

# The integration of third country nationals challenges and priorities from an EU perspective

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## Why acting at EU level?

- Third-country nationals across the EU continue to fare worse than EU citizens in terms of employment, education, and social inclusion
- Effective integration key for successful migration policies
- Common challenges
- Different approaches: possibility to learn from each other
- Disseminate successful and innovative practices



### EU cooperation on integration

- Common Basic Principles (2004)
- Monitoring of integration outcomes
- European Website on Integration





# Action Plan for the integration of third country nationals

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#### Main features of the Action Plan

- Policy framework for integration
- 50 concrete actions to support Member States and other actors
- Cross-sectoral approach
- Target: All third-country nationals with focus on refugees
- Commitment with clear follow-up
- Focus on coordination





### **Priority areas**

- 1. Pre-departure/ pre arrival
- 2. Education
- 3. Labour market integration and access to vocational training
- 4. Access to basic services: health and housing
- 5. Active participation and social inclusion