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SOCIAL SUPPORT ACT: WOMEN'S SHELTERS FOR UNDOCUMENTED VICTIMS

The change in law enables the compensation of the women's shelters for the assistance of undocumented victims of domestic or honour-related violence.

When a victim registers with the women's shelter, the shelter will assess whether the victim's security situation compels access to the shelter. Subsequently, the mayor and aldermen make an individual decision on this. By ensuring a financial compensation of the costs of the assistance, an important incentive for the municipalities to deny victims without residence disappears.

The victim must apply for a residence on humanitarian grounds as soon as possible after being taken in. Without such an application, there is no compensation for the assistance provided.

<https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0035733/2020-01-01>, 1.1.20

BASIC RIGHTS

Central Appeals Tribunal: halving of social assistance benefit in connection with not-working not-entitled EU partner correct

This case regards the social assistance benefit of a Dutch-Hungarian couple, neither of which has worked since 2014. In 2016, the municipality halved the social assistance benefit for the couple, because the Hungarian partner lost her residence and therefore her entitlement to social security, as she no longer works. The statement that she would be too ill to work is not substantiated. That is why the Central Appeals Tribunal considers it correct for the Dutch partner to receive social assistance benefits equalling 50% of the amount for married couples. See [here](#).

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Court: no exemption of integration requirement for ill partner in NL

This woman wants to join her husband in the NL, because he is ill. Her request for a provisional residence permit (entry visa for stay with partner) has been denied because she has failed to pass the civic integration examination abroad. She has not tried to take it, either. The Court finds that the husband's illness does not constitute a reason to exempt her from the civic integration requirements. See [here](#).

Court: no dependent parent of an EU citizen, own assets

This case regards an English woman living in The Netherlands. She financially supports her mother who lives in Malaysia. She wants to bring her mother to The Netherlands. In principle, dependent relatives of EU citizens are entitled to join them. The question is whether the mother is dependent upon the daughter. The Court finds she is not, because it has not been proved that the mother would not be able to support herself without her daughter's financial assistance. The Court wonders, for instance, about the source of her bank balance. See [here](#).

SUPERVISION AND REPATRIATION

Eenvandaag: majority in favour of provision that illegal residence is an offence

CDA-MP Madeleine van Toorenburg wants that asylum seekers who have exhausted all appeals and fail to cooperate in their deportation, can be prosecuted. Although many politicians do not agree to this, 78% of the electorate are of the opinion that failure to cooperate in your deportation should be punished.

Voters of all coalition parties support this plan. Only the GroenLinks voters do not support this. Those that would vote for the PvdA, are in favour. Remarkable, because in 2014, the then coalition partners VVD and PvdA, at the PvdA's request, scratched the proposal to make illegality punishable. Many voters do write, however, that addressing countries that refuse those people is important.

<https://eenvandaag.avrotros.nl/panels/opiniepanel/alle-uitslagen/item/zo-denken-kiezers-over-strengere-immigratiemaatregelen/>, 28.1.20

WHAT'S ON?

FNV Conference 'Migration from an African perspective', 28 Feb 10-17u Utrecht

African migrants are leaving their country in search of a better life, sometimes fleeing violence, sometimes out of despair. Because they fail to see a better future in their country of birth, they take the risk of travelling to a new, hopefully better future. Their welcome upon arrival in Europe is not always warm. But the union considers them colleague-employees, who need a helping hand and, if required, assistance. Simple expressions of solidarity.

<https://www.fnv.nl/nieuwsbericht/algemeen-nieuws/2020/01/conferentie-migratie-vanuit-afrikaans-perspectief>

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (National Undocumented Migrants Support Centre Foundation) has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations who provide assistance to migrants without residence permits ('undocumented migrants'). The LOS Foundation is committed to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.