



GUIDELINES FOR AN ALTERNATIVE POLICY ON MIGRATION BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOLIDARITY

GUE/NGL MEPs reject the EU's repressive approach to immigration. We believe Europe has a historical duty to develop a comprehensive and reasonable migration policy that guarantees human rights. GUE/NGL has long opposed the construction of 'fortress Europe' and has worked at the forefront of the No-Fortress Europe campaign to highlight the positive aspects of immigration and put forward policies based on the free movement of individuals which promote human rights.

Together with NGOs, GUE/NGL MEPs have repeatedly expressed concerns about how much of the EU budget has been used to strengthen the EU's external borders, whether now through an increased budget for border control in the Internal Security Fund, border surveillance systems like EUROSUR or Smart borders, return or FRONTEX. GUE/NGL MEPs remain committed to oppose any EU budget that would not be in line with the following guidelines:

1. Setting up a massive and robust proactive multinational rescue operation in the Mediterranean at the height of the humanitarian drama unfolding in the Mediterranean, including boats stationed on the high seas.
2. Stopping any military intervention aiming to target the boats and the smugglers.
3. Opening safe and legal access for migrants and asylum-seekers, including the use of humanitarian visas and resettlement for asylum-seekers.
4. Member states to facilitate family reunification beyond the nuclear family of both beneficiaries of international protection and migrants present in the territory of an EU member state.
5. Increased cooperation with UN actors and member states in full compliance with international law, including on Maritime Search and Rescue, non-refoulement, international protection, fundamental rights, the rights of the child and the right to family life as well as ECHR court judgements.
6. Member states to develop migrants' integration policies and measures, especially in the areas of education, employment, healthcare and housing, sharing best practices between member states and ensuring EU funding support for those member states most in need. These policies shall ensure equal participation in social life.
7. Denounce the increasing restrictions being put on freedom of movement for people as well as increased border surveillance and walls being built at EU borders to keep migrants and asylum-seekers out.



8. Reverse the outsourcing of EU border management, search and rescue and asylum processing to third countries, including the suspension of the Khartoum process, the revision of the Rabat process and EU financial bilateral support to regimes responsible for Human Rights abuses such as Eritrea and Sudan.
9. Evaluate agreements on mobility partnerships and suspend all re-admission agreements.
10. Activation of the Temporary Protection Directive (Directive 2001/55 /EC).
11. Shift away from the current Dublin system and increase sharing of reception of asylum-seekers and refugees between member states, including through relocation programmes that take fully into account family, language and cultural ties, adequate funding and reception conditions for open reception centres, and closing down detention centres.
12. Massive increase in aid to the countries of the South hosting big populations of refugees and migrants and close cooperation with UNHCR as well as NGOs on the ground.
13. Putting an end to the economic and trade policies that are based on the exploitation of the countries of the south and condemn millions to poverty and misery. Reform EU foreign and neighbourhood policy in order to contribute to sustainable political and economic development in the countries of origin. Develop real development cooperation policies based on solidarity and the needs of people.
14. Putting an end to military conflicts and reform EU foreign and neighbourhood policy in order to contribute to sustainable political and economic development in the countries of origin.
15. Ensure transparency, ongoing monitoring and evaluation of all EU funds related to migration and asylum, both internally and externally.

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