



Education and Integration for Young Migrants and Refugees in Europe

The European Commission is actively working to facilitate the integration of young refugees and migrants through various initiatives within the European Education Area. These efforts aim to address the unique challenges faced by this vulnerable population, promoting their access to education, healthcare, and social inclusion. This comprehensive approach recognizes the importance of education as a fundamental human right and a crucial factor in successful integration.

European Commission's Educational Initiatives

1

Mutual Learning Activities

Facilitates networking and policy discussions through working groups

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Key Topics (2016-2018)

Includes language assessment, reception of newly arrived migrants, and recognition of qualifications

3

Peer Counselling

Supports policy reforms for integrating newly arrived migrant students





Challenges in Refugee Education

Limited Access

Only 22% of young refugees attend primary schools globally

Higher Education Gap

Only 1% of refugees enrolled in higher education

UNHCR 15by30 Target

Aims to enroll 15% of refugees in higher education

These statistics highlight the urgent need for improved educational access and support for young refugees. Sustained access to education during resettlement is crucial to prevent marginalization and separation from the new society.

Healthcare Challenges for Young Migrants and Refugees

1 Health Deterioration

Due to travel hardships, pre-existing conditions, or inadequate living situations

2 Barriers to Access

Discrimination, language and cultural barriers, legal status issues

3 Mental Health Concerns

Influenced by pre-, peri-, and post-migration contexts



European Commission's Healthcare Initiatives

1

Financial Support

Improving healthcare for vulnerable migrants and training professionals

2

Integration Efforts

Promoting inclusion in national healthcare systems

3

Coordination

Health security activities, supply requests, and disease monitoring

4

Collaboration

Working with international organizations to address needs



Social Inclusion Challenges

Issue	Non-EU vs EU Citizens
Early School Leavers	3 times more likely
Not in Employment/Education/Training	Twice the risk
Poverty and Social Exclusion	More than double the risk
Unemployment	1.4 times higher rate

These statistics highlight the significant integration challenges faced by young non-EU migrants and refugees compared to their EU counterparts, emphasizing the need for targeted policies and support.

Integration Strategies and Community Organizations



Cultural Integrity

Maintaining cultural identity while integrating into the host society



Community Mobilization

Refugee Community Organizations addressing local issues



Social Bridges

Building connections between migrants and host communities

Berry's acculturation framework and Ager and Strang's integration domains emphasize the importance of balancing cultural preservation with active participation in the host society. Refugee Community Organizations play a crucial role in supporting integration, though their effectiveness requires further research.