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## REGISTRATION FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

The European Migration Forum (EMF) is a platform for dialogue between civil society and European institutions on issues related to migration, asylum and integration. This year's European Migration Forum (EMF) will focus on **Migrants in Europe with specific needs, skills** and on **communication for stronger inclusion**.

If your organisation is working on one of the following areas, you could be eligible to receive an invitation to participate in the Forum:

- Support to migrants with specific needs
- Public attitudes and communication on migration and inclusion
- Sustainable labour market integration

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/agenda/our-events/events/european-migration-forum-8th-meeting>  
Before September 14th!

## 1. ADMISSION POLICY

Court: possible exemption civic integration exam abroad for illiterate 46-year-old Moroccan woman

To live with her partner in the Netherlands, the foreign partner needs to pass the civic integration exam abroad. According to the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) this is equally feasible for illiterate people. However, in practice, it is often difficult.

In this case, the woman had submitted letters from the doctor and the civic integration course provider. According to the doctor, she has psychological issues that hinder learning. According to the course provider, she has attended hundreds of hours' worth of lessons, but cannot manage to remember the words. The judge finds that the IND needs to take the letters seriously. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

Court: calculation of starting date relationship with EU partner

Having a relationship with someone who has EU nationality and is living here legally directly results in a residence permit. You don't need to be married, nor are an authorization for temporary stay (mvv) or civic integration exam required. After a three-year relationship and independent income, the foreign partners retains their residence right, even if the relationship is ended.

In this case, the marriage ended after a year and a half. The foreign partner stated that the relationship had lasted longer and had actually lasted three years. The judge finds there is insufficient proof that the sustainable relationship started earlier. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

## 2. ACTIVITIES

Goudjakhals book launch, 7 September and 23 September Amsterdam

The mosaic narrative *Goudjakhals* (gold jackal) consists of migrant stories, voices of people who often fail to be heard. One of the fictitious stories is the heart-rending decline of a talented creative boy who, due to his status as an undocumented refugee, only finds room for self-expression underground.

The book will be launched on 7 September 17hrs at Atheneum Boekhandel Zuidoost.

On (the evening of) Saturday 23 September the authors will organise a protest party around the gold jackal theme in the Vondelbunker, featuring poetry, performance, a great show by Kunstbende finalist Zaphyria and an exceptional DJ.

Undocumented people are invited to present their writing skills. The call for this is due to follow.

FairWork : "Work, migration and inclusion – the migrant's perspective ", 28Sept 14-17hrs Amsterdam

On this afternoon, student researchers present their research into the experiences of migrant workers who've come to the Netherlands from outside the EU. Also, we will present the background of the ['Uitgewrongen'](#) podcast.

This afternoon seeks out professionals who, through their (volunteer) work, come into contact with migrant workers from outside the EU.

Interested? Keep track of our [newsletter](#) or register through the [event page](#).