



FOUNDING CHARTER
European Consultative Body
for Migrant Girls Civic
Engagement



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PREAMBLE

On 15 November 2024, the partners of the **European Consultative Body for Migrant Girls Civic Engagement** convened online to formalize their shared commitment to fostering the active participation of migrant girls in civic and democratic life. Representing 16 European countries—**Estonia, France, Italy, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Greece, the Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Romania, Cyprus, Denmark, Lithuania, and Germany**—this diverse group of stakeholders recognizes the transformative power of inclusion and the fundamental importance of equal representation.

In a rapidly changing Europe, where migration and diversity shape our collective identity, this Charter aims to address the unique challenges faced by migrant girls, empowering them to become active agents of change. It reflects a shared vision to advance democratic values, promote social cohesion, and ensure that all voices contribute to the development of a fairer and more inclusive society.

Guided by the principles of dignity, equality, and solidarity enshrined in the **Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**, this document establishes the mission, principles, and organizational framework of the Body. By fostering intercultural dialogue, building capacity, and advocating for inclusive policies, the Body strives to create opportunities for migrant girls to fully engage in shaping the future of Europe.

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1

Purpose and Objectives

1. The purpose of this Charter is to establish the European Consultative Body for Migrant Girls Civic Engagement as a platform for inclusive dialogue, policy advocacy, and empowerment of migrant girls across Member States.
2. The primary objectives are:
 - a. To amplify the voices of migrant girls in decision-making processes.
 - b. To promote policies and practices that address the unique challenges faced by migrant girls.
 - c. To foster mutual understanding, solidarity, and intercultural exchange.

Article 2

Core Values

1. **Equality:** Ensuring that all girls, regardless of their migration status or background, have access to equal opportunities and rights.
2. **Empowerment:** Equipping migrant girls with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to engage in civic and political life.
3. **Intercultural Dialogue:** Promoting understanding and respect between different cultures and communities.
4. **Solidarity:** Building strong alliances between local and migrant communities to address shared challenges and create collective solutions.
5. **Sustainability:** Establishing long-term mechanisms that ensure the lasting impact of initiatives for migrant girls' engagement.



CHAPTER II
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 3

Rights of Members

1. Members have the right to participate actively and equally in all deliberations and decision-making processes.
2. Members are entitled to access training, resources, and support to enhance their contributions.
3. All members have the right to express their perspectives in an environment of mutual respect and non-discrimination.

Article 4

Responsibilities of Members

1. Members are responsible for upholding the principles and values of this Charter in all activities.
2. Members shall actively contribute to the development of policies and initiatives that reflect the needs of migrant girls.
3. Members must maintain a commitment to collaboration, transparency, and accountability.

CHAPTER III

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

Article 5

Membership Composition

1. The Body comprises 84 representatives, equally divided between migrant girls and local participants, aged 19–30, from the 16 participating countries.
2. Membership is determined through a transparent selection process, with representation reviewed annually to ensure inclusivity and diversity.

Article 6

Governance Framework

1. A **Coordinating Committee**, chaired by the lead partner, oversees the Body's strategic direction and ensures operational efficiency.
2. A **General Assembly** of all members is convened biannually to review progress, discuss priorities, and adopt resolutions.
3. Decisions are made through a **consensus model**; if consensus is unattainable, a two-thirds majority vote shall apply.

CHAPTER IV

FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Article 7

Key Functions

1. To identify and address systemic barriers faced by migrant girls in accessing civic and political spaces.
2. To advocate for policy changes at local, national, and European levels that promote inclusivity and equity.
3. To serve as a consultative body for governments, institutions, and civil society on issues impacting migrant girls.

Article 8

Core Activities

1. **Capacity Building:**
 - Enjoy training sessions on leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement.
 - Benefit from mentorship and peer-learning opportunities.
2. **Policy Development:**
 - Draft policy recommendations addressing key issues such as education, employment, healthcare, and social inclusion.
 - Present an annual report to EU institutions summarizing achievements and future goals.
3. **Community Engagement:**
 - Facilitate public forums and intercultural dialogues to raise awareness and foster solidarity.
 - Partner with local organizations to implement grassroots initiatives promoting migrant girls' participation.

CHAPTER V MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND AMENDMENTS

Article 9

Monitoring and Evaluation

1. A **Monitoring and Evaluation Subcommittee** shall be established to assess the impact of the Body's activities and ensure alignment with its objectives.
2. Annual evaluation reports, including feedback from members and stakeholders, will inform adjustments to strategies and operations.

Article 10

Amendments and Revisions

1. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by any member and require the approval of two-thirds of the General Assembly.
2. The Charter shall undergo a comprehensive review every three years to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

SIGNATORIES

By endorsing this Charter, the members of the European Consultative Body for Migrant Girls Civic Engagement affirm their dedication to its principles and commit to fostering a more inclusive and equitable Europe.

