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GFMD Youth Forum 2021 Outcome Documents

Regional Roundtable 3: Europe

In the framework of the III Forum of Youth on Migration, and in the context of the XIII Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Europe youth discussed the state of public narratives on migration in Europe region to (1) learn about the relevance of narratives in the integration of migrants and (2) build an action plan to shape migration narratives and its relationship with integration.

The following youth priorities were discussed during the regional session:

Goals for our joint work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fight stereotypes against migrants and their skills● Target political language to depoliticize migration debates● Recognizing skills of young migrants● Migrants must choose their own labels and choose how to narrate their stories● Shift pejorative narratives● The importance of storytelling for the general public - cannot only be sad/successful in order not to polarize.● Shape narratives so they are empowering● Inclusion & intersectionality

Key actions we want to prioritize
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Measurement of messages and the impact - use analytical platforms● Use platforms for migrants to share their skills● Equip young people with discussion skills● Policymaking● Data/storytelling success stories avoiding victimizing● Create a virtual network with regional chapters and board - EU solutions for local problems /local solutions for EU problems● Shaping narratives: Employer support and education for employing migrants● Wide perception on that migrants do low skilled work - make skills of young migrants visible and searchable● Measure the success of narratives, use analytical platforms

Immediate opportunities for collaboration

- Common vision document
- bridging views events
- Network with regional chapters
- collaboration as part of the UNMGCY shaping narratives campaign
- Connect regarding types of discrimination and intersectionality
- Categorize perceptions on migration-workshop

Communications channels to make it happen

- Use social media platforms and digital technologies
- Finding a common platform for sharing trends
- Educational tool interculturalism
- using the platform U-report on the Move to share migrants' stories.
- Common communication strategy
- mainstream youth matters in research and academic output