R8 No Discrimination on Migration

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According to the latest data from the UNHCR, more than 4,000,000 Ukrainians left their country since the beginning of the Russian invasion, seeking asylum in nearby European countries. With the European Union and European countries openly denouncing the war, a wave of solidarity has risen in Europe, with thousands of European citizens mobilized to welcome and help the Ukrainian refugees, including through donations and the provision of accommodation.

Although this wave of solidarity is admirable and has helped hundreds of thousands, it sometimes developed jointly with a problematic discourse: indeed, we have heard that this immigration would be of “quality”, and that our proximity with the Ukrainian people justified the welcoming efforts, as they are “like us”. This problematic discourse assesses that non-European refugees would be of “bad quality” since they are not “like us”: this is uninhibited racism, and it is unacceptable.

All of us thus must fight this discourse, and underline its racist character: this can no more be the main discourse in the European media, as the FYEG has previously done, with the #NoDiscriminationOnMigration.

Therefore, following this communication campaign, the Federation of Young European Greens calls on the European Union and the governments of all European States:

- To welcome and help all refugees, whether they come from Ukraine or from any other place in the world.
- To stop all deportation at borders, acknowledging the necessity of humanitarian duty instead of the construction of "Fortress Europe".
- To immediately stop the criminalization of people devoted to welcoming and helping refugees, and to finally support them.

Together, we must stand up against racism. Always. Everywhere.