

Draft resolution 006

Title: Migration: a challenge for Europe

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1 The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in
2 Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 1 to 3 December 2017:

3 Is convinced that:

4 • confronted by the historic challenge represented by migratory movements
5 Europe must transform the public narrative on immigration, difficult though
6 that may be, from one made up of lies, fear and demagoguery, to a
7 different story which, without denying the problems, is able to convince
8 citizens that from an “emergency” migrants can instead become a great
9 opportunity, even in economic terms for the European continent;
10 • well distributed quality reception and integration are able to expand
11 citizenship rights, by making it inclusive and promoting cohesion and
12 security for everyone.

13 Notes that:

14 • in the European Union, of more than 500 million residents of all ages (510
15 million), only 7% are immigrants (35 million), while the natives constitute
16 the vast majority (93%, equal to 473 million); [1]

17 • of the 16 million refugees, only 1.3 million are hosted in the 28 European
18 Union countries (8.3%), including Italy (118,000, 0.7%). [2] The countries
19 hosting the highest number of refugees in 2015 were Turkey (2.5 million),
20 Pakistan (1.6 million), Lebanon (1.1 million) and Jordan (664,000). The
21 total arrivals by sea in Italy were about 170,000 in 2014, 154,000 in 2015
22 and 180,000 in 2016; [3]

23 • there is no model of reception for those seeking European asylum, nor are
24 there existing instruments and mechanisms that impose coercive measures
25 in case of default. The effective adoption of minimum common standards is
26 an appropriate investment disconnected from the emergencies of the
27 moment and are obligatory steps if one intends to respond to the migration
28 phenomenon with a view toward the long term.

29 Keeps in mind that according to Treaty of Lisbon: [4]

30 • “a common policy on asylum, immigration and external border control,
31 based on solidarity between Member States, which is fair towards third-
32 country nationals...” (art. 67);

33 • “the Union shall develop a policy with a view to: (...) (c) the gradual
34 introduction of an integrated management system for external borders (art.
35 77.1);

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36 • “the European Parliament and the Council, acting in accordance with the
37 ordinary legislative procedure, shall adopt measures in the following areas:
38 (a) the conditions of entry and residence” (art. 79.2);

39 • “the European Parliament and the Council, acting in accordance with the
40 ordinary legislative procedure, may establish measures to provide
41 incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to
42 promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally in their
43 territories, excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the
44 Member States” (art. 79.4).

45 Calls on all member parties of ALDE, to promote and support in their
46 respective countries norms and policies on:

47 • Legal immigration channels: the current immigration laws in Europe and in
48 many Member States do not foresee a permanent mechanism to allow
49 entry to seek work. Provisions should be introduced to allow a temporary
50 residence permit to look for work via public and private brokering agencies
51 connecting employers and foreign workers or through a sponsor system;

52 • reception system finalised to social inclusion: it is essential to increase the
53 system to protect asylum seekers with the aim of allowing a more widely
54 distributed hospitality across the countries through the setting up of small
55 reception centres, reinforcing the quality of the services provided, actively
56 fostering and monitoring social inclusion;

57 • regularisation methods: methods of legalisation and regularisation, on an
58 individual basis, should be introduced for illegal immigrants whenever the
59 existence of an employment or of family links can be demonstrated (as in

60 the Spanish model of “rootedness”);

61 • electoral rights: the right to vote in local elections should be granted to all

62 those immigrants who have been in residence with a regular EU long-term

63 resident status.

64 Calls on all member parties of ALDE:

65 • to promote and support the European Citizens Initiative on Migration

66 (January-December 2018) that a European NGO Platform on Migration and

67 Asylum is going to launch in December 2017 about the introduction of

68 legal immigration channels for migrant workers.

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[1]

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