



EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK 2. NEWSLETTER December 2018

This 2nd Newsletter does not only offer news but is new itself: There are short introductions into the single points, some of which are linked (links are sure - click ok even if you read a security message) with the **Website** (clc-europeanmigrationnetwork.com) – which is also new and still under construction. Have a look there and find informations and invitations! Feel free to improve the Website, tell us what to change!

We will also try to present most of the contributions in 2 languages: English and French, so that the news are more likely to be read.

First time we will send the newsletter also to the representatives of **JRS – Jesuit Refugee Service**. In some national communities there is already close cooperation between CLC and JRS, in others it could be senseful to get acquainted to each other.

INFOS OF VATICAN/ CHURCH AND THE MIGRATION NETWORK



20 Action Points

Pope Francis knows what asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees need. We should welcome and protect them, he says, we should promote and integrate them. To do all this, here are some resources you can use in your community or parish ... plus some policies to advocate in your country and at the U.N. level.

See more at <https://migrants-refugees.va/20-action-points-migrants/> (English, French, Spanish,...)



In a joint statement of 7 November 2018, the religious communities represented in the Swiss Council of Religions call on their members to commit themselves to refugees

Five appeals for refugee protection:

1. Protection at place of origin 2. Legal escape routes 3. Fair and effective asylum procedures 4. Integration – equal participation 5. Return with dignity

See more in German [here](#) and in French [HERE](#)

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Syria: “...et jusqu’à maintenant la migration des chrétiens continue.”

Aleppo after 7 years of war: Maha Aleid, member of Syrian CVX, at present in Switzerland, gives us a short survey of the recent situation.

Read more [HERE](#)

Poland: Welcome - Accompany - Discern – Integrate



The Polish CLC Migration Group organized a meeting open to all members of our community. The meeting took place in the Jesuit Community Centre in Warsaw in April 2018. The main theme was 'Welcome - Accompany - Discern - Integrate... More [HERE](#)

Luxembourg: Difficult implementation of European wide network to re-welcome Dublin-cases

Since one year, we are welcoming persons under Dublin procedure in our small day-care-center, called UBUNTU. We listen and are present to their sorrow and despair, as most of them are already rejected asylum seekers in the country to which Luxemburg will transfer them, according to European legislation. More at [HERE](#)



Picking up apples for making juice with Eritrean refugees



“Open Network Migration” – a transnational initiative of CLC members of Germany, Austria and may be soon Switzerland - in German language.

This should be a particular step in raising awareness for migrants’ reality within CLC-Germany and Austria; Switzerland might follow. Since it will be an OPEN network, also people outside CLC are very welcome ... More [HERE](#)

Austria : “CLC-Workinggroup Migration” supports PR-campaign of an NGO in favor of solidarity with migrants

There are many ways to face inhuman, surely not Christian policy in our country: This is one of them: An internet-campaign called #aufstehn (get up), which provides stickers to express support for migrants, Europe and humanity.



For a Europe showing solidarity

See more (German/English) [HERE](#)



Advent calendar “24 days in search of hostel, refuge and a good future”. A project of PFARNNETZWERK ASYL (Vienna)

The PARISH NETWORK ASYL uses the form of the Advent calendar to draw attention to the situation of refugees. This year, the calendar mainly features volunteers from the refugee service. They share their experiences and motives. (German and English) See more at www.pfarnnetzwerkasyl.at



France: CLC-weekend for the 70 years of Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Equal in dignity and rights



In late November 60 people interested in the subject participated in a weekend in Paris organized by the “Atelier étrangers” and “Atelier Justice”, working teams of CLC France. How do we live the call of respect for dignity and equality with migrants on a daily and professional practice?

The law and solidarity - can they be reconciled?

Look [HERE](#)



Europe, At the Frontiers with Asylum seekers (ATF)

All together 31 young volunteers of 9 different countries participated in See the Summer Report 2018 [HERE](#)

Also this winter from **Dec. 27th to January 4th 2019** there will be an edition at Ragusa, Italy! See [HERE](#)

Save the date:

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION NETWORK-MEETING : Probably **4. – 6. October 2019**, please try to keep these days free – we will inform you as soon as possible about the fixed date and place! It would be ideal if every National Community could send 1 or 2 persons in charge of migrants' issues.

Daily Spiritual Exercises – ONLINE in German language soon in french!

Theme: "Touched by flight"

April 22nd – June 9th 2019 [HERE](#)

Prayer:

Lord, help me to look at each of my fellow migrants as a new creature, an image of your face, not just a statistic or a problem to solve but rather like the one by whom you open me to the kingdom and give me to build a new world of peace and hospitality. Lord in this time of Advent allow me to open my tent to the exiles and weave new bonds.

Poor and joyful Christmas to you and your beloved ones!

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Next Newsletter will be edited end of Mars 2019. If you got contributions, please send them before Mars10th ! Thank you!

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