Prep module

CULT: Committee on Culture and Education

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?

Dear delegates of the committee on culture and education,

We, your Committee Presidents, would like to give you a warm welcome to the Model European Parliament session in Burgenland and to the CULT committee. We hope, you are all motivated and interested in our topic.

To ensure that all of you are familiar with our committee issue, we provided you with a summary of the issue and collected a couple of EU publications, articles and studies, in order to give you an overview on our subject matter. It is of utmost importance that you prepare yourselves and get an insight into the issue, as you will be working on a resolution during our committee sessions. During the session, you should be able to point out problems concerning the committee issue and to also find solutions to these. Moreover, we would appreciate it, if you would also take a look at other sources and do some research independently. Additionally, we kindly ask you to write a brief summary (1-2 pages) on the issue and send it to us by Dec 29th.

We hope that the following links are useful for your preparation before the actual session. These links are solely guidelines, so we expect further preparation from you. If everyone is prepared individually, discussions should be fruitful. And please remember: only a well prepared delegate can not only present but also defend the resolution successfully.
If something is unclear, please feel free to contact us.
We are looking forward to meeting you at the Model European Parliament session in January.

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Summary

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: (to find out more about these projects, take a look at the links below)
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.

Links:

Ageing Europe

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/economy-finance/policy-implications-ageing-examined-new-report-2018-may-25_en

EU publications

Introduction to Youth and Migrants:
https://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/implementation/migration_en

European commission Entrepreneurship 2020 action plan: https://www.aegee.org/young-enterprises-young-entrepreneurs-european-commission-entrepreneurship-2020-action-plan/

Promoting social inclusion of migrant children and young people: https://www.esn-eu.org/publications_import/25.01.2018%20VGReview_Migration%20Report_Final.pdf

"Give migrant youth a chance": https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2019/give-migrant-youth-chance

Projects and programmes

Sirius: http://www.sirius-migrationeducation.org

Towards empowered migrant youth in Southern Europe: https://iomintandem.com

BPE programme: http://www.bpe-project.eu/home/

In & out project: https://www.inandoutproject.eu

Erasmus +: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about_en

Migrant access programme: https://www.newcommunities.ie/services2/migrant-access-programme-.html

Studies and statistics

Comparative migration studies: https://comparativemigrationstudies.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s40878-019-0129-3

Statistics: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Young_people_-_migration_and_socioeconomic_situation

Migrant integration statistics: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Migrant_integration_statistics_–_labour_market_indicators

Other publications:

Education of EU migrant children in EU member states: https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR1700/RR1715/RAND_RR1715.pdf

Europe school system
https://www.eursc.eu/en/European-Schools/studies/studies-organisation