

# PICUM Membership

## Do you believe that

- ✓ all workers should be protected from degrading treatment, dangerous conditions, and non-payment of wages?
- ✓ all people should be able to receive health care, report violence, and access justice?
- ✓ all children should be able to go to school, have a home, and enjoy their childhood?
- ✓ that hospitals, schools, women's shelters and churches are safe spaces, and have no role in enforcing migration policies?

**So do we.**

**Join us in turning our vision into reality.**

## **BENEFITS, CRITERIA & PROCEDURE**

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### Join a growing and influential network

- Be part of the only international network **working exclusively to uphold the rights of undocumented migrants**.
- **Enrich PICUM through your voice and experience**, help build our evidence, improve our insight and shape our recommendations.
- Gain opportunities to **engage decision makers and strategic allies** in key regional and global fora on migration, including at EU, Council of Europe, and UN level.
- Benefit from the **recognition and value** of the PICUM network both regionally and internationally.

### Exchange and network

- **Engage and connect** with over 150 organisations working to advance undocumented migrants' rights in over 30 countries.
- **Attend PICUM's member-only events**, tailored to your needs, and with ample opportunity for strategic discussion, information exchange and alliance building.
- Receive **priority registration for PICUM's public events**.
- Benefit from the opportunity to **publicise your activities, actions and outputs** in PICUM's newsletter and social media, reaching thousands of followers and subscribers.

### Build skills and expertise

- Exchange with other members and contribute to PICUM's key areas of work;
  - Access to healthcare
  - Fair working conditions
  - Access to justice
  - Borders and detention
  - Undocumented children and families
  - Undocumented migrant women
- Access targeted **training and capacity building activities** on advocacy, communications, campaigning, and strategic litigation.
- Benefit from the **support and guidance of PICUM's dedicated secretariat**.
- Use PICUM's **member-only forum** to pose questions, share experiences and seek insights on key opportunities and challenges you face in your work.
- Receive **dedicated mailing according to your thematic area of expertise** with a specific focus on issues and news related to the situation of undocumented migrants.

## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

PICUM membership is open to non-profit and non-governmental organisations (NGO) **working with or for the rights of undocumented migrants** and who are committed to PICUM's vision, mission and values.

PICUM's membership now extends across 30 countries globally, including nearly all EU member states. This network includes grassroots, national level, migrant community organisations, service providers, trade unions and others engaged in a variety of activities from information and advice, mediation, legal aid, research, and policy analysis, and advocacy.

PICUM's membership fee ranges from €50 to €3000 according to the member organisation's annual income.

### Terminology pledge

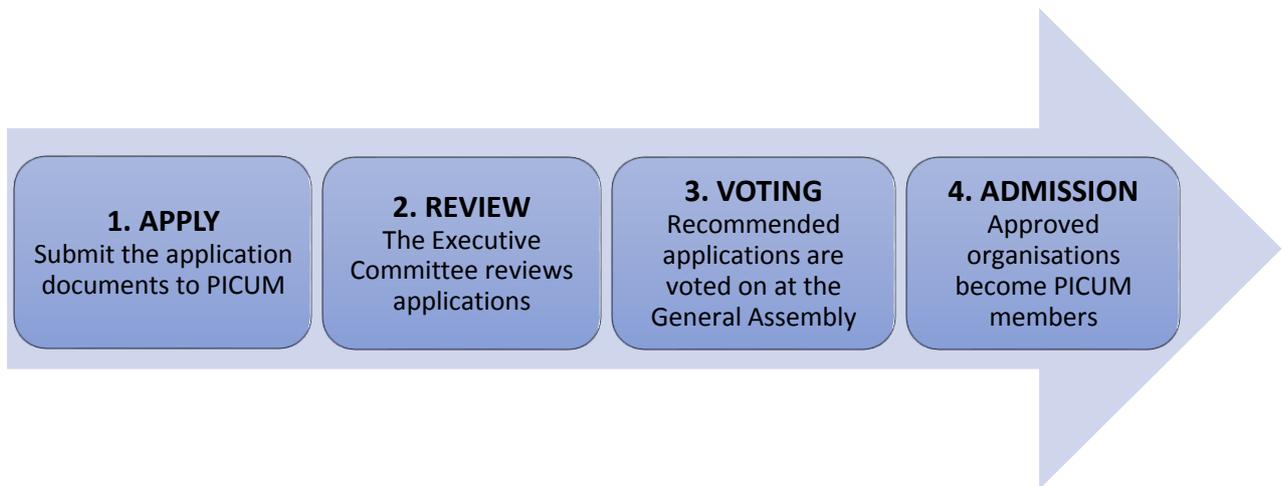
PICUM is committed to advancing fair and accurate terminology when referring to undocumented migrants. Our "Words Matter!" leaflet explains why the term 'illegal migrant' should not be used, and gives alternative terms in all EU languages.

Our network is leading efforts to end the use of 'illegal migrant', 'illegal migration,' 'illegal work,' 'illegal entry,' etc. We ask that all organisations wishing to join **PICUM commit to using fair and accurate terms and encourage others** to do the same. For more information, please see [here](#).

*PICUM members organise communities and build movements. They uphold living and working standards, save lives, and improve laws and policies. Members are our inspiration. For PICUM, membership remains our most vital partnership.*

– Michele LeVoy, PICUM Director

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE



If you are interested in becoming a PICUM member, please fill out the [application form](#).

For any further questions regarding PICUM membership, please contact **the PICUM Secretariat** at [info@picum.org](mailto:info@picum.org)

## WHY JOIN?

Hear it from our members:

*"PICUM's **key position and significant expertise** in the area of migration makes it an important partner for us in our aim for decent working conditions for undocumented migrants.*

*The reports and newsletters that we regularly receive from PICUM **strengthen our expertise and provide us with the relevant information** in our work.*

*Through our membership in PICUM we have access to a **broad and very competent network** of key people in the field."*

Maria Östberg Svanlind  
The Swedish Trade Union Centre for  
Undocumented Migrants

*"Having created one of the most important networks amongst health and social care associations in Europe, **PICUM's reach now extends to the most significant policy level institutions.***

*PICUM's work allowed us to **learn about and compare legislative aspects and best practices** regarding access to healthcare for undocumented migrants, enabling health professionals to **present precise and credible motions and submissions** to their national governments."*

Daniela Panizzut, *SIMM* and  
Pierfranco Olivani, *NAGA*  
Italy