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- The migration policy is a foreign policy crisis. We need to identify the roots causes and to work closely with third countries in trying to bring security for the populations having in mind our values of humanitarian solidarity. To build social cohesion we need dialogue. We have to highlight the importance to recover intercultural dialog. The western culture is not the exclusive owner of their interpretation.
- We need to have and holistic approach on migration and for that, the departing point should be solidarity. It is important to distinguish between labour migration where Members States must have the control of their labour markets and the beneficiaries of internal protection that means relocation. A union of shared values must become a Union of shared solidarity.
- Strengthen external borders is a pre-requisite if we will save the Shengen zone but Member States must be committed to their obligation at external borders. Integration remains a taboo. The three main political groups in the EP do not mention integration in their policies. We need to tackle this issue and address challenges.
- One of the challenges facing especially migrant youth of the second and third generation in the European Union is the question of Identity. Europe as a Union and as a Continent are also facing serious challenges in the point of identity. There is a lack of feeling to belong and to be part of society. We need to promote the concept of multicultural identity.
- The today scenario shows a risk of division in our societies. EU must create living conditions and prospects for work in Africa and the Sub-Saharan region. We need a Plan Marshall for these regions.
- EU must develop a common approach and global cooperation between all countries to fight against trafficking in Human beings in the Mediterranean area. Terrorist fighters may use migrant smuggler. EU Member states and their partners should target and dismantle complex and sophisticated criminal networks involved in migrant smuggling. The social media has a serious impact in radicalisation.
- The question is how to promote within the youth, Muslims or not, the idea of being “United in Diversity”. European Values should be called Universal Values and the right of visibility of religious symbols and manifestation of religion should be part of these values. We need to difference values and lifestyle. European lifestyle is not a value!
- Muslim youth in Europe needs to be educated. Equal chances can only be gained with equal access to promotion prospects. The system must provide youth with ways to participate in all sectors of life.
- Intercultural education, education for democratic citizenship and human rights education are vital for an intercultural dialogue in Europe. We need to open our intercultural models. The Media should stress the positive contribution of migration in Europe.

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