



**WORKING GROUP
MIGRATION POLICIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS.
UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS.**

WORK PROGRAMME 2022

INTRODUCTION

Faced with the humanitarian drama of irregular migration and the massive arrival of immigrants in Europe, fleeing from extreme living conditions, from areas where neither personal safety nor individual freedom is guaranteed, it is necessary that, from CALRE, we call on the other institutions of the European Union and the Member States to achieve an effective and permanent joint response to the problem of migration and asylum management in the territory of the Union. This response must be based on the values of solidarity and respect for human rights, principles on which the current EU was founded, and which continue to be the values that distinguish us as a common project of coexistence.

We would stress that the role of the European Regions is essential, especially those which, due to their geographical situation, are borders of the EU, and more specifically the island regions, due to



their particular sensitivity to this phenomenon. The regions are the first line of response as entry points for irregular immigrants from their immediate neighbourhood, despite having limited resources available at this level, and this has a major impact on their public policies. It is therefore imperative that these regions be considered a place of transit rather than a place of permanent stay.

It is necessary to share the response, management and responsibility between all regions, those which constitute borders and those which don't, and between Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament, in a framework of multilevel response and governance.

For all the above reasons, assuming that CALRE must contribute to this response, the Working Group "*Migration Policies and Human Rights. Unaccompanied Foreign Minors*", will work with the aim of designing a common strategy of regions, in response to the migratory phenomenon, and to transfer a joint CALRE position to the rest of the EU institutions.

We hope that with this activity we can contribute to the construction of a stronger, more cohesive and supportive Europe.



AGENDA

Date	Event	Venue
To be confirmed. 2nd Quarter 2022.	First Working Group meeting.	At a Regional Assembly of an insular nature.
To be confirmed. October 2022.	Second meeting of the Working Group. Conclusions and draft resolution.	At the Canary Islands Parliament.



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The initial proposal for the work programme, which may be nourished by contributions made by those Parliaments and Regional Assemblies which join the Working Group, will focus on addressing the migration phenomenon, taking into account the following aspects:

- Respect for human rights
- Actions in countries of origin
- Search, rescue and care
- Fight against illegal trafficking
- Dignified and humanitarian reception
- Safe referral to other territories
- Special attention to unaccompanied minors

The objective of this working group during 2022 will be to provide the EU bodies with the point of view, of Regional Assemblies and Parliaments which are members of CALRE, regarding the following:

- the shaping and implementation of migration and asylum policies,



- the priorities for the deployment of EU resources for effective border control and migration management,
- the establishment of protocols with criteria of solidarity and co-responsibility for the redistribution of migrants in mass arrivals,
- development cooperation plans in the countries of origin.

The activities of the working group will seek to include participants from the different EU institutions, mainly from the Committee of the Regions, as well as from the main European organisations of local and regional authorities, in order to develop synergies that will help to achieve the objectives set out.

Speakers with expertise in each aspect of the migration phenomenon will be invited to present their views and propose conclusions for the final document.

Once this working group has concluded its work, a draft resolution, to be included in the debate of the Plenary Assembly in 2022, will be submitted to the CALRE Standing Committee.