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The Right to Family Life: Caritas Europa's Executive Board calls for a better implementation of the EU Directive on family



reunification

The Executive Board of Caritas Europa urges the European Union to ensure respect for the right to family life for non-EU nationals and their families living in the EU. In a statement from a meeting in Brussels, the Board called for a better implementation of the current EU Directive on family reunification.

The Executive Board agreed that the EU should ensure equal treatment and non-discrimination of third country nationals and their family members with regards to access to labour market, education and training as well as to independent residence status for reunited family members as early as possible.

The goal of the EU Directive on family reunification is to facilitate and enable family life of migrants and to promote family reunification in the EU. To achieve these goals, Caritas Europa's Executive Board calls for better implementation of the current Directive. At the meeting in Brussels, the Executive Board raised its concerns over current practices in some EU Member States that prevent migrants and refugees from being reunited with their

families. It also stressed that the right to family life must be ensured and respected at EU level with regards to third country nationals.

Caritas Europa had earlier delivered a [detailed contribution](#) to the Green Paper. The main points that Caritas Europa is advocating are:

- Ensuring that the right to family life is upheld and respected at the EU level with regards to third country nationals.
- The goal of the Directive to facilitate and enable family life of third country nationals in the EU to be met and the unnecessary conditions that can prevent family life to be removed.
- Ensuring equal treatment and non-discrimination of third country nationals and their family members with regards to access to labour market, education and training.
- Access to independent residence status for reunited family members as early as possible.

Read the full text of the statement from the Executive Board [here](#).

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