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Committee name: COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION ISSUES -

Accommodation of migrants, a major issue for the respect of human rights

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*To encourage members to read all the committee reports and to share information effectively, please keep your free text sections **short and focused on priorities activities and actions.***

1. Committee Chair/Vice Chair name/s and contact emails

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2. Which INGOs are represented on the committee?

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ACISJF
AFGC
ASSEDEL
B'nai B'rith International
BOOT Refugees Fondation
Caritas Europa
CITI
CMAtlv
COMENIUS
Danish Refugees Council
DPI Europe
ESAN
EUROCEF
EUROGEO
European Doctors
ECRE / Independent Cons.
EYBA
FIACAT

FIUC
 FRAC
 HANDS OFF CAIN
 I Have Rights
 JRS
 Médecins du Monde
 Médecins sans frontières
 Mental Heath Europa
 MIAMSI
 NEW HUMANITY
 OENDDF
 OIEC
 PAX CHRISTI INTERN.
 PAX ROMANA
 PICUM
 QCEA
 RENATE
 Réseau EU Egl/Libertés
 Réseau Eur Apatrides
 SOS Humanity
 SOS Méditerranée
 The Smile of the Child
 UNAEC
 WSCF-E (étudiants)
 WUCWO

3. Which Council of Europe committees and other activities is this committee mainly involved in?

Our committee is engaged in a range of cross-cutting initiatives addressing a wide spectrum of migration issues. We focus on maritime rescue operations, combating human trafficking, and opposing the criminalization of NGOs and volunteers who assist migrants, while also examining challenges in countries where migration is weaponized (such as Finland and Poland) and advocating for improved access to education and integration. These activities intersect with broader concerns under the Social Charter, including Children's Rights, Women's Rights, LGBTQ+ Minority Rights, and Education, with our transversal study theme centering on the accommodation of migrants.

4. How has this committee linked with other CINGO committees in the last year?

Over the past year, our committee has actively collaborated with other CINGO committees. Specifically, Christine Baur has served as the liaison between our committee and the Sport and Human Rights Committee. As part of this collaboration, we requested a contribution from them concerning the issue of housing for migrant athletes.

Additionally, we have established connections with the Artificial Intelligence Committee to share information regarding AI and migration.

5. How can new members join the committee (please provide email address for expression of interest)?

New members can join the committee by expressing their interest via email. Please send your request to Christine MONTY at christine.monty@europeanobsndfr.org or to Daniel GUÉRY

at guery.daniel@sfr.fr (alternatively, guery.daniel52@gmail.com).

6. **Activity and Outcomes Report – please choose up to 6 main topics.** *Please add links to any online resources/publications/reports (etc) your committee has created and published in the last 12 months.*

Topic	Summary of progress/impact in last 6 months	Current key issues/concerns	Plans for next 6 – 12 months
1. In the field of “Migration issues”	Communiqué on Migration and electoral context Communiqué about the shipwrecks in the English Channel Communication concerning the situation on Polish-Belarusian and Ukrainian borders Round table on the occasion of Refugee Day: Solidarity with refugees and migrants in Europe: succumbing to obstacles or upholding humanity ?	Violation of the Principles of the Council of Europe	We remain attentive to any violation of the Council of Europe's principles and rules on migration, and we communicate our press releases, events, and any concerning information from civil society to the various entities within the Council of Europe.
2. Accommodation of migrants, a major issue for the respect of human rights	Transversal Notes Survey on Accommodation of migrants in situation of vulnerability Synthesis report on intercultural cities recognized for the exemplary nature of their accommodation policy. Migration and Accommodation in Intercultural Cities: A study of three	The report's key issues focus on ensuring that accommodation for refugees and migrants consistently upholds human dignity, security, and stability, with a clear emphasis on the ultimate responsibility of authorities in providing adequate housing solutions. It also highlights the challenges posed by various	A recommendation will be developed in the coming months.

	different intercultural cities – Leeds, Bergen, and Reggio Emilia. Legal, ethical, and political principles of the Council of Europe relating to rights in the area of accommodation and housing.	accommodation models and legal status restrictions, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive, principle-based policies to promote effective integration and access to essential services.	
3. Education and Migration	Webinar cycle on Education and Migration	Higher education, vocational training and young migrants - Education of young migrants and compulsory schooling - Access to education for migrants : issues and challenges	Follow up to be determined in our next Committee Meeting.
4. Field study trip in Poland	<u>Reception of migrants / border situations: NGO meetings in Poland</u>	Statement Full report to be voted	The Report voted will serve the different entities of the Council of Europe including the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).
5 Trafficking in Persons Prevention	<u>Contribution on Migrant Domestic Workers and Trafficking in Persons : Prevention, Rights Protection and Access to Justice</u>	The document underscores the urgent need to strengthen legal protections and ethical recruitment practices for migrant domestic workers, ensuring transparent employment contracts, rigorous enforcement of labor laws, and comprehensive support services to combat exploitation and trafficking. It also calls for reforming migrant worker visa regimes by establishing safe, legal migration pathways,	Work in connection with the new Migration Division and APCE. Further links to follow.

		accessible complaint mechanisms, and enhanced international cooperation to secure long-term residence, uphold human rights, and promote sustainable integration.	
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7. Is there anything else you would like to share with CINGO members and/or the CINGO Standing Committee?

In the future, we plan to develop a working group on AI and migration. We would welcome a representative from the AI Steering Committee's Standing Committee to approach our committee and collaborate with us on this initiative."