



Youth Advocacy workshop
The human rights impact of EU migration policies

Introduction

In the framework of the "A Europe of Rights" project, our organization, [Comitato 3 Ottobre](#) in partnership with [EuroMed Rights](#), is organizing an advocacy workshop in Brussels on March 5th. This workshop will precede our initiative that will take place at the European Parliament the day after, on March 6th. For the workshop, we aim to bring together approximately 250 students and volunteers from across Europe for an engaging session, fostering interaction with speakers from various NGOs working on migration and human rights issues. This workshop seeks to provide students with practical insights, encouraging them to actively engage in advocacy efforts, fostering a generation well-versed in addressing migration challenges and promoting human rights.

Event objective

Equip students with advocacy tools, not only to comprehend immigration-related issues and policies but also to empower them to influence change at both local and European levels. We want to engage civil society organizations (CSOs) as speakers, each presenting their work and practical examples on how they conduct advocacy to influence decision-makers at both national and European levels.

Event overview

- **Date:** March 5th,
- **Time:** 15:00 - 18:30
- **Location:** Maison des Associations Internationales
Rue Washington 40, B-1050 Bruxelles
- **Interpretation:** English and Italian

Key elements

Challenges: The EU's response to the migration 'crisis' has brought structural problems to the forefront. Policies tend to be restrictive and punitive, often neglecting fundamental rights and hindering integration.

Focus Areas:

- Understanding the impact of restrictive migration and asylum rules.
- Policing, immigration enforcement, and human rights violations
- Addressing issues of criminalization and detention practices
- Advocating for integration and countering discrimination and violence against migrants.
- Xenophobia, Discrimination, and Hate Speech

Program outline

- Each speaker will have 30 minutes, including a plenary presentation and a Q&A session.
- The event will conclude with a reflection and plenary discussion led by Comitato 3 Ottobre.