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## Managing immigration at European level

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7 Resolution submitted by: *JEF-Europe Political Commission for EU External Affairs*  
8 *and Global Policies (PC3)*

9 Resolution adopted by consensus of the Federal Committee of JEF Europe

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- Underlining that migrants have rights and duties, as stated in the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
  - Considering that the management of migration has become more challenging and concerns the entire European continent due to introduction of the Schengen system;
  - Being aware of the fact that most immigrants want to reach northern and western countries, as shown by the difference in political asylum requests between the countries of the European Union (EU);
  - Considering that the current European framework is insufficient in dealing with the immigration challenges and opportunities since immigration policy requires strong cohesion with a budget financed by own resources and with a more concrete EU Common Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and common management of borders at European level;
  - Considering that the European immigration policy is merely a reactive one, and that the only way to implement a pro-active policy is to formulate and realise a development plan, which only a European government can design;
  - Considering that assistance and translation, provided for migrants when they have to deal with administrative matters, are insufficient;
  - Concerned by the fact that illegal migrants that reach Europe often live in difficult conditions in reception centres in several European countries which are regularly criticised by civil rights non-governmental organisations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Council of Europe, because they are violating human dignity and breaching articles 3 and 13 of the ECHR, as the European Court of Human Rights has stated;
  - Concerned by the fact that the lack of an adequate control on migratory flows is facilitating the spread of human trafficking and is allowing organised crime to control a significant portion of illegal migratory flows;



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- Considering that serious breaches of Schengen-provisions by national police units are recurring and that this is undermining the trust of European citizens in effective border management;
  - Concerned by the fact that a lack of integration and inefficient management of immigration can lead to xenophobia, which is strongly linked with nationalism and anti-European populism, which is slowing down the Union process(es);
  - Highly concerned by the fact that thousands of migrants have died trying to reach Europe in recent years with media calling the Mediterranean Sea the “cemetery of Europe”;
  - Considering that the above stated problems cannot be solved on a local or a national level;

### **JEF Europe therefore**

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1. Condemns the refusal by almost all the Members States to activate the Council Directive 2001/55/CE, which states that “the European Union (EU) adopts legislation laying down standards common to all Member States for giving temporary protection to persons fleeing their countries in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons in the Union”;
  2. Urges the serious involvement of the EU governments and the European Parliament in achieving, as soon as possible, the objectives of further integration proposed by the annual reports on immigration of the European Commission without any further nationalistic claim;
  3. Calls to consider the development of a special fund managed by a European Agency of Immigration (EAI) and distributed on the local level in order to achieve a better cultural and social integration of immigrants;
  4. Calls for the introduction of special integration measures, in the Member States, in order to integrate migrants into cultures and communities and to respect their basic human rights;
  5. Calls for the implementation of common competence standards and examinations on the EU level in order to recognise the actual knowledge and abilities of migrants who obtained diplomas and degrees outside of the European Union;
  6. Calls for an immigration flow management led by the EAI from the border control to the reception and detention centres;
  7. Calls for deeper cooperation between the police departments of Member States;
  8. Calls for building the basis for a new federal law enforcement agency at the EU level under the control of a democratic and sovereign power to fight against organised crime, human trafficking and all other illegal offences crossing the national borders of EU member states;