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The question of dealing with the challenges posed by the inclusion of migrant youths in the economy and society:

With Europe faced with an increasingly ageing society how can migrant youths whether asylum seeker, non-EU and EU citizens be better integrated into education, training and employment? In Europe's continued quest to be the world's Nr 1 knowledge-based economy and society, how can governments guarantee that no young person is left behind, but rather that his/her full potential is tapped?

Since the population in Europe keeps ageing, it becomes crucial to also start and integrate migrant youths better into our working life. People have longer life expectations and therefore they require longer pension payments. Pension today is paid by the employee's taxes, but with an ageing population, this might stop working. For the EU to become the world's Nr 1 knowledge-based economy and society it is vital to have well educated and trained young people. The access to education is a human right, that every child and adolescent has. Considering that a lot of refugees and asylum applicants are really young, giving them an opportunity to a good education is the first step towards integrating them better into our work life, fulfilling our goal of socio-economic success and for overcoming disadvantages in European societies.

Programmes:

There are a lot of programmes, with the aim of helping migrants' inclusion into society. Here are some examples.

Migrant Access Programme:

It is a reception and transition programme founded in Ireland that prepares newly arrived migrants for post-primary school. The main objective of the programme is to empower migrants and assist them in overcoming barriers, the barriers being cultural or personal, to access employment.

The Erasmus + programme:

It's main objective is to support education and youth in Europe. It offers students the chance to study, but to also gain work experience abroad.

The In & Out project:

The aim of this project is to promote volunteering and culture as constructive instruments for the integration of youth.