



EU support for refugees in higher education and research

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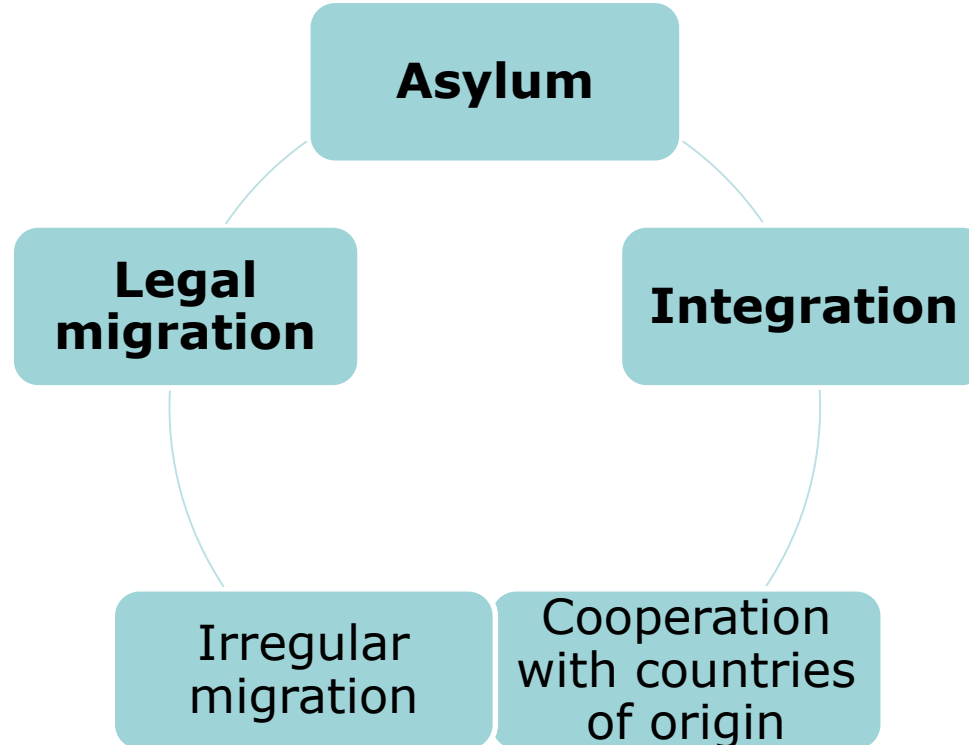
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EU MIGRATION POLICY

Ensure fair treatment of third-country nationals, granting them rights and obligations comparable to those of EU citizens (Tampere EC Council 1999)

EU migration policy



EU asylum policy

- First time applicants in the EU, in millions:

2013	0.4
2014	0.6
2015	1.3
2016	1.2
2017	0.6

- What is the legal status of each person?
- Which country has recognised this status?

Why reforming the asylum system?

- Protection to those in need
- Fast, equal and fair treatment of applicants across the EU (huge differences today)
- Address secondary movements and abuses
- Fight asylum shopping and reduce pull factors

Ongoing negotiations on asylum

- Reform of the Dublin system
- New Receptions Conditions Directive
- New Asylum Procedures Regulation
- New Qualification Regulation
- A reinforced EURODAC system
- An EU Agency for Asylum
- **Union resettlement framework**

Union resettlement framework

Unified procedure, orderly and safe pathways

Figures:

- 32,207 people resettled under first EU scheme (July 2015)
- 50,000 resettlement places pledged under second EU scheme

Ongoing:

- Commission study on **sponsorship schemes** as a possible pathway to safe channels for admission to the EU (July 2018)
- Legal migration **pilot projects** (call for proposal April 2018)

EU legal migration policy

An area of shared competence (Art. 79 TFEU):

- **EU** determines conditions for admission and rights
- **EU countries** determine the numbers and type of implementation where the Directives allow for it
- It does not entirely apply to Denmark, Ireland, UK

Legal migration acquis

- Family reunification
- Long-Term Residents
- EU Blue Card
- Single Permit
- Seasonal Workers
- Intra-Corporate Transferees
- **Students and Researchers**

Directive (EU) 2016/801 Students & Researchers (recast)

- Must be transposed by Thursday!
- It makes it easier for those who get funding under EU and other funding programmes, such as Erasmus+

This Directive shall apply...

*... to third-country nationals who apply to be admitted or who have been admitted to the territory of a Member State for the purpose of **research, studies, training or voluntary service in the European Voluntary Service.***

Optional: *third-country nationals who apply to be admitted for the purpose of a pupil exchange scheme or educational project, voluntary service other than the European Voluntary Service or au pairing.*

This Directive shall not apply...

*... to third-country nationals: (a) who **seek international protection** or who are **beneficiaries of international protection** in accordance with the Directive 2011/95/EU (Qualification Directive) of the European Parliament and of the Council or who are **beneficiaries of temporary protection** in accordance with the Council Directive 2001/55/EC (Minimum standards) in a Member State;*

Admission conditions

- Travel **document**, sickness insurance
- Sufficient **resources** (including grant, scholarship, fellowship, work contract, binding job offer)
- Evidence of having been **accepted** by a HEI or research organisation

*Where all the general conditions and relevant specific conditions are fulfilled, the third-country national **shall** be entitled to an authorisation.*

During the stay

- Researchers may teach
- Students have access to the labour market
 - Employed / self-employment
 - Allowed to work minimum of 15 hours a week
 - Member States may take into account the situation of their labour market in exceptional circumstances
- Equal treatment with nationals in line with the Single Permit

Intra-EU mobility

- Researchers (and their family members)
 - mobility for up to 6 months per Member State: no procedure or notification
 - mobility for more than 6 months per Member State: notification or application (or no procedure)
- Students
 - students under programmes or agreements between higher education institutions: up to 360 days per Member State through a notification
 - other students: new application

Job-searching or entrepreneurship

- Stay in the Member State for a period of **9 months** following the completion of research or studies
- Member State may require job-searching / entrepreneurship to correspond to the level completed
- No right to get a work permit

EU integration policy

*"... measures to provide **incentives and support** for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally in their territories, **excluding any harmonisation** of the laws and regulations of the Member States" (TFEU, Art. 79.4).*

Therefore, coordination, best practices, money...
but no Directives.

Some recent work on integration

Partnership with social partners for integration in the labour market

Special Eurobarometer on Integration

Commission and OECD report on the local integration of migrants

If interested: [European Web Site on Integration](#)

Migrant integration after 2020

- **Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund** for the early integration phase
- **European Social Fund**, for long-term integration measures

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EU EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions
- Science for refugees
- Madad Fund
- Erasmus+

ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions

- Open to researchers of any nationality
- Career Restart Panel
- Displaced researchers: no mobility requirement
- Forthcoming work programme should include more opportunities for displaced researchers
- **Possible forthcoming call** for a coordination and support action on researchers at risk
- Plus **Science for refugees**, regular calls at ec.europa.eu/research/science4refugees/index.cfm

EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis (Madad)

- 1,000 HE certificates awarded
- 3,072 Syrian refugees receiving HE scholarship
- 3,565 Syrian refugees and host communities participating in employability, vocational and entrepreneurial skills training programmes
- 9,977 youth and adolescents accessing vocational training
- 12,256 youth, adolescents and adults accessing HE

Total 29,870

HOPES (Madad)

- Access to further and HE in neighboring countries
- Help young Syrians be part of the reconstruction of their country
- € 12 M, 2016-2019
- Scholarships, 300; English Training, 4,000; Training Courses, 11,650; Counselling, 42,000

Erasmus+

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- In the EU: strategic partnerships
- Outside the EU: capacity building projects
- Recognition of qualifications held by refugees: guide for credential evaluators at enic-naric.net
- Online linguistic support for refugees: erasmusplusols.eu/ols4refugees/

Strategic partnerships

- Support the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices and joint initiatives promoting cooperation, peer learning and exchanges of experience at European level.
- PARIS, REFUGIUM, SUCRE, inHERE, E+SN... all of them on ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/

Capacity building projects

- Primarily between HEI from Programme and eligible Partner Countries
- Modernisation, accessibility, internationalisation
- Quality, equity, management, governance
- Promote convergence with EU developments
- People-to-people contacts, intercultural awareness
- 3 projects so far, we expect more

Erasmus 2021-2027

- What would you like to see in the new Erasmus as means to support refugees?
- What is working well and what would you like to change?
- What messages should I bring back to Brussels for the discussions of the coming months?

More information

- [ec.europa.eu/education/policy/migration/higher-education-**refugees**_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/migration/higher-education-refugees_en)
- [ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/**projects**/](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/)
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Thank you!

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