



## **THE PROJECT**

### *Thesis Antithesis Synthesis - Migration Labs*

The TAS – Migration Labs aims to support the fundamental principles of EU citizenship and to promote an improvement in civic and democratic participation at EU level, reaffirming values of solidarity, intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and combatting existing stereotypes on migration and minorities. Our activities are mostly directed at young adults, political decision makers and other stakeholders from partner countries. The tasks envisage to raise awareness of EU policy-making processes, in particular migration, and to boost opportunities for social and intercultural participation and volunteering.

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# ACTIVITIES

## *SYNTHESIS WORKLABS*



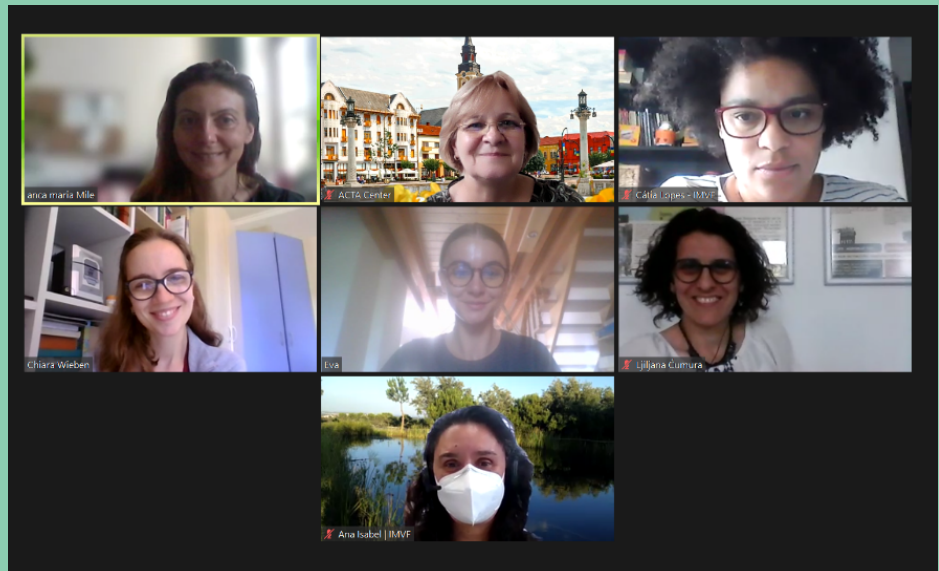
By June 2021, all partners held the fifth and last WorkLab on Migration, the Synthesis WorkLab.

The cycle of workshops with young active participants has come to a successful end, which marks an important milestone in the project implementation. The Synthesis WorkLabs presented an opportunity for final discussion to summarize the learning outcomes also to work on the recommendation papers. Participants were able to contribute to the preparation of recommendation papers for relevant EU policy-makers and stakeholders which will be later presented at the Final Conference.

More information about the WorkLabs [here](#).

## *PROJECT MANAGEMENT MEETING*

A virtual management meeting took place on June 17th 2021. All partners joined the discussion about the current status of the project implementation, Synthesis Labs in their respective countries, financial administration, but mainly about the Final event which is planned for August 2021.



# PROJECT INSIGHTS

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## We welcomed our European Solidarity Corps Volunteers

The project TAS -THESIS, ANTITHESIS, SYNTHESIS MIGRATION LABS involves EU Solidarity Corps Volunteers and our partners have selected 6 ESC volunteers in total. These young people will be involved in volunteering activities related to migrants and migration, support management and dissemination activities of the TAS Labs project and assist respective hosting partner organisation according to their specific activity.



The European Solidarity Corps aims to promote solidarity as a value, mainly through volunteering, to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion, solidarity, democracy and citizenship in Europe, while also responding to societal challenges and strengthening communities, with particular effort to promote social inclusion.

European Solidarity Corps helps young people take part in projects that benefit communities, either abroad or in their own country. These projects offer an inspiring and empowering experience, as well as the chance to bring change while developing various skills and competences.

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# MONTHLY FOCUS



## REPORT ON THE EU APPROACH TO HOTSPOTS IN GREECE

Over the past five years, an entirely avoidable and predictable policy-driven humanitarian crisis has been unfolding in the Greek islands of Lesbos, Samos, Chios, Leros, and Kos, with devastating consequences for the people trapped there. After fleeing their homes and surviving harrowing journeys to Europe, the indefinite containment, limbo, and systematic violence in Greece further traumatises people seeking protection.

In this report, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) takes stock of five years of providing medical care on the Greek islands. The report's analysis is based on documentation and medical data from MSF operations on Lesbos, Samos, and Chios, as well as testimony from patients and MSF staff.

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JUNE 2021

## UN REPORT: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT OF PUSHBACKS OF MIGRANTS ON LAND AND AT SEA

"Pushbacks manifest an entrenched prejudice against migrants and demonstrate a denial of States' international obligations to protect the human rights of migrants at international border"

The report provides an account of the activities undertaken by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Felipe González Morales, during the reporting period. It also provides a thematic study on means to address the human rights impact of pushbacks of migrants on land and at sea.

The practice of "pushbacks" is widespread and exists along most migration routes. Pushbacks manifest an entrenched prejudice against migrants and demonstrate a denial of States' international obligations to protect the human rights of migrants at international borders. The report provides an examination of current pushback practices and trends and an analysis of their impact on the human rights of migrants. The Special Rapporteur concludes that, in the absence of an individualized assessment for each migrant concerned and other procedural safeguards, pushbacks result in human rights violations incompatible with States' obligations under international human rights law, in particular, the prohibition of collective expulsion and refoulement.

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# WORLD REFUGEE DAY



UNHCR/Felipe Imaldo | Venezuelan Warao refugee families arrive at a newly opened UN shelter in the Tarumã-Açu neighbourhood of Manaus, northern Brazil.

## **Message from UN Secretary-General António Guterres to mark World Refugee Day on 20 June: Everyone has a duty to help refugees rebuild their lives after a particularly difficult year**

In an appeal for greater empathy for all those who've had to flee conflict, climate shocks, and harassment, through no fault of their own, Mr. Guterres, said that the pandemic had wiped out refugees' livelihoods, led to stigmatization and vilification and d [READ MORE](#)

## **Refugees are paying the highest price in the COVID-19 pandemic**

In Ahead of World Refugee Day on 20 June, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) raises the alarm about the situation of refugees who are facing severe humanitarian hardships, which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jagan Chapagain, IFRC Secretary General, said: "Vulnerable groups, such as refugees, are paying the highest price in the COVID-19 pandemic. We are seeing alarming trends that show many refugees around the world are unable to pay for food or rent and are struggling to access health care and education. Refugees have been disproportionately affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and have often been left out of socio-economic support policies. A large number of refugees have lost their sources of income or depleted their savings and are now adopting negative strategies to survive."

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