



SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MIGRATION

Thursday 7 April 2022, 18:00 – 20:00

1. Opening by the Chair

Successive Chairs: Alessandro Alfieri, Member of the Italian Senate, Italy; Dimitris Kairidis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Greece

The Chair, Mr Alfieri, opened the meeting, thanking Members of the Working Group (WG) for the fruitful discussions in the previous meeting on 25 March 2022. He explained that the draft proposals have been revised in close collaboration with the Spokesperson, following the sixth meeting of the WG, to take into account the most consensual comments.

The Chair announced that the summary record of the previous meeting held on 25 March was considered approved and will be translated in all languages and uploaded on the platform.

2. Intervention by the Spokesperson

The Spokesperson also welcomed the fruitful discussions in the previous Working Group, and highlighted the main changes suggested. He then gave the floor to another citizen, who had a few suggestions to the draft revised proposals:

- In measure 3 of the first proposal, when referring to “brain drain”, to add a reference to measure 1 of the second proposal, as the latter measure is linked.
- In measure 5 of the first proposal, which is about informing and educating about topics related to migration, to also add a reference to “inclusion”.
- To change the title of the objective of the third proposal, to better reflect the measures.

The Chair thanked the Spokesperson for his intervention, asked Members to reflect on these suggestions.

3. Presentation and discussion on the revised draft proposals, with a view to presenting revised draft proposals to the Plenary on 8-9 April 2022

The Chair presented the revised draft proposals, detailing all the adjustments which had been introduced, one by one.

In the ensuing discussion, the following suggestions were made:

- The revised draft proposals were broadly welcomed by the members of the Working Group.
- There was general support for the suggestions presented by a citizen, as outlined above.
- Several members of the WG asked to add a clear reference to the role of local and regional authorities, and of civil society organisations, in the integration process.



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- One member, supported by a few others, suggested adding a mention to the trafficking of women and children in the measures, referring to the dramatic current context.

Proposal 1:

- A proposal was made to delete the reference to “creating an integrated agency” in measure 2 of the first proposal and starting with “widening the powers of EURES...” on the ground that it could lead to competing bodies, as EURES already exists and a recent evaluation concluded that EURES was relevant. Instead, the possibility of “creating a European entity” was suggested in order to express that we should be building on what already exists. On this same measure, another comment was made to add the words “equal” and “treatment” (“equal access and treatment to the EU labour market”).
- There was a discussion on the word “harmonising” in measure 4 of the first proposal as the EU does not have the competence to impose harmonised working conditions, with several members asking for a rephrasing, for instance with “harmonising a minimum of working conditions standards or “promoting upwards convergence”. The Spokesperson stressed that the intention here was to limit internal EU migration and brain drain.
- One member also suggested to add a new measure on using the Schengen Information System and national databases to tackle the exploitation of migrants in the shadow economy.

Proposal 2:

- The addition of “by partnership agreements” in measure 1 of the second proposal was suggested.
- One Member asked that, in measure 2 of the second proposal, an addition be made to increase the independence on Frontex. On this same measure, another Member asked for the addition of “control”, to complement the existing “protection of all external borders”. In addition, it was suggested to rephrase the second part of the measure to clarify “hybrid attacks by third countries instrumentalising migrants” and “violation of human rights”.

Proposal 3:

- In relation to measure 1 of the third proposal, it was suggested to rephrase “imposing EU legislative measures” into “developing EU-wide measures”, to better reflect the process of new legislative measures.
- In measure 2 of the third proposal, one member suggested to refer to aid to third countries based on academic research.

Proposal 4:

- As regards measure 2 of the fourth proposal, one member asked to consider adding “other forms of solidarity” for more balance in the proposals. On this point, the Chair commented that it could form a balanced compromise.
- One member commented on measure 3 of proposal 4, considering that the minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers mentioned in Directive 2013/33/EU already provided sufficient standards.



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- In measure 5 of the fourth proposal, several members suggested not to refer to strengthening the mandate of the EU Agency for Asylum, explaining that the mandate had recently been reinforced.
- In proposal four, one member also suggested to add a new measure on integrating the remaining EU Member States into the Schengen area.

Proposal 5:

- In measure 1 of the fifth proposal, it was suggested to emphasize the role of local and regional authorities, and of civil society organisations.
- As regards measure 2 of the fifth proposal, it was suggested to add “when possible, to make the self-reliant”. On this same measure, one member asked to delete “relevant qualifications” and add “based on equal treatment and decent working conditions”.
- One member also asked for a new measure on the decriminalisation of humanitarian assistance provided by NGOs.

4. Closing by the Chair

The Chair thanked the Working Group Members, also on behalf of Mr Kairidis, for their commitment in the process and for their contributions.



Annex: list of members registered for the meeting

Title	First name	Last name	Component
Mr	Andy	ELLUL	Council
Mr	Arnoldas	ABRAMAVIČIUS	Council
Mr	Alessandro	ALFIERI	National Parliaments
Ms	Abir	AL-SAHLANI	European Parliament
Mr	Konstantinos	ANDREADAKIS	European citizens panels
Mr	Marc	ANGEL	European Parliament
Mr	Malik	AZMANI	European Parliament
Mr	Pernando	BARRENA ARZA	European Parliament
Mr	Gunnar	BECK	European Parliament
Mr	Magnus	BERNTSSON	Local/Regional representative
Ms	Marjolijn	BULK	European Economic and Social Committee
Mr	Jaroslav	BŽOCH	National Parliaments
Mr	Luís	CAPOULAS SANTOS	National Parliaments
Ms	Liina	CARR	Social Partners
Ms	Iness	CHAKIR	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Laura Maria	CINQUINI	European citizens panels
Mr	Angel	DZHAMBAZKI	European Parliament
Ms	Karoline	EDTSTADLER	Council
Ms	Julia	EICHBERGER	European citizens panels
Mr	Joseph	ELLIS	National Parliaments
Mr	Harris	GEORGIADES	National Parliaments
Ms	Maya	DOBREVA	Council
Ms	Sigge	ERIKSSON	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Sunčana	GLAVAK	European Parliament
Mr	Ľudovít	GOGA	National Parliaments
Ms	Hafida	GUELLATI	European citizens panels
Ms	Gabriela	HEGENBERG	European citizens panels
Ms	Ylva	JOHANSSON	European Commission
Mr	Dimitris	KAIRIDIS	National Parliaments
Mr	Jeroen	LENAERS	European Parliament
Mr	Cees	LOGGEN	Local/Regional representative
Ms	Oudekki	LOONE	National Parliaments
Mr	Arminas	LYDEKA	National Parliaments
Ms	Aurora	MEJÍA ERRASQUÍN	Council
Ms	Augusta	MONTARULI	National Parliaments
Ms	Nathalie	OBERWEIS	National Parliaments
Mr	Tamás	SZILÁGYI	Council
Mr	Philippe	OLIVIER	European Parliament



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Mr	Laurentiu	PLOSCEANU	European Economic and Social Committee
Ms	Yoomi	RENSTROM	Committee of the Regions
Mr	Milosh	RISTOVSKI	Civil Society
Ms	Desislava	SIMEONOVA	European citizens panels
Mr	Andrzej	SKIBA	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Sara	SKYTTEDAL	European Parliament
Mr	Jordi	SOLÉ FERRANDO	European Parliament
Ms	Petra	STEGER	National Parliaments
Mr	Tuomas Heikki	SUIHKONEN	European citizens panels
Ms	Kata	TUTTO	Committee of the Regions
Mr	Nils	USAKOV	European Parliament
Mr	Hubregt	VERHOEVEN	European citizens panels
Mr	Dragan	VOLAREVIC	European citizens panels
Mr	Krasimir	ZLATINOV	European citizens panels