

Declaration on the Future of the European Union

Article 1: Social Policy

As social policy remains a priority, the Member States commit to the further development of the European Pillar of Social Rights which is comprised of the following social package:

A shared commitment to fair wages, paid maternity and/or paternity leave, protection against workplace discrimination, gender equality in the workplace, commitment to child alimony, access to unions, access to healthcare, education, and access to annual paid leave, as well as the full tracking of graduates. Furthermore, to ensure that cooperation is exercised, Member State commitment to this package shall be supervised by the European Commission through a progress-tracking mechanism.

The Member States commit to a contingent access to monetary assistance through the EU Social Fund increased by the means of the NextGenerationEU Fund to positively incentivise adjustments according to aforementioned Commission proposals.

Fair wages are measured according to the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on adequate minimum wages in the European Union adopted by the Council on 4 October 2022.

Hereby, the Commission is enabled to decide on access to monetary assistance through the EU Social Fund based on the aforementioned mechanism as well as to make concrete proposals on a yearly basis in order to give Member States opportunities to track their progress and make adjustments accordingly.

Article 2: Migration Policy

The migration question concerns all EU Member States. Therefore, joint, equitable and solidary EU action on migration policy is required.

The Member States commit to the reinforcement of EU borders by establishing EU-administered reception facilities at all external border points. Moreover, the Member States advocate for agreements with North African and Middle Eastern governments including re-admission agreements. We will increase the Frontex budget from 22.7 to 30 billion € to protect EU Member States' common external borders.

Migrants and asylum seekers that arrive at external EU borders will be sent to the aforementioned external reception facilities for processing after being provided first aid. The Member States denounce illegal migration and actively work against the facilitation thereof. Asylum holders will be distributed among Member States according to population, GDP, unemployment rate and the average number of applications over the last five years relative to the total population. Asylum seekers already on EU territory and whose decision is currently pending, in the case that they are granted asylum, will be allocated according to the redistribution scheme. Members have the right not to participate in the redistribution scheme. They will therefore provide financial as well as logistical aid to host countries in accordance with the capability of non-participating Member States. This paragraph only applies to asylum holders from the publication date onwards.

The aforementioned measures shall be applied in accordance with Protocol No 22 of the consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.