

# EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MIGRANT WOMEN

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## FULFIL MIGRANT WOMEN'S RIGHTS PUBLIC EVENT

Join us for a hybrid public event to explore  
the solutions for protecting migrant women's  
fundamental rights in the EU

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European Parliament Zweig Visitor Centre - Room 2 Rue d'Ardenne,  
1000 Brussels



17 OCTOBER 2024 | 9.30AM - 1PM

## Strengthening Legal Protections for Migrant Women: Call to Urgent Action in the EU and Launch of Forerunner Case-Law Database

Brussels, October 10th, 2024 – Migrant women across the European Union continue to face systemic violations of their fundamental rights, ranging from barriers in accessing healthcare and justice to exploitation and violence. In response, the **European Network of Migrant Women** will host a pivotal event on **October 17, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM CET** at the European Parliament, Room 2, Zweig Building, Brussels, **unveiling critical tools and insights to address these urgent issues.**

At the heart of the event is **the launch of the EU's first case-law database on migrant women's fundamental rights.** This database represents an important step in monitoring and documenting legal violations, aimed at supporting judiciaries, legal professionals, and law enforcement agencies in better protecting migrant women. By systematising data on legal precedents, the database enhances the ability of legal practitioners to pursue litigation that safeguards the rights of migrant women and promotes accountability.

### Data Collection and Systematisation

The new case-law database is a direct response to **the gaps in legal protection that migrant women face.** This tool seeks to strengthen the work of legal services, law enforcement, and judiciary bodies. It serves as a resource for identifying patterns of violence and ensuring that migrant women's cases are given the attention and legal action they deserve.

### Women's Rights Perspective

The event will highlight the importance of **integrating a women's rights perspective into the broader EU framework of fundamental rights.** The newly published report, [A Women's Rights Perspective on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#), underscores how the EU's existing legal frameworks often fail to address the specific challenges that migrant women encounter.

### Litigation and Legal Support

The event will also focus on practical solutions, including **strategic litigation and general legal support for migrant women.** Experts will discuss how capacity-building programs for legal professionals in Italy, France, and Portugal are supporting lawyers to use the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights as a tool to challenge rights violations, and achieve justice for migrant women across the EU.

### Critical Policy Discussions with EU Stakeholders

**High-level policy discussions** will take place, with **representatives from the European Commission, the European Ombudswoman, and the European Parliament.** Discussions will explore how the Ombuds office monitors good administration in EU asylum, migration, and integration policies through a women-specific lens. A deep dive into the **Migration and Asylum Pact** will assess how it addresses - or overlooks - the rights of migrant women. Members of the European Parliament will share insights on shaping policies for migrant and refugee women, while input from the **UNODC** will highlight the role of data collection in improving judicial understanding and legal responses.

## A Call to Action

This event is a rallying cry for stronger protections and targeted legal actions for migrant women across Europe. **With migrant women's fundamental rights continuing to be undermined, this initiative calls on EU policymakers, legal professionals, and civil society to take concrete steps in addressing these violations.**

**Join us as we take critical steps towards improving legal protections for migrant women in Europe and building a more just future.**

*"Migrant Women are often victims and survivors of some of the most egregious forms of violence in the world, merely because they are women and migrants. The Charter of Fundamental Rights for Migrant Women is a powerful tool to defend, promote and protect their rights. Let's use it!"*

Ph.D. Dr. Esohe Aghatise, lawyer, founder of IROKO association

### Event Details:

- Date: October 17, 2024
- Time: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM CET
- Location: European Parliament, Room 2, Zweig Building, Brussels (ID required)
- Language: English

**Participation is free, but registration is required. Breakfast will be provided for those attending in person.**

Registration for in-person participation: <https://lnkd.in/gyzpYFvu>

Registration for online participation: <https://lnkd.in/gGFeSwxE>

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### About the European Network of Migrant Women:

The European Network of Migrant Women is a leading advocate for migrant and refugee women's rights in Europe, working tirelessly to address the unique challenges they face and promote gender equality and social inclusion.

### About the FULFIL project:

This event takes place in the framework of the EU-funded FULFIL project, an EU-wide initiative coordinated by the European Network of Migrant Women, aimed at enhancing the capabilities of legal professionals and organisations in supporting migrant women's rights. By providing training, resources, and advocacy, the project seeks to strengthen the protection of migrant women's fundamental rights across Europe. Project partners are Associação Contra o Femicídio (Portugal), Olympe association (France), IROKO (Italy), Parolin firm (Italy), European Women Lawyers Association - EWLA (EU-wide)

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