

POLICY BRIEF 1

ADDRESSING PERSISTENT CHALLENGES IN MIGRANT AND REFUGEE YOUTH INTEGRATION



Aimed at **European, national and local Policymakers and decision-makers** involved in shaping policies related to migrant and refugee youth integration in European countries.

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED



EDUCATION GAPS - Language barriers and inadequate support hinder access to quality education for migrant youth.



HEALTHCARE ACCESS - Complex administrative processes limit equitable healthcare access for migrant youth and their families.



LABOR MARKET BARRIERS - Migrant youth encounter obstacles like complex work permit processes and discrimination in hiring.



LEGAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL BARRIERS - Enforcement gaps and social challenges, such as xenophobia or sex-based discrimination, impede migrant and refugee youth's ability to exercise their rights.

POLICY OPTIONS

Strengthen Educational Inclusion

Improve foreign qualification recognition, expand targeted language support, and develop inclusive education policies for migrant and refugee youth.

Safeguard Legal Rights

Enhance enforcement of anti-discrimination laws, develop positive communication strategies, and promote intercultural dialogue to challenge xenophobic narratives.

Strengthen Coordination

Foster collaboration among authorities, engage youth organizations in policy development, and ensure continuous monitoring and evaluation of integration initiatives.

Ensure Healthcare Access

Simplify administrative healthcare processes, provide cultural competency training for providers, and conduct targeted outreach to migrant communities.

Promote Labor Market Integration

Streamline work permit procedures, offer specialized vocational training, and address discriminatory recruitment practices.



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