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# **PERCO**

## **EXCHANGE and ADVOCACY IN THE FIELD OF ASYLUM and MIGRATION**

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## THE PERCO NETWORK

**PERCO is the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants (1997).**

### **Aim:**

- Develop and strengthen RC activities for and with refugees and migrants on national and international level and promote cooperation among RC Societies in order to improve the situation of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Europe.

### **Activities:**

- Share experience and promote good practice
- Undertake relevant joint actions that address the needs of target groups
- Recommend advocacy positions to NS
- Provide recommendations and information
- Organize seminars and workshops



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### Objectives:

- To provide a framework to facilitate cooperation and networking among European NS;
- To strengthen the advocacy role of European NS in order to influence national and european policies and developments in the field of asylum and migration;
- To improve the capacity of European NS and IFRC in their work with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;
- To promote tolerance and fight against racism, xenophobia and social exclusion.



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## PERCO-Strategy 2014

**Working Groups** → One key aspect of the PERCO work is to **promote and facilitate the working groups**. In link with their work and recommendations, the Co-Chairs and the Steering Group will support the groups in the **dissemination of their final outcomes and in the organisation of advocacy actions**.

**PERCO Advocacy** → PERCO should **improve and implement its advocacy actions** at the **European and national level**.

The focus for 2014 will be:

- Right to access to international protection – continue to advocate on the joint positions and develop the recommendations further
- Responding to the consequences of the externalisation of EU migration and asylum policies
- Right to family reunification
- The post-Stockholm agenda on asylum and migration in the European Union – and the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS)
- The impact of the economic crisis to migration in Europe



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## **Position on the Need to Create Legal Avenues to Access International Protection within the European Union**

The aim of the Position Paper on Legal Avenues to Access International Protection in the EU is to put forward recommendations to ensure that policy makers put in place safe and effective legal avenues for persons in need of international protection.



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## **Working Groups update**

- **Vulnerabilities along the migratory trail**
- **Unaccompanied minors**
- **Vulnerabilities of Migrants caused by lack of legal status**
- **Legal aid to asylum seekers and migrants**

# **For more information**

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## **On the web:**

- On the IFRC website - <http://www.ifrc.org/perco>
- On the RC EU Office website -

<http://www.redcross.eu/en/What-we-do/Asylum-Migration/Red-Cross-Networks-on-migration/PERCO/>



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# **PERCO Working-Group on Vulnerabilities linked to the migratory trail**

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**Co-Chairs of the WG**



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## **Expected outcomes:**

- 1. Elaborate a report** in which we will:
  - Identify and explain migrants' vulnerabilities along the migratory trails to the EU.
  - Elaborate recommendations to European Institutions and governments in order to reduce migrants' vulnerabilities and promote the respect of migrants' rights.
- 2. RC role →** On the basis of this report, elaborate recommendations to NSs and collect good practices inside and outside the Movement.
- 3. Think to a RC common response/action to these vulnerabilities.**



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## **Outcome 1: Report**

### **- Organisation of the work:**

- Definition of the structure of the Report;
- Each member of the WG is developing a chapter.

### **- Expected publication and presentation: 2015**

### **- Dissemination:**

- Organisation of a conference at the European Parliament;
- During the same day organise a joint action with, for example a common press release.



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**Are you interested to collaborate  
in the redaction of the report?**

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