

**Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)**

Dear Delegates of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs,

We, the Committee President, the Co-Committee President and the Committee President Secretary would like to welcome you to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

The issue of our committee is the question related to migration and the refugee crisis. By delving into this topic, you will explore ways on how the European Union can better address irregular immigration as well as develop asylum policies which protect the refugee's rights while securing that responsibility is shared amongst the Member States. At the same time, we would like you to take into consideration any possible criticism regarding the current policies and ensure that no EU country is disadvantaged.

We look forward to seeing you all in Athens.

Your Committee Presidency,

Samuel Camilleri Brancaleone  
Christos Spentzos  
Evgenios-Vasileios Kritikos

### **Questions**

- Which are the disadvantages of the current EU asylum policies?
- How have the Member States reacted to the growing number of refugees and how does it affect the EU countries (economically, culturally)?
- How can the EU create workable asylum policies?
- How can the EU ensure that responsibility is shared in the Member States while protecting the rights of the refugees?
  
- How can the EU address irregular immigration effectively?

### **Expectations**

- Comprehension of the terms 'refugee', 'migrant' and 'immigrant'
- Knowledge of general information about the refugee crisis
- Understanding of the current EU asylum policies and their results
- Knowledge of the Member State's reaction to the EU asylum policies

### **Position Paper**

As a last step in your preparation for the session, you are strongly advised to compose a position paper (1-2 pages in a word document) which will be presented during the first committee meeting. It will include:

- Your country's position on the issue
- Some of your proposed solutions
- Some key facts from your research

## Useful links

- Migration and migrant population statistics by Eurostat  
[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Migration\\_and\\_migrant\\_population\\_statistics](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Migration_and_migrant_population_statistics)
- Asylum statistics by Eurostat  
[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Asylum\\_statistics](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Asylum_statistics)
- Charts about European citizens opinions on the refugee crisis  
<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/09/16/european-opinions-of-the-refugee-crisis-in-5-charts/>
- Charts about migrant crisis in Europe  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34131911>
- Chronology of the refugee crisis  
<http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/4929/a-chronology-of-the-refugee-crisis-in-europe>
- Article in Spiegel on the asylum policies of different EU countries  
<http://www.spiegel.de/international/europe/asylum-policy-and-treatment-of-refugees-in-the-european-union-a-926939.html>
- Article in 'Kathimerini' describing the current situation in Greece  
<http://www.ekathimerini.com/225058/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/greece-europe-and-the-refugee-crisis>
- Article in Kathimerini criticising the EU handling of the migratory issue  
<http://www.ekathimerini.com/207248/article/ekathimerini/comment/the-eus-miserable-handling-of-the-refugee-crisis>
- Article on understanding migration and asylum policies of the European Union  
<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/explainers/understanding-migration-and-asylum-european-union>
- An article on the problems created by the refugee crisis  
<https://euobserver.com/opinion/138707>
- Article in 'The Guardian' about the reaction of the EU to the Visegrad Group  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/06/eu-court-dismisses-complaints-by-hungary-and-slovakia-over-refugees>
- General information about the refugee crisis  
<http://publications.europa.eu/webpub/com/factsheets/migration-crisis/en/>
- The EU funding to Greece in 2017  
[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agendamigration/20170726\\_factsheet\\_managing\\_refugee\\_crisis\\_eu\\_financial\\_support\\_greece\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agendamigration/20170726_factsheet_managing_refugee_crisis_eu_financial_support_greece_en.pdf)
- The Dublin system  
<http://www.unhcr.org/4a9d13d59.pdf>
- The Dublin regulation  
[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/asylum/examination-of-applicants\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/asylum/examination-of-applicants_en)
- The EU budget for the refugee crisis  
[http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/biblio/documents/2017/budget-refugee-crisis-improving-migration-management\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/biblio/documents/2017/budget-refugee-crisis-improving-migration-management_en.pdf)
- The Common European Asylum System  
[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/asylum\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/asylum_en)

## Videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQqmRkhuMWU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKxiEVYFo64>