

R8new No Discrimination on Migration

Proposers:

Agenda item: 4. Resolutions

Motion text

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

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

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

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18 Furthermore, we must acknowledge the various marginalised groups made invisible
19 and swept under the rug in our discourse on asylum. In the Ukrainian context
20 alone, people of colour, immigrants, ethnic minorities and LGBTQIA+ refugees
21 faced disproportionately high obstacles in fleeing. In the broader asylum
22 context, systemic, systematic and social discrimination and obstacles are faced
23 on the grounds of religion, beliefs, cultural and ethnic origin, gender and
24 sexual orientation and identity, disability and class. The asylum system within
25 Europe needs exhaustive and comprehensive reform in order to guarantee the right
26 to asylum for all peoples.

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

- 30 • Welcome and guarantee the right to asylum to all refugees, with special
31 consideration to the extra obstacles faced by marginalised minorities
32 whether from Ukraine or any other place in the world, and to accommodate
33 for these obstacles.

- 34 • Stop all pushbacks at the border as well as the deportation of those who
35 have crossed the border, acknowledging the necessity of humanitarian duty
36 instead of the construction of "Fortress Europe".

- 37 • Replace Frontex and the concept of "Fortress Europe" with a humanitarian
38 alternative focused on saving and welcoming refugees.

- 39 • Immediately stop the criminalisation of people and non-governmental and
40 civil society organisations devoted to welcoming and helping refugees and
41 facilitating the movement of these peoples across international waters,
42 and to finally support these organisations.

- 43 • Rather than the persecution of refugee traffickers, combat refugee
44 trafficking by providing real and legal alternatives to traffickers for
45 refugees to flee to the EU, especially for refugees fleeing conflicts, or
46 refugees for whom the journey is too costly and dangerous.

- 47 • End as soon as possible EU refugee cooperation treaties with Turkey and
48 Libya as well as the externalisation of the EU border regime via such
49 treaties and the funding of autocratic regimes in Africa to stop migration
50 corridors, which keep out refugees on the basis of their background and
51 which put the most vulnerable refugees in even more dangerous situations.

- 52 • Facilitate and ensure the provision of basic rights and needs to those
53 seeking asylum such as humane accommodation pending approval of their
54 asylum process and Europe-wide coordinated processes to ensure asylum
55 seekers are not left in limbo for years in camps.

- 56 • Continue this facilitation and guarantee of basic rights and needs upon
57 having their application processed and the refugee relocated including but
58 not limited to language, housing, humane temporary accommodation in
59 facilities, right to work, healthcare and mental healthcare.

- 60 • Within the EU, implement an EU-wide framework truly based on the
61 principles of solidarity and responsibility sharing for the shared
62 funding, processing and relocation of asylum seekers and refugees, wherein

63 the Dublin regulation is abolished, Member States with the most resources
64 live up to their commitments to relocate refugees with an enforcement
65 mechanism to ensure this, as well as mechanisms that provide funding for
66 the processing of asylum seekers and coordinate the relocation of refugees
67 in a manner that is finally fairly and justly divided between Member
68 States based on their capacity.

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