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**Comité Migration sur les droits des personnes migrantes**  
*Migration Committee on the Rights of Migrants*

*Accès des migrants, réfugiés et demandeurs d'asile aux droits fondamentaux.*  
Access to fundamental rights for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

## **FIELD TRIP GREECE**

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On November 21, 22 and 23, 2022, a delegation of the Committee on the “Rights of people who are migrant” of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe visited Greece to confront its work with the realities on the ground and to discuss these issues with civil society on site.

A dialogue was held with about 20 NGOs to discuss migration issues based on the Committee's two main axes of work: NGO access to migrant populations, refugees and asylum seekers, and access of these populations to their fundamental rights. These formative discussions underlined the need for cross-cutting work and a holistic approach to these issues around the themes of education, security and health, confirming the major points identified by the Committee and bringing out new aspects to be taken into account.

The delegation also visited several successful projects in the field of integration of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: the HELIOS project implemented by the IOM (Athens and Thessaloniki) as well as a housing for young people (Iraklitsa - Kavala) of the NGO The Smile of the Child\*, allowing to note that integrative approaches are the first steps of relevant migration policies adapted to the current needs and challenges

Based on the exchanges with local NGOs, in light of the new ideas discussed during these three days and the emphasis placed on certain specific points, the Committee will now share its experience with the various bodies of the Council of Europe. In the same way, it will now be able to realign its work with the reality on the ground for the pursuit of its missions and in particular to update the recommendation currently in progress.

*\* The Smile of the Child is one of the NGO members of the Migration Committee. It was in charge of welcoming the delegation and making contact with them.*