

# Diversity is our strength, solidarity is our power

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# Outline



- ✓ History of DaMigra
- ✓ Our Objectives
- ✓ Our projects and activities



# Who is DaMigra?



- The first nationwide umbrella association of migrant women's self-organizations (MSO) regardless of their origin.
- DaMigra is politically, ideologically and denominationally independent.
- Founded in 2015: Speaks for more than 60 member organizations
- Main resource: voluntary work of migrant women + project funding

**DaMigra e.V. represents nationwide the interests of migrant women organizations, and migrant and refuge women vis-à-vis the state, politics and society.**



# What are we doing?

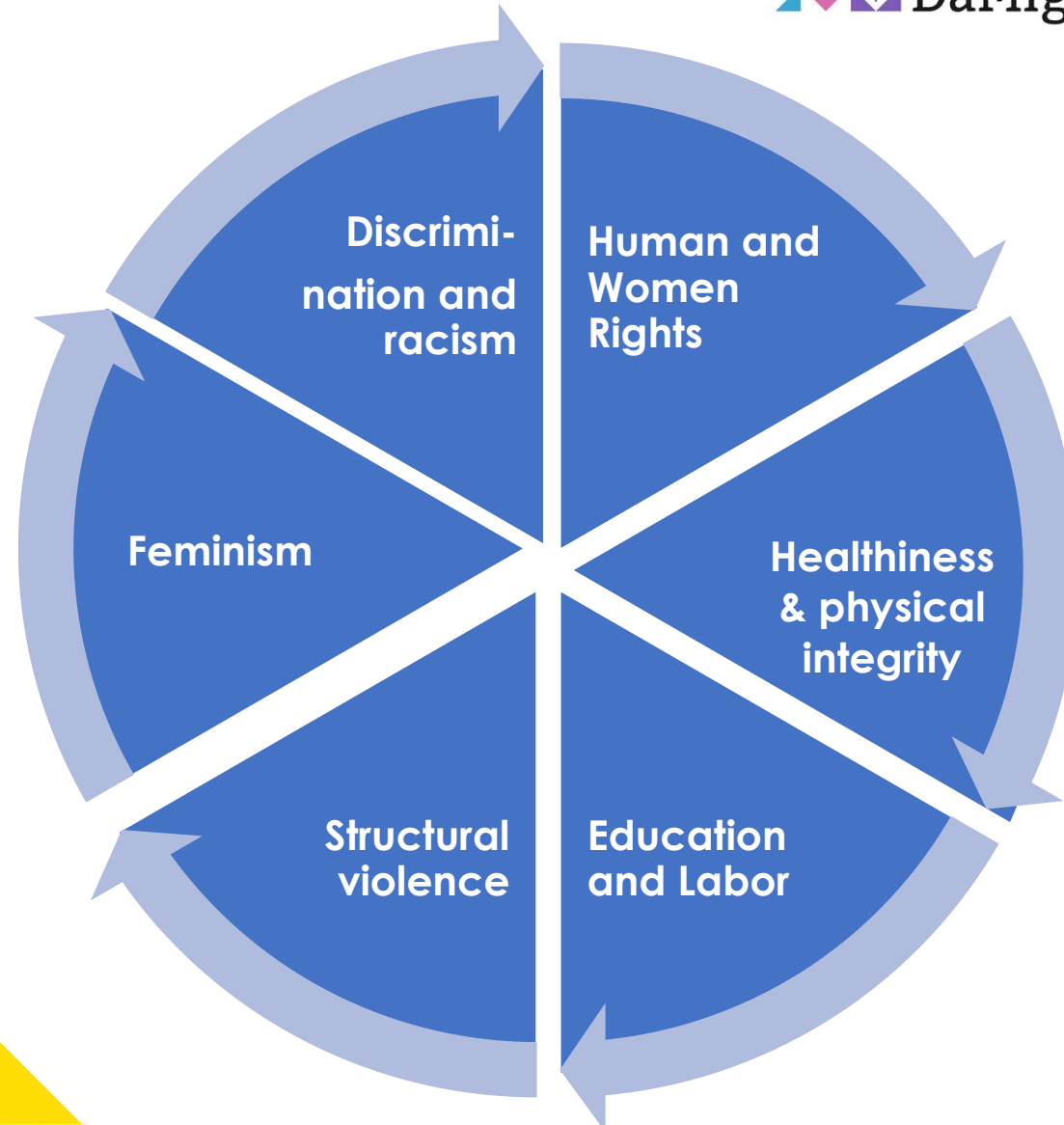
## Our objectives:



- ✓ To enable migrant and refugee women to lead a self-determined life in their new environment.
- ✓ To mobilize their own strengths and resources for influencing the structures.
- ✓ To facilitate to represent and assert their own interests and concerns externally.
- ✓ To improve qualification and professionalization of volunteer work / project management
- ✓ To raise awareness and provide education about women and human rights



# DaMigra focuses on:





# DaMigra Projects



- #selbstbestimmt! Frauen\* mit Migrations- und Fluchtgeschichte zwischen Mehrfachdiskriminierung und Selbstbestimmungsrecht (*#selfdetermination*)
- MUT-Macherinnen\* (*encouragers*)



# #Self-determined!

Women with migration and asylum history between multiple discrimination and right to self-determination

We break down barriers,  
and fight against systematic  
discrimination and marginalization.

We want gender equality now.







Migra

Stop Violence Against ALL Women!

Implementation of the Istanbul Convention: Without Any Reservation

# DaMigra-Annual Conference



Digital violence is an attack on freedom of speech!



Cyber violence takes place online and is spread via the Internet and social media (twitter, facebook, Instagram, etc.). Whether on the street or on the Internet - anyone who wants to intimidate others through bullying, harassment, stalking or threats uses violence. This can never be freedom of speech.

An anti-racist and anti-sexist internet for EVERYONE!



1. The Istanbul Convention is a Europe-wide agreement to combat violence against women\*. We need a consistent and unconditional implementation of the Istanbul Convention, which includes and combats forms of cyber violence. This also requires the creation of new anti-sexist and anti-racist laws.

2. Take those affected by cyber violence seriously and create multilingual, low-threshold support services and apply existing laws more consistently.

3. Digital companies and media have to be made aware of cyber violence, especially racist and sexist agitation, and held responsible for violations!

# #MyDigitalWomenRights

Combating cyber violence against women\*



Affected women\* between online and offline violence



Regardless of whether violence is carried out online or offline, the consequences for those affected are serious. Emotional complaints, depression, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts can occur. Walving social media can be a relief at the moment, but isolation is not a long-term solution.

Cyber violence - a gender-specific problem!



Every tenth woman\* has experienced sexual harassment or stalking through new technologies. Cyber violence often goes hand in hand with the devaluation of socially disadvantaged groups. Affected migrant and refugee women\* also experience cyber violence through racist and sexist attributions and insults.

What is cyber violence?

### HATESPEECH

Inhuman statements that devalue individuals or groups based on attributed multiple affiliations or identities, such as gender, skin color, race, sexual identity, etc.

### CYBERGROOMING

Addressing people on the Internet with the aim of initiating sexual contacts

### CYBERSEXISMUS

Sexist attacks on social media

### CYBERHARRASMENT

Harassment via email, text- (or online) messages or the Internet

### SHITSTORM

Mass criticism and defamation against a person or an organization or groups within the framework of social networks, blogs or comment functions on websites

### CYBERSTALKING

Unwanted contact to a person, persecution of that person

What can you do about cyber violence?



Get involved, show solidarity and contradict violent statements. Cyber violence can affect anyone! In social media groups or via hashtags, women\* help each other when they are affected by violence.

You're not alone. There are a large number of women's groups and advice centers that offer help and support. You can find a list of women's advice centers online or at

Help phone

(free | in 17 languages | 24h | 080 0011 6016 or via chat hilfetelefon.de)

# Awareness-Raising Campaigns



Die Beauftragte der Bundesregierung für Migration, Flüchtlinge und Integration



# Regional Dialogues

## The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on migrant and refugee women



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# Struggling with the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Losing Jobs
- Lack of protection measures at the workplace
- Women between domestic works, home-officing and childcare
- Challenges with homeschooling
- Increase in domestic violence
- Unavailable access to up to date information
- Lockdown at accommodation centers

OUTFRONT/

**MTA Safe Travels**

## Essential worker

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**Yes**                      **No**

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**Okay to ride**                      **Why are you even here reading this?**

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**Go home.**

# Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Public Statements
- Social Media Channels
- WhatsApp Groups
- Online-Seminars
- Sewing Masks Campaigns
- Accompanying Women at the State Offices





**We are essential workers  
and our lives are worth to be protected!**



**Including migrant and refugee women lives!**

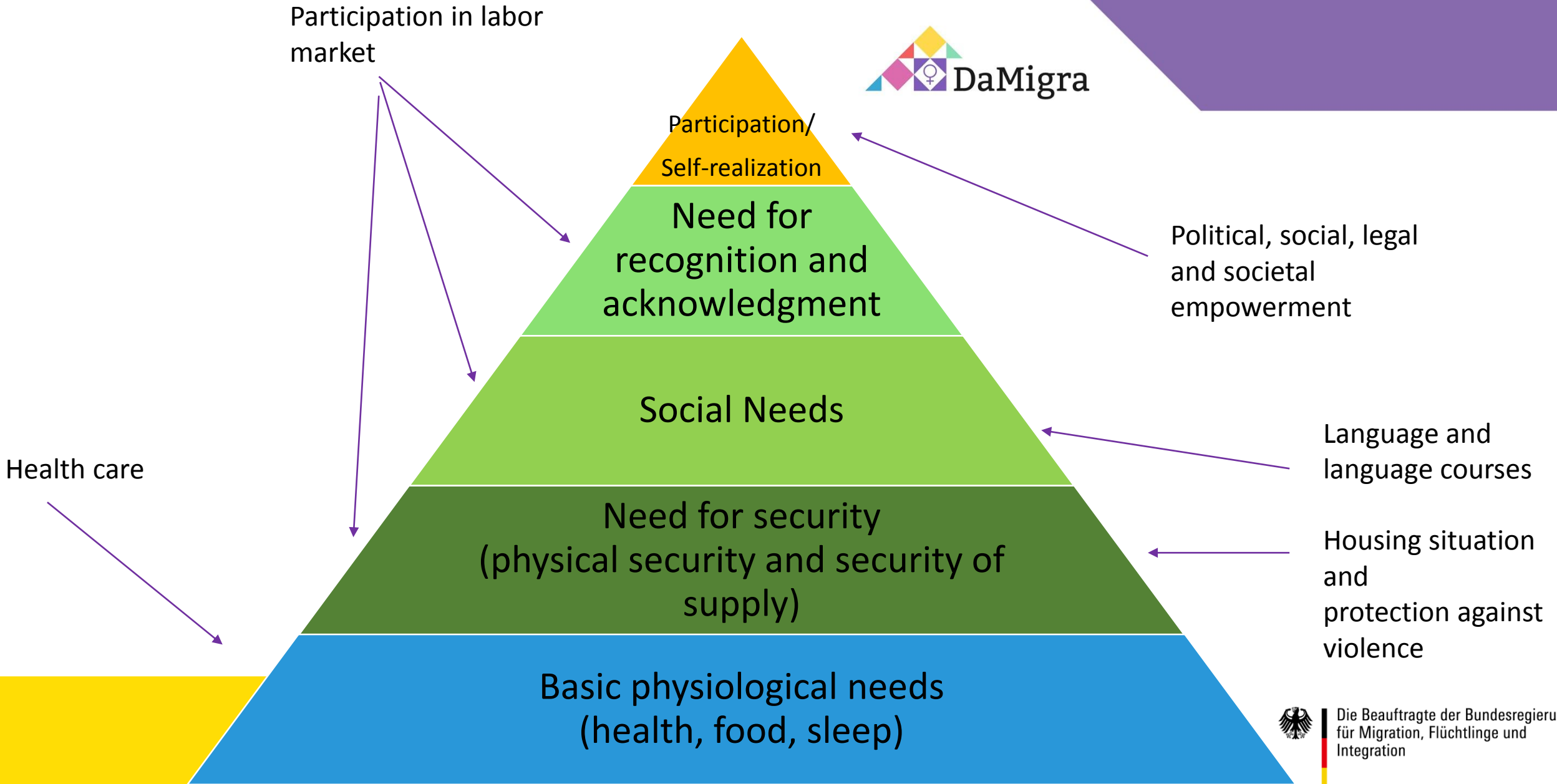
# Our demands:



## A Comprehensive participation needs:

- Legal certainty
- Housing security
  - Accommodation of refugee women\* and their children in flats and flat-sharing communities
- Non-violence
  - Consistent implementation of the Istanbul Convention
- Recognition of resources
- Participation in labor market
  - effective measurements to stop downward mobility of migrant women
- Social security
  - Participation in social life - in one's own community and in the mainstream society









Thank you!  
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