In 2011, PICUM, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Founded in 2001 as an initiative of grassroots organisations to mobilise civil society support for undocumented migrants at the European level, PICUM promotes recognition of their fundamental rights within the development of European and member states’ policies on migration management and social issues. PICUM now guides more than 110 member organisations active in preventing discrimination, exploitation and violence against undocumented migrants in 29 countries across Europe and in other world regions.

During the past decade, PICUM has successfully fostered understanding amongst a wide range of actors about undocumented migrants' innate rights and the growing gulf between international human rights obligations and the legislation and practice implemented in Europe. By researching undocumented migrants’ access to basic social rights, spreading information on law and practice, and reporting on exploitation, PICUM has developed a centre of expertise to provide members, lobbyists, policy makers and others with knowledge, advice and support.

The thematic areas addressed by PICUM have been developed in response to the most pressing human rights issues facing undocumented migrants in their daily lives, namely, access to health care and education, adequate housing and fair working conditions. The additional challenges faced by particularly vulnerable undocumented migrants, including women and children, have also become a focus of the organization in recent years.

This workshop aims to provide a unique opportunity for PICUM's members to exchange information and experiences on advocacy strategies on both the national, European and international levels, and to interact with key policy makers representing institutions on these levels. The parallel working groups that will take place in the afternoon session will bring members together to identify examples of good practices in advocating for change in the respective thematic areas. These four thematic areas will also be the focus of new thematic working groups within PICUM.

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“Advocating for the Human Rights of Undocumented Migrants: Strategies, Successes and Opportunities”

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* All speakers to be confirmed *

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8:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

9:00 Welcome
Chair: Don Flynn, Migrants’ Rights Network (MRN) and PICUM Chair

Ten Years and Beyond: PICUM’s Key Achievements in Advocating for Undocumented Migrants’ Rights and Opportunities Ahead
Michele LeVoy, PICUM Director

9:30 What is the Potential of the United Nations and the Council of Europe in Addressing Undocumented Migrants’ Human Rights?
Chair: Reyes Castillo, ACCEM - Asociación Comisión Católica Española de Migraciones and PICUM Board Member

Speakers:
- Tineke Strik, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)
- Abdelhamid El Jamri, Chair of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers
- Pablo Espiniella, OHCHR Regional Office in Brussels
- William Gois, Migrants Rights International (MRI)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Exploring Developments within the European Union Concerning the Fundamental Rights of Undocumented Migrants
Chair: George Joseph, Caritas Sweden and PICUM Board Member

Speakers:
- Adriano Silvestri, European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
- Marie-Anne Paraskevas, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Inclusion Unit
- Sian Jones, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break (provided at venue)
1) **Advocating for fair working conditions of undocumented migrants**  
*Chair:* Didier Vanderslycke, Organisation for Undocumented Workers (OR.C.A.) and PICUM board member  
*Contributors:* Ksenia Naranovich, FROG (Poland)  
Mikel Araguás Cerez, Andaluia Acoge (Spain)  
*Rapporteur:* Kadri Soova, PICUM  
*Language:* English and Spanish

2) **Strategies to promote empowerment of undocumented women**  
*Chair:* Edel McGinley, Migrants Rights Center Ireland (MRCI) and PICUM board member  
*Contributors:* Nazak Ramadan, Migrants Voice (United Kingdom)  
Fe Jusay, Respect Network (The Netherlands)  
*Rapporteur:* Eve Geddie, PICUM  
*Languages:* English and French

3) **Countering the social exclusion of undocumented families with children**  
*Chair:* Fanny Dethloff, BAG Asyl in der Kirche and PICUM board member  
*Contributors:* Rian Ederveen, Stichting Los (The Netherlands)  
Doros Polykarpou, KISA – Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism (Cyprus)  
*Rapporteur:* Lilana Keith, PICUM  
*Languages:* English

4) **Surmounting barriers in access to health care services**  
*Chair:* Franck Düvell, COMPAS and PICUM board member  
*Contributors:* Pierfanco Olivani, NAGA (Associazione Volontaria di Assistenza Socio-Sanitaria e per i Diritti di Stranieri e Nomadi) (Italy)  
*Speaker to be confirmed,* Rosengrenska (Sweden)  
*Rapporteur:* Devin Cahill, PICUM  
*Languages:* English and French

4:00-4:30 **Coffee Break**

**CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**  
4:30-6:00 p.m.

4:30 **Feedback from rapporteurs of workshops**  
*Chair:* Mr. Olaf Hahn, Robert Bosch Stiftung and Chair of European Program on Integration and Migration (EPIM)

5:15 **Discussion**

5:45 **Closing Remarks**  
Don Flynn, PICUM Chair

6:00 **End of Workshop**