

Recommendation 2108 (2017)¹

A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis and the continuing flows into Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to [Resolution 2173 \(2017\)](#) on a comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis and the continuing flows into Europe, which calls for increased dialogue and improved co-ordination of policies and action at European level, and commends the activities carried out by the Council of Europe in this area, in particular the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees and the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.
2. The Assembly welcomes the work with local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Migrant and Refugee Fund established by the Council of Europe Development Bank in October 2015 to help countries to support refugee programmes.
3. The Assembly, considering that the Council of Europe's present activities in this area would benefit from a common platform for exchange, experience sharing and policy making among Council of Europe member States, as well as a solid basis for directing the Organisation's action, calls on the Committee of Ministers to set up, in the context of the Council of Europe 2018-2019 Programme and Budget, a steering committee on migrants and refugees in order to give added coherence and create greater synergies between the Organisation's activities in this area, while enabling agreed positions on reception, asylum and integration to be promoted, followed up and assessed in terms of results.

1. *Assembly debate* on 28 June 2017 (23rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 14342](#), report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, rapporteur: Mr Duarte Marques; and [Doc. 14351](#), opinion of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, rapporteur: Ms Ioanneta Kavvadia). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 28 June 2017 (24th Sitting).

