

## Fostering Access To Immigrants' Rights Plus (Fair Plus) Project

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Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2018 The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-European Institutions office) is undertaking a three year project FAIR PLUS "*Fostering Access to Immigrants' Rights PLUS*" across the European Union (EU) to foster access to human rights for migrants. This project builds on the pilot project Fostering Access to Immigrant Children's Rights (FAIR).

Within the project, the ICJ-EI is primarily focusing on four countries Ireland, Greece, Italy and the Czech Republic. The project is implemented in collaboration with corresponding national partners: Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI), Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (SSSA), Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) and Forum for Human Rights (Czech Republic).

Migrants, including refugees, are amongst the groups most vulnerable to violations of their fundamental rights protection. They often face multiple vulnerabilities as they may also be victims of torture or trafficking, single parents, LGBTI, have a disability or be members of ethnic or religious minorities. Violations of migrants' rights in EU countries are often attributable to judicial decision-making, or can be prevented by effective judicial review. In order to address this, the overall goal of this project is to contribute to better judicial protection of the fundamental rights of migrants across the EU.

By the end of the project it is expected to have a more effective and coherent application of EU law in the area of fundamental rights. That should be achieved through several trainings that will increase the knowledge of at least 200 judges and other legal practitioners. Strengthened networks of judges, lawyers and other legal practitioners, will also be created, generating increased trust and information exchange among professionals and trainers within and between the target countries.

In order to achieve these results, the following activities will be conducted: drafting of training materials and relevant legal briefings, training of the existing judicial trainers in the target countries, conducting four national trainings and two transnational seminars, and an international roundtable. All the results of the project, including a promotional video, will be presented in a final event to be held in Brussels in 2021.

