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EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN
IMPLEMENTING THE MIGRATION PACT, BRUSSELS,
28-29 NOVEMBER 2024

The [European Migration Forum](#) (EMF) is a platform for dialogue between civil society and the European institutions on issues relating to migration, asylum and integration.

This year's EMF aims to bring civil society organisations together to discuss and engage with Member State and EU policy-makers on the challenges and opportunities relating to the implementation [of the pact on migration and asylum](#).

More information and the online application form are available on the [EESC forum page](#) and in the [news section](#) of the European Commission (DG Migration and Home Affairs).

The deadline for applications is 12 September 2024.

BASIC RIGHTS

Court: shelter undocumented mother with baby in asylum centre to prevent homelessness

This case concerns a mother of a four-month-old baby. While she formerly had asylum status, it was not extended. Subsequently, she became pregnant. By the end of her pregnancy, she was sheltered in an asylum centre, until six weeks after her child was born. Then she had to leave and, out of necessity, slept in a car.

The judge finds that the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA) should have investigated alternative shelter better before evicting mother and child. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: when permit Moroccan man is revoked, treatment plan PIJ measure must be considered

This case concerns a 24-year-old Moroccan man with a custodial measure 'placement in an institution for juvenile offenders' (PIJ). He came to NL at the age of ten. In 2019, his permit was revoked due to his criminal record.

The Council of State finds that, when revoking his permit, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) should have weighed in the treatment during the PIJ measure. This involves practising contact in the outside world, which is not feasible without residence rights. Thus, the PIJ measure could not be wound up. Formerly, the Council of State has judged similarly for someone with a compulsory treatment order (TBS). (RvS 202300420/1/V1, 4.9.24).

Council of State: weigh in child when denying status for medical reasons re art-64

This case concerns a Cameroonian woman with a daughter who was born in NL in 2016. The mother has a criminal record due to two convictions for shop lifting. Since 2021, she has art-64 status, needing medical treatment that is not available in Cameroon. A medical permit application which can be obtained after one year of art-64 has been denied due to the criminal record. The Council of State finds the IND should have taken into account the perspectives for mother and child: mother will probably not recover and residence in an asylum centre is harmful for the child. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: alien detention justified after report of sleeping outdoors

In this case, the police had been called due to someone sleeping outdoors. The police had asked for their ID and established the person involved had no residence rights and can be evicted. Currently, he is in detention. The judge finds that the police were entitled to ask for an ID and that the alien has therefore been justly detained. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

ACTIVITIES

Vacancy Coordinator / Project Manager Maya Angelou Opvang Amsterdam (24-32 hrs p/w)

As a shelter coordinator, you will manage a team of two personal attendants, who passionately and independently counsel the women in our shelter. We estimate this will take about 1 to 1.5 days a week. Moreover, as a project manager you will commit yourself to shaping the next stage of Maya Angelou Opvang. How can we further accentuate our mission and vision and successfully continue to provide small-scale shelter to our target group? You will immerse yourself in the cabinet plans, the current policy of the Netherlands Association of Confidential advisors (LVV), maintain contact with other stakeholder parties within and outside of the LVV and initiate conceiving and developing future scenarios for our shelter. We expect you to spend 1 to 2 days a week on this.

Lastly, together with the team, you ensure that the administration is in order, that we stay within budget and comply with the rules and guidelines for our shelter. That will take about half a day per week.

Please send your resume and application before September 23 through:

bestuur@mayaangelouopvang.nl

<https://www.mayaangelouopvang.nl/vacature-coordinator>

Human Trafficking awareness campaign: 'Out of the Shadows'

Every year, thousands of people in the Netherlands fall prey to human trafficking. Especially migrants without residence permits are at increased risk of becoming victims. Many of these victims remain invisible. The awareness campaign 'Out of the shadows' aims to give them a face, make exploitation discussable, and point out to them how they can ask for help.

Everybody who works has rights. Even if you don't have a permit. That is the message of our campaign, developed in close collaboration with various migrant organisations. De campaign video is available in English, Bahasa and Tagalog. Please, contribute by sharing the materials within your own network.

- Awareness video about exploitation and labour rights;
- Website for migrant containing all campaign materials and listing the contact data of specialised aid organisations: www.rodekruis.nl/AgainstExploitation
- 'When you work, you have rights' posters (A3). To be ordered for free through mensenhandel@redcross.nl
- Online training tool 'Recognize exploitation and stay safe' for (undocumented) migrants. Available from October on the Rose Kruis website.

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.