



## EUROPEAN PATTERNS - MIGRATION OF BIRDS AND PEOPLE

### World Café

Participants of the world café were seated at six tables, on each of which a provocative statement on the issue of migration was displayed. There was one host per table who remained seated while the rest of the group moved on after five minutes of discussion, orally and written. All participants were able to read all comments and add their own opinions.

Here is the collection of comments made by Polish, Romanian, Croatian, English and German students and teachers.



## “REFUGEES SHOULD BE SENT BACK HOME IMMEDIATELY. ALL OF THEM!”

Everyone has a right to be safe.

*Political motivation to encourage refugees for cheap labour.*

*The labour market selects who will stay.*

**We should not differentiate between economic and asylum migration.**

***Fear of terrorism***

*Younger people are more tolerant.*

**I disagree because the immigrants need a good life and a job that is better paid than in their home countries.**

*Migration is a good thing.*

***Media promotes fear – social media moderated.***

**Life improvements govern migration.**

*Safety is a human right.*

**Racists are stupid and heartless.**

*Helping people is a human instinct.*

**Transparent effective policies to integrate bias in the media.**

***I disagree because every human needs a chance!***

**It's a two-sided story. We would expect to be given refuge if we were in need or seeking a better life.**

**We have had European refugees in recent history.**

**Everyone needs to be safe and terrorism is a risk to be taken.**

***We don't like the idea.***

**I think it's xenophobic.**

**People are arrogant about refugees.**

**Many people don't consider money. Money is the problem.**



**“MIGRATION IS A USEFUL TOOL TO REDUCE  
“A LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN A COUNTRY.”**

*Yes, I agree. They come to help the country who accepts them.*

*I disagree because many migrants don't have a job or are qualified.*

*The more jobs there are, the more money and taxes the government gets.*

*If you could use them, yes.*

*NO for people from that country, who are searching for jobs.*

*Increases the gross national income.*

*When we work with people from other countries, we can learn tolerance.*

*I think it is good when refugees come and take up work because we have too few workers.*

*Disagree - many migrants come from poor countries and aren't qualified -  
this, therefore, doesn't increase a qualified workforce.*

*Can be a method, on short term. But for a sustainable development of a country,  
we have to use our qualified personnel.*

*It's OK because it is better for the people and easier.*

*I disagree because any person can do the studies in the migration country.*

*I think this is a good thing because the GNI of a country increases and more jobs are taken,  
e.g. more doctors and nurses to help the people in the country.*

*We need to allow more migrants to get higher paid jobs.*



## “IF YOU MIX ALL PAINTING COLOURS TOGETHER , YOU’LL GET THE COLOUR BROWN.”

Everyone is the same, it doesn't matter what colour, tone or race. We shouldn't discriminate since we all come from Africa originally.

*I don't have an opinion about that.*

**DIVERSITY**

Everyone is equal, and we should all be treated the same.

*People should be free to decide whom to marry and have children with.*

It doesn't matter what your race is as long as you are a good person.

*Love who ever you want to love!*

Diversity is the key of Liberty! Each person can decide about their future (personal and professional).

*100% disagree because this is stupid!*

**We are all human beings.**

Different is beautiful but we are all the same inside.

Skin colour doesn't matter.

**Do not judge by colour!**

*It doesn't matter the outside, it matters only our inside.*

To travel is the key to understanding.



## “MIGRANTS TAKE AWAY OUR JOBS. WE SHOULD CLOSE OUR BORDERS.”

I disagree! Migrants take away only the less-paid jobs. And people very well prepared (professional) take some of the jobs after they prove lot of abilities/competences.

*Everyone should be respected!*

That is stupid!

*Everyone is human so we shouldn't lock people out.*

*They are taking up jobs, and the more there are the fewer jobs are available.*

*If they take away our jobs, our future will be in danger.*

No, I think we need workers, they don't take jobs, they help us more.

*They are improving the country's gross national income.*

*I disagree, we should let the migrants have jobs in our countries so these countries will grow stronger and bigger.*

*We think it's good to have multicultural staff at work. They can have good experience and we can learn from them a lot.*

The person who said this should have to walk three days in a migrant's shoes.

*We shouldn't close our borders. An isolated country is the worst. Look at North Korea.*

100% disagree! This is wrong. We need more personnel.

*I disagree because if qualified people, e.g. doctors, come to a country they may be offering more to the country than they have.*

I disagree. The majority of migrants cannot even get jobs, the few who do usually end up with low-wage jobs. People complain because someone with a different skin colour gets their job.

No one should be allowed to close a border.



## “SEA RESCUE SERVICE FOR REFUGEES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA SHOULD BE DONE BY THE EUROPEAN UNION, NOT PRIVATE NGOS”

The EU and NGOs can be partners.

The EU has enough money to save the refugees. So why don't they?

*Why does the EU give money for Erasmus-projects and not for sea rescue?*

If they work together the chances are better to save more refugees!

*People shouldn't need to be smuggled, they should be helped.*

Maybe it should be done by both? Anyone can rescue the refugees, as long as they are rescued.

*The EU should co-operate with private NGOs. The NGOs should be allowed to bring the refugees inside.*

The EU should have rules on migration.

The refugee problem should not be solved on "deck" but in their home countries.

*More involvement of EU in this topic is wanted, But, to avoid any social imbalance, some procedures have to be established- The NGOs need to continue their valuable work.*

*The EU is stupid!*

**It's not OK!**

The refugees need a better life.

If this happens it may drive more people than countries can handle to immigrate.

EU is afraid of importing potential terrorists.



## “ALL EU MEMBERS SHOULD TAKE REFUGEES PROPORTIONAL TO THE SIZE OF THE COUNTRY”

**Disagree:** Some countries that are large cannot provide for large amounts of refugees, e.g. a large African country cannot provide for amounts as those of France, Germany and England.

*Agree: Every person needs to live correctly.*

**Disagree:** It doesn't even matter how large and how big the country is, and how many people come to the country.

**Agree:** *I think the size of the country should be thought about but if there is not enough room in one country then maybe welcome a refugee to one with more space. But they should always be welcomed into a country they feel safe in.*

*I agree because if people migrate to a small country, it may be too much for that country, and the big countries will need more people.*

I think it depends on the size of a country.

**I agree because if a country like Germany would take all the refugees, German people would leave the country they were born in.**

*Like in ecology, if an animal is able to find food, it will stay.  
So each country will take as many refugees as it can support (with jobs, houses etc.)*

**Every country should decide itself. EU should send refugees to its members and give enough money for them.**

**We must take all refugees but we must distribute them.**

**I agree because too many people migrate to small countries. The country will become overcrowded and there won't be enough jobs for the population and this will cause more migration.**

*Maybe our ancestors were refugees, too. Maybe the parents or grandparents of one of us also fled.*

**Things in their country must be balanced and safe.**



## **“PEOPLE WHO CAN’T SPEAK THE COUNTRY’S LANGUAGE AFTER ONE YEAR SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY.”**

***Everybody should try to learn the language. It doesn’t matter whether they are good at it as long as they are making an effort.***

*If the government want the person to learn the language, they should put money towards it.*

**I disagree because not everyone is good at learning languages.**

*People who can’t speak the language of a country after one year should be helped by the government to learn it.*

**Language courses are expensive – who is supposed to pay for them?**

**People should decide for themselves. After a longer time there should be a test.**

*I disagree because you should be allowed more than one year to learn a language.  
Some people may not be able to learn it as quickly as others.*

**No one should be kicked out but you should learn the language,  
especially, if you want a higher-paid job.**

*Funded classes by the government to learn the language should be monitored so it is not a waste of money.*

**I disagree with this idea because any person who can handle it in the country must remain.**

***I agree because it is necessary for communication.***

**I disagree because people should feel safe in a country and they should  
sort themselves out, e.g. money, food, housing before learning the language.**

*We should let them stay because they have to learn and accept  
a new culture, language, people and tradition ... so they need MORE TIME!*

**It takes so long to learn a language!**

***I think an evaluation from time to time is necessary in order to  
be aware that language is important. And to offer help for them!***

**We must mingle with people from other countries.**

*I agree because after a year anyone should have been able to learn the basics of the language.*