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TITLE	Forced Migrations, Health, Policy. Challenges for Europe
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Theme	<p>Currently, forced migration (refugees, asylum seekers, etc.) from the Middle East, Africa and Central Asia to Europe have reached a dimension never seen in the world until now. The large number of men, women, children and families who daily crossing or attempting to cross the borders of European countries - above all through the Mediterranean and Aegean route - obliges the EU to face a global challenge that involves all sectors of society and, of course, the health and welfare system, principles, norms and approaches.</p> <p>According to the UNHCR, 65.3 million people were forced to flee their own countries in 2015, which means one person out of 113 in the world. Among the many problems and needs that these people bring with them, the health status (physical, mental and psychological), disabilities, vulnerabilities are among the most important because of their countries of origin situation (war, conflicts, persecutions) and travel condition. Among the vulnerable migrants, children, young and women are more vulnerable and at risk of violence, abuse, exploitation and related consequences in terms of physical and mental health.</p> <p>So, what are the challenges that the EU and the country members must face in terms of health policies and services; what measures are taking to ensure the right to health-care of forced migrants; which organization the health-care services adopt to cope with the health problems that migrants bring with them? How the EU countries are thinking to manage the health-care system, basing on the principle and policy of solidarity in this constantly changing context?</p> <p>According with these premises we invite scholars to propose theoretical and/or empirical contributions - comparative perspective is also recommended - dealing with the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical, mental, psychological health of migrants and forced migrants in Europe</li> <li>• Care and care management of vulnerable migrants</li> <li>• Organisation of health-care services and facilities taking care of migrants health and facing emergency situation</li> <li>• Human rights and health-care rights of migrant people, refugees, asylum seeker</li> <li>• Health policy between solidarity and market</li> <li>• Health policy and experienced governance model in emergency</li> <li>• EU policy and debate on migrants health-care</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> For further details on the RN: <http://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn16-sociology-of-health-and-illness.html>