union through educational, cultural and socio-economic activities. Its objectives include promoting democratic values and conducting research on European integration. GIE also promotes cooperation with other organisations and creates media content to disseminate EU values and human rights.



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- Association Parents d'Enfants Déficiants Visuels APEDV's (France): Organisation dedicated to defending the rights and interests of families with visually impaired children. They provide support, advice and advocacy to parents, assist children in their development and education and promote their integration into society and the workplace. The organisation also supports visually impaired adults and works to ensure safe and independent travel for visually impaired people.
- Centre for the Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology CARDET (Cyprus): An organisation focused on creating long-term impact through purposeful action in education, digital learning and skills development. They empower individuals and communities by partnering with diverse stakeholders such as public agencies, youth organisations and private companies, with a focus on youth rights and inclusion. It develops youth-led initiatives, skills development programmes and policy advocacy campaigns to amplify youth voices and promote inclusive societies where young people can thrive.
- OBREAL (Spain): International network focusing on improving cooperation in higher education between Latin America, Europe and the Caribbean. They work on projects that promote academic exchange, research collaboration and education policy development. It aims to strengthen partnerships between universities and institutions to address global challenges and improve educational outcomes through strategic partnerships and capacity building initiatives.
- Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (France): It is a refugee-led network created by, with and for refugees to strengthen the voices of individual refugees and refugee-serving organisations in Europe. Through training and advocacy, it promotes the rights and agency of young refugees and supports them in developing their skills to enhance their meaningful participation in society.
- Cyprus Youth Clubs Organization KOKEN (Cyprus): It is the largest NGO in Cyprus dedicated to the development and coordination of youth clubs. Founded in 2008, its mission is to promote volunteerism, participation, education and social interaction among young people. It aims to empower young people through active citizenship, social and environmental awareness and participation in group activities. It works with various stakeholders to design and implement initiatives that support youth development, guided by the principles of democracy, integrity and transparency.
- Jeunes Européens Fédéralistes JEF (Belgium): Political youth NGO working for a democratic European federation guaranteeing peace, the rule of law and human rights. Founded in 1972, it has more than 10,000 members in 37 countries and promotes European citizenship and further EU integration. JEF Europe supports a federal model based on subsidiarity and rejects a centralised superstate. It engages in political advocacy, campaigns, training and dialogue to raise public awareness of European issues and to encourage young people's participation in building a fairer, more sustainable and integrated Europe.



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Context of the Problem

The integration of migrant and refugee youth in Europe is a complex challenge that requires a multi-faceted approach that draws on the principles and values of the European Union. This policy brief focuses on leveraging shared values of democracy, tolerance, and respect for diversity, as well as the concept of European citizenship, to create more inclusive environments and empower migrant and refugee youth to actively participate in civic life.

Key aspects of this context include:

- The need to incorporate European values and citizenship concepts into educational curricula and integration initiatives
- The importance of fostering intercultural dialogue to reduce discrimination and promote mutual understanding among diverse populations
- Addressing challenges such as discrimination, economic barriers, and lack of structured opportunities for dialogue, which hinder the social integration of migrant youth across Europe.
- Recognizing the crucial role of schools, community organizations, and youth-led initiatives in fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility among migrant youth.

The context of the problem involves the complex integration of migrant youth in Europe, which is hindered by challenges such as multiples kinds of discrimination, economic barriers, and a lack of structured intercultural dialogue. Addressing these issues requires a multi-faceted approach that promotes European values, enhances citizenship education, and fosters inclusive environments through community engagement and targeted support initiatives.

This policy brief examines how the promotion of European values and citizenship can support the integration of migrant and refugee youth through educational initiatives, intercultural dialogue, and community engagement across Europe, including MyCOMM project partners and members of organisations from different parts of Europe who have participated in MyCOMM project actions and have provided feedback and experience.



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The Promotion of the European Values

The partner's organization highlights the importance of shared values such as democracy, tolerance, and respect for diversity as foundational elements for creating inclusive environments. In Romania, for instance, initiatives like the *Erasmus+ program*¹ and the *European Policies for Young Citizens (EPYC)*² provide platforms for intercultural dialogue and civic engagement, enabling migrant youth to develop a sense of belonging and responsibility within their communities. In Ireland, similar efforts are reflected in programs like the *Yellow Flag Programme*³, which fosters respect for diversity in schools, and community organizations that support civic engagement among young migrants. The education system in France has embedded European values into the curriculum, focusing on concepts like European citizenship, tolerance, and democratic participation. This aligns with the European Commission's emphasis on integrating diverse backgrounds into education. Also, Spain aligns its integration policies with European values such as democracy, respect, and social cohesion. Programs like in the "*Marco Estratégico de Ciudadanía e Inclusión contra el Racismo y la Xenofobia (2023- 2027)*"⁴ focus on promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding among youth from diverse backgrounds. Citizenship education is embedded in school curricula, encouraging young migrants to engage actively in civic life and understand their rights and responsibilities within both Spanish society and the broader European context.

MyCOMM partners stress the significance of educational policies that incorporate European values into curricula, facilitating cultural awareness and reducing discrimination. Also underscores the role of community engagement through targeted support initiatives, such as language courses and integration programs by organizations like the ICAR Foundation and IOM Romania, as well as local youth councils in Ireland. These initiatives collectively aim to empower migrant youth by providing them with the necessary tools to navigate their new environments while fostering a sense of connection to both local and broader European identities.

Enhancing Cultural Dialogue

Project partners organizations emphasize the importance of fostering intercultural understanding and respect among diverse youth populations by implementing educational programs that integrate European values into curricula. Initiatives such as the *Yellow Flag Programme*⁵ in Ireland promote inclusivity in schools by encouraging students to celebrate their cultural identities while engaging with peers from different backgrounds. Additionally, community programs like the "*Us&Them*"⁶ project in Romania facilitate cultural exchange events, allowing migrant youth to connect with local communities and share their experiences. These efforts are supported by organizations like the ICAR Foundation and IOM, which provide language courses and social activities designed to bridge cultural gaps. By prioritizing cultural dialogue through these educational and

¹ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>

² <https://epycproject.eu/>

³ <https://yellowflag.ie/>

⁴ <https://www.inclusion.gob.es/documents/20121/0/202307+Presentacio%CC%81n+Marco+estrategico+OBERAX+vf.pdf/c47ae4c8-cda8-4135-8685-391509819de5?t=1688473320660>

⁵ <https://yellowflag.ie/>

⁶ <https://us-and-them.eu/index.php?page=group-description>



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community initiatives, the document highlights a comprehensive strategy aimed at creating inclusive environments where migrant youth can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society. In France, educational policies and intercultural programs aim to reduce discrimination and promote respect for cultural dialogue. Organizations like Voices of Young Refugees in Europe and APEDV focus on local events that bring together migrant and native communities

Addressing Key Challenges

The experiences of MyCOMM partners noted that the main challenges faced by young migrants and refugees in their inclusion process in Europe can be condensed into three:

- **Combating discrimination.**

To address multiple types of discrimination, partners noted the importance of intercultural education and awareness-raising programmes that promote understanding and respect among diverse youth populations. Initiatives such as the Yellow Flag Programme⁷ in Ireland actively work to create inclusive school environments that celebrate diversity and reduce feelings of isolation among immigrant students. In Romania, policies aligned with EU recommendations facilitate intercultural dialogue in schools, helping to create safe spaces where students from different backgrounds can share their experiences and cultures, thus fostering mutual respect. Partners have observed that negative stereotypes restrict migrant youth's participation in social and economic life across all partner countries, especially accentuated in certain groups such as LGBTIQ+ or ethnic or religious groups.

- **Economic barriers.**

Economic barriers are addressed through community-based integration programmes that provide essential resources to young immigrants. Partners highlight initiatives such as the ICAR Foundation's Regional Integration Centres⁸ in Romania, which offer language and vocational training to help young immigrants acquire the skills necessary for employment. In Ireland, local organisations such as Youth Work Ireland⁹ focus on providing support to help young immigrants access educational opportunities and develop essential life skills, thereby reducing economic disparities. In general, throughout Europe, the scarcity of financial resources prevents many young migrants and refugees from participating in social, cultural and sporting activities, especially in rural areas

- **Promote structured intercultural dialogue.**

The lack of structured intercultural dialogue is mitigated by community engagement initiatives that bring together young people from diverse backgrounds. In Ireland, part of the "Shared Island Dialogue"¹⁰ initiative, it brings together young people from diverse backgrounds to discuss social and multicultural issues. This programme fosters intercultural understanding and collaborative relationships. The project "Regional Network

⁷ <https://yellowflag.ie/>

⁸ <https://www.icarfoundation.ro/icar-foundation-establishes-an-integrated-system-in-working-with-migrants/>

⁹ <https://www.youthworkireland.ie/>

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/217a3-shared-island-dialogue/?referrer=https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3eb3c-shared-island-dialogues/>



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for Migrants' Integration in Romania"¹¹, that focuses on facilitating the integration of migrants into host communities, explicitly aims to promote intercultural dialogue among migrants and local communities, fostering understanding and collaboration between diverse cultural groups. These structured dialogues not only help build relationships, but also empower immigrant youth to voice their concerns and contribute to community discussions. Opportunities for intercultural dialogue are often underfunded or restricted to urban areas. It has also been noted that opportunities for intercultural dialogue are often underfunded or restricted to urban areas.

Collaborative Approaches

MyCOMM addresses collaborative approaches for the integration of migrant and refugee youth in Europe by emphasizing partnerships among various stakeholders, including governmental bodies, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and local communities. This multi-level collaboration is crucial for creating a cohesive framework that supports the diverse needs of migrant youth across different countries.

- **Cross-Border Initiatives.**

The document highlights programs like the European Policies for Young Citizens (EPYC)¹², which facilitate cross-border workshops and discussions among youth from various EU member states. These initiatives foster a shared understanding of European values and encourage young migrants to engage in political decision-making processes, thereby strengthening their sense of belonging within the European community.

- **Community Engagement Projects.**

Local initiatives such as the "Story of Change –School for Active Citizenship"¹³ project in Romania exemplify how community engagement can promote integration. This project creates interactive training tools that can be used by community organizers in training courses, learning events and creative promotion of community organization in Europe, enabling personal connections that enhance social cohesion. By involving local authorities, NGOs, and volunteer groups, these projects create supportive environments that facilitate intercultural dialogue and mutual respect.

- **Educational Collaborations.**

Educational institutions play a pivotal role in integration efforts, as seen in Ireland's Yellow Flag Programme¹⁴, which promotes inclusivity in schools. This program encourages collaboration between schools and community organizations to create welcoming environments for all students. Additionally, partnerships with programs like Erasmus+ allow migrant youth to participate in exchanges and skill-building workshops that deepen their understanding of European citizenship.

¹¹ <https://www.romaniaeacasa.ro/en/integration-programs/#1629365712739-ffe32844-d350>

¹² <https://epycproject.eu/>

¹³ <https://cere.org/works/story-of-change-ro/>

¹⁴ <https://yellowflag.ie/>



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- **Shared Resources and Best Practices.**

The document also emphasizes the importance of sharing resources and best practices among European countries to address common challenges faced by migrant youth. By collaborating on training programs for educators and youth workers, stakeholders can enhance their capacity to support diverse populations effectively. This approach not only improves the quality of integration services but also ensures that successful strategies are replicated across different contexts.

Recommendations

The policy brief outlines several actionable recommendations aimed at improving social inclusion for migrant youth in Europe. These recommendations focus on fostering intercultural dialogue, supporting youth-led initiatives, combating discrimination, and enhancing access to resources. Below is a detailed development of these recommendations:

1. Promote Intercultural Dialogue and Community Engagement

- **Implement Intercultural Programs:** Schools and community centres should introduce programs that encourage interaction between migrant and native youth. For instance, the Yellow Flag Programme in Ireland, which promotes diversity and inclusion in schools, can serve as a model for similar initiatives across Europe.
- **Develop Youth-Led Community Forums:** Establish forums where young people can discuss cultural identity and social cohesion. These forums should be supported by community organizations in collaboration with local governments to ensure they address relevant local issues.

2. Support Youth-Led Social and Cultural Initiatives

- **Increase Funding for Youth Projects:** Allocate more financial resources to youth-led initiatives that promote social inclusion, such as cultural exchanges, local events, and youth clubs. The success of local events organized by APEDV in France demonstrates the positive impact of such initiatives on community integration.
- **Encourage Partnerships with European Networks:** Youth organizations should form partnerships with European networks to leverage programs like Erasmus+. This can facilitate cross-cultural exchanges and foster a sense of European citizenship among migrant youth.

3. Launch Awareness Campaigns to Combat Discrimination

- **Develop Public Awareness Campaigns:** Create campaigns that promote inclusivity and challenge stereotypes about migrants. Expanding Ireland's existing anti-discrimination initiatives can help create a unified effort across Europe to address social biases.
- **Utilize Various Media:** Use social media, educational resources, and community events to build positive narratives around the contributions of migrants to society. This approach can help reshape public perceptions and foster acceptance.

4. Increase Access to Social and Economic Resources



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- **Provide Financial Support for Participation:** Offer financial assistance to migrant youth for extracurricular, athletic, and cultural activities. In Romania, expanding access to these resources is essential for bridging gaps between urban and rural areas.
- **Collaborate with Local Businesses:** Work with businesses and organizations to create vocational training, apprenticeships, and mentorship programs tailored for migrant youth. This collaboration can address economic barriers to employment and enhance social mobility.

5. Integrated Recommendations for Youth Integration

- **Foster Grassroots Partnerships and Leverage EU Programs:** Encourage collaboration among local youth organizations, community groups, and municipalities to address social integration challenges. Successful models, like APEDV in France, highlight the importance of these partnerships. Additionally, utilize EU-supported initiatives (like Erasmus+) to facilitate mobility exchanges, intercultural training, and language acquisition, connecting migrant youth with their European peers and enhancing their sense of belonging.
- **Targeted Support for Rural Areas:** Allocate resources specifically for social integration programs designed for migrant youth in rural regions. This includes funding for transportation and access to community activities. Implement outreach initiatives that bring intercultural dialogue and support services to underserved areas, ensuring that all migrant youth benefit from inclusion efforts.

6. Expand Links with European Youth Groups

- **Create Connections Across Regions:** Expand the creation of links between youth organizations in different European regions through projects like MYCOMM. This enhances cross-cultural experiences and fosters a sense of belonging among migrant youth.
- **Support Mobilities and Collaborative Projects:** Encourage Irish youth organizations to organize mobility projects that stimulate young people’s engagement within their communities while connecting them with peers from other countries.

Recommendations & Practical Framework for its Implementation

Based on the ideas contained in the views and experiences of the country organisations involved in developing the content of this paper, the following recommendations are proposed to address the complex integration of migrant and refugee youth in Europe through a multi-faceted approach that promotes European values, enhances citizenship education, and fosters inclusive environments through community engagement and targeted support initiatives, with examples of activities to facilitate the practical implementation of the recommendations:

1. Establish a Coordinating Body:	
<i>Target Audience: Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Youth Organizations, and Migrant Community Leaders</i>	
RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a multi-stakeholder committee with representatives from local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize a kick-off meeting with key representatives from local government, schools, youth



government, schools, youth organizations, and migrant communities.	organizations, and migrant communities to form the committee and define its structure and roles.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a strategic plan with clear objectives, timelines, and responsibilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a two-day workshop with the newly formed committee to draft a strategic plan, outlining specific objectives, timelines, and assigning responsibilities to committee members.

2. Secure Funding and Resources:

Target Audience: Local and National Government Officials, Educational Institutions, EU Funding Bodies, and Local Businesses

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocate budget from local and national governments for integration initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a detailed budget proposal for migrant youth integration initiatives and present it to local and national government officials during the annual budget planning cycle.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for EU grants and funding programs like Erasmus+. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign a team member to research and apply for at least two relevant EU funding opportunities, such as Erasmus+, within the next six months.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish partnerships with local businesses for sponsorship and in-kind support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a networking event inviting local businesses to learn about migrant youth integration projects and discuss potential sponsorship or in-kind support opportunities.

3. Implement Educational Programs:

Target Audience: Educational Authorities, School Administrators, Teachers, and Community Organizations

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate intercultural modules into school curricula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a pilot intercultural module and implement it in at least three schools for one semester, focusing on European values, citizenship, and cultural diversity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train teachers and staff on inclusive education practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a series of workshops for teachers and staff on inclusive education practices, with a focus on supporting migrant youth integration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize regular cultural exchange events in schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a monthly "Cultural Exchange Day" in participating schools, where students share aspects of their cultural heritage through presentations, food, music, and art.

4. Launch Community Engagement Initiatives:

Target Audience: Community Leaders, Local Organizations, Youth Groups, and Migrant Community Representatives

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create youth-led community forums for discussing cultural identity and social cohesion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a monthly youth-led community forum series, inviting young people from diverse backgrounds to discuss cultural identity and social cohesion in a structured, facilitated environment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish mentorship programs pairing migrant youth with local community members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a mentorship program that pairs migrant youth with local community members, starting with a pilot group of 20 mentor-mentee pairs and expanding based on feedback and success.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize intercultural festivals and events to celebrate diversity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and execute an annual intercultural festival in collaboration with local schools, community organizations, and migrant associations to celebrate the diversity of the community through food, music, art, and cultural performances.

5. Develop Awareness Campaigns:

Target Audience: Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Community Organizations, and Media Outlets

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design social media campaigns highlighting positive stories of migrant integration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a social media campaign featuring weekly stories of successful migrant integration, showcasing their contributions to local communities across various platforms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce educational materials on European values and citizenship for schools and community centres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a comprehensive educational toolkit on European values and citizenship, including lesson plans and interactive materials, and distribute it to schools and community centres.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with local media to feature stories of successful migrant youth integration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with a local media outlet to produce a monthly feature series highlighting success stories of migrant youth integration, showcasing their achievements and positive impact on society.

6. Enhance Economic Opportunities:

Target Audience: Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Businesses, and Community Organizations

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with local businesses to create internship and apprenticeship programs for migrant youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a "Youth Employment Initiative" by partnering with at least five local businesses to create internship and apprenticeship programs specifically designed for migrant youth, with a goal to place 50 participants within the first year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide vocational training tailored to local job market needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a series of vocational training courses tailored to local job market needs, collaborating with employment agencies and industry experts to identify skills gaps and design relevant curricula.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer financial support for migrant youth to participate in extracurricular activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a "Participation Fund" that provides financial support for migrant youth to join



	extracurricular activities, covering costs such as sports equipment, music lessons, or art supplies for at least 100 young people annually.
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7. Foster European Connections:

Target Audience: Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Youth Organizations, and Migrant Community Leaders

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate participation in EU mobility programs like Erasmus+. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize informational workshops for migrant youth and their families to explain the benefits and application processes of Erasmus+ programs, aiming to enrol at least 30 participants in the next academic year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize cross-border youth exchanges and collaborative projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a pilot cross-border exchange program with a partner organization in another EU country, facilitating a two-week cultural exchange for a group of 20 migrant youth to enhance their understanding of different cultures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an online platform for migrant youth to connect with peers across Europe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch a dedicated online platform that includes forums, resource sharing, and event listings for migrant youth, promoting networking opportunities and peer support, with a goal of attracting at least 500 active users within the first year.

8. Monitor and Evaluate Progress:

Target Audience: Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Community Organizations, and Evaluation Experts

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONABLE BY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop key performance indicators to measure the impact of integration initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a set of specific, measurable KPIs related to participation rates, community engagement, and social cohesion among migrant youth, and establish a baseline for each indicator within the first three months of program implementation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct regular surveys and focus groups with migrant youth and community members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule bi-annual surveys and focus group discussions with migrant youth and local community members to gather qualitative and quantitative data on their experiences and perceptions regarding integration efforts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust strategies based on feedback and evaluation results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a quarterly review process where feedback from surveys and focus groups is analysed, allowing for timely adjustments to programs and initiatives based on the insights gathered from participants.

Conclusion

These recommendations emphasize the necessity of a **comprehensive and collaborative approach** to effectively integrate migrant and refugee youth into European societies. By promoting shared European values such as democracy, tolerance, and respect for diversity, stakeholders can create inclusive environments that empower these young individuals to participate actively in civic life. Key strategies involve enhancing intercultural dialogue through community engagement initiatives and educational programs, addressing systemic barriers like discrimination and economic challenges, and fostering partnerships among governmental bodies, NGOs, and local communities. The successful implementation of these strategies will not only support the integration of migrant youth but also enrich the social fabric of Europe, ultimately leading to more cohesive and resilient communities. By investing in the potential of migrant youth, Europe can cultivate a generation that contributes positively to society while embracing their identities as European citizens.

Annexes: Existing Policies on Migration



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<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/policy-documents>



<https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/policy-issues/migration.html>



https://www.ifrc.org/sites/default/files/Migration-Policy_EN.pdf



<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/policy-briefs>



<https://www.enar-eu.org/>

General Policy Paper No. 6 : Migration and Diversity: A Rights-Based Approach to Migration



<https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/>

Eurydice Reports

Integrating Students from Migrant Backgrounds into Schools in Europe: National Policies and Measures:

<https://eurydice.eacea.ec.europa.eu/publications/integrating-students-migrant-backgrounds-schools-europe-national-policies-and-measures>



<https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/en/discover/resources/etuce-report-integration-migrants-and-refugees?prefLang=es>

Report: Promoting the effective integration of migrants and refugees in education



[https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-](https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/sites/display/EBSI/European+Qualification+Passport+for+Refugees)

[blocks/sites/display/EBSI/European+Qualification+Passport+for+Refugees](https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/sites/display/EBSI/European+Qualification+Passport+for+Refugees)
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