



YOUNG EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS

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ASYLUM POLICIES WITHIN THE EU

It is a common agreement on the European level that the EU, and Europe as a continent, can be identified as a space of freedoms and liberties. This is one of the reasons why we have fought throughout History, and for so we are proud.

It is also a common standard that there is a need for a common European policy in the fields of Foreign Policy and Defence.

In the framework of this debate it is necessary to introduce the key issue of the Asylum Policy within the EU, enthused mostly for the incongruent decision of the Council on creating refugee camps outside the borders of the EU to solve "preventively" the refugee problem.

The EU has to build a General Policy on the Immigration and Asylum Issue, taking in consideration the respect of the Fundamental Rights of the Human Being, as well as the interests of its neighbours, building, at the same time, a Policy on International Co-operation which provides the opportunity to all these countries to develop strong democratic systems and social welfare as a fundamental tool.

But nowadays, the refugee issue is a reality to face, and from the deepest socialist and social-democrat principles, ECOSY-Young European Socialists, claims for the real and effective acceptance of the absolute respect of the right to seek asylum and the urgent need to work towards establishing a Common European Asylum System, based on the values of Liberty, Equality and Solidarity. This integrated European Asylum Policy has to be based on a proportional sharing of responsibilities of all the EU Member States, as they are the main responsible of the success or defeat of the policies. They are the actors in charge to implement the policies and decisions taken at the European Level.

We call for an Urgent decision of the Council and the European Parliament to make the Asylum Issue a political priority in the Agenda for the coming months.

ECOSY-Young European Socialists, thus, rejects strongly the incongruent decision of the Council, taken some weeks ago, about allowing the construction of refugee camps out of the borders of the EU.

On the opposite of this non-sense decision, which denies the respect of one the most important Fundamental Rights, ECOSY-Young European Socialists asks for a political alternative which defends the weak as a fundamental principle of action.

ECOSY-Young European Socialists, asks for an alternative which does not only respect the Fundamental Rights and Liberties of the Human Being, but which does also include some other concrete principles of action, within the general agreement of the need of a common Foreign Policy. We ask for:

- We ask for a new model which includes the new subsidiary formulas of protection, as the way to include the protection for all the new realities which do not fit in the old asylum system, originally made in 1951, when the global reality we face today was not even a suspicion.

- Another system of the control of the borders, removing the restrictions, regulations and unnecessary formalities.
- Minimum standards to fulfil, compulsory for all the EU member states, about the rights and duties to both the asylum seekers and the State which receives them, providing a real, strong and unique system of acceptance of asylum seekers.
- Financial Burden System: EU, and State, both co-responsible of the costs of this new system.
- A new concept of refugee, more flexible.
- To take into account the importance of the role and work of the NGO's, integrating them in the institutional work and taking in consideration their inputs when remaking the legal framework.
- New integrated policies promoted from the European Level which guarantee the respect of the rights and the same level of protection within the entire EU and for any kind of refugee, including in these policies one on groups of displaced persons
- We ask the EU to put the Immigration and Asylum Policy on the top of the political agenda of the UN, and to push forward and promote the implementation of new policies and guidelines of action in the framework of the UN.