

# PICUM 2013 Annual Report



PLATFORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON  
UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

# Who We Are

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Founded as an initiative of grassroots organisations, the **Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)** represents a network of more than 140 organisations and 160 individual advocates working with undocumented migrants in more than 38 countries, primarily in Europe, as well as in other world regions. With more than a decade of evidence, experience and expertise on undocumented migrants, PICUM promotes recognition of their human rights, providing an essential link between local realities and the debates at policy level.

Based in Brussels, Belgium, PICUM provides regular recommendations and expertise to policymakers and institutions within the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Union as well as on national level.

*Cover photo: PICUM members, board and staff at the General Assembly in Brussels, Belgium, in June 2013.*

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# Message from the Chair

Immigration continued to preoccupy politicians and policy makers in many countries across the world during the course of 2013. A large part of the conversation they engaged in was very negative, emphasising the challenges that host society confront when people move across national frontiers but very rarely considering the many good things that come from the mobility of people.

The task for telling this other, much more positive side of the story has largely fallen to NGOs and civil society networks. They have the advantage of operating from a standpoint that is closest to the communities that experience migration, considering its effects directly in terms of the gains to local economies as well as the changes to public service and welfare provision which need to be provided to our increasingly mobile populations.

PICUM has continued to work throughout the year, as reviewed in this report, not just on the difficult enough issue of migration in general, but undocumented migration, which really is the most contested type of people movement of all.

The many organisations in PICUM's network have taken on the task of speaking up for undocumented migrants because their close connection with the issues on the ground has taught them that the greater part of the people who are in this position are there because the international regulation of the movement of people across the world is so poorly coordinated and operates with so many clashing and contradictory principles.

The experience is strikingly similar across the world. Whether we are talking about farm workers in the United

**Don Flynn**  
PICUM Chair



States, construction workers in the Middle East and the Gulf states, labourers in the oil and gas fields of North Africa, or the estimated 3.8 million undocumented migrants who live in Europe, the vast majority left their homes with the intention of coming through regular channels. Somewhere along the way the rules and regulations defeated them, and they have ended up in the most precarious situations in whatever country they have landed in.

As so much of our work in 2013 demonstrated, the impact falls hardest on the most vulnerable: young children and the adults – usually but not always women – who are caring for them.




But this annual report also shows that progress in this difficult area of work is possible. Collaboration with the groups in PICUM's network has helped strengthen the case that needs to be made to the political authorities, calling on them to avoid the criminalisation of people who, in the main, want only the chance to lead a normal life.

PICUM's hardworking staff and its close supports are not discouraged by the fact they find themselves waging a tough battle for the rights of people so often denied rights. Its work is set to continue into the indefinite future and we hope for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Don Flynn'.

# What We Do

PICUM's activities are focused in five main areas:

MONITORING AND REPORTING	CAPACITY BUILDING	ADVOCACY	AWARENESS RAISING	GLOBAL ACTORS ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION
				
Improving the understanding of issues related to the protection of the human rights of undocumented migrants through improved knowledge of problems, policies, and practice.	Developing the capacities of NGOs and all other actors involved in effectively preventing and addressing discrimination against undocumented migrants.	Influencing policy makers to include undocumented migrants in social and integration policies at the national, European and international levels.	Promoting and disseminating the values and practices underlying the protection of the human rights of undocumented migrants among relevant partners and the wider public.	Developing and contributing to the international dialogue on international migration within the different UN agencies, international organisations and civil society.

# 2013 Major Accomplishments

## PICUM Advocacy in 2013

Attended **211**  
conferences and  
meetings

Spoke at **66**  
events

Held **19**  
conferences,  
workshops and  
working groups

Produced **15** joint  
policy papers,  
reports and  
submissions to  
consultations

## Addressing the housing and homelessness of undocumented migrants

Held in June 2013, PICUM's annual international workshop sought to address the numerous challenges faced by undocumented migrants in private sector housing as well as in the shelter system. PICUM co-organised the event in cooperation with the European Federation of National Organisations working with the homeless (FEANTSA) and the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN). The event provided an opportunity to link all three network's experiences to the European social inclusion and social protection agendas and enabled them to develop joint strategies and solutions.



Participants at the 2013 international workshop addressed a wide range of issues within the EU 2020 Agenda to reduce poverty and social exclusion.





PICUM members at the 2013 international workshop shared good practices in providing services for housing and shelter to undocumented migrants.

## Members define PICUM's strategic orientation at Annual General Assembly

Over 100 PICUM members came together to discuss new strategic priorities, areas, and actions for the network at PICUM's Annual General Assembly in June 2013 in Brussels.

For more information on the Annual General Assembly, go to page 20.



The Annual General Assembly allows PICUM's member organisations from across Europe to come together to exchange ideas for strengthening the network.

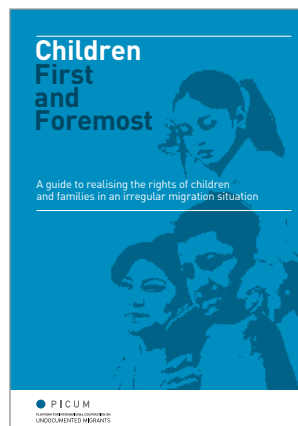
## Advancing recognition of the rights of undocumented children and their families

PICUM actively continued to advance the rights of undocumented children living in the EU with their families or other caregivers. Nearly 200 participants attended PICUM's international conference "Children First and Foremost" held in February 2013 in Brussels, to consolidate the findings of its two-year project entitled "Building Strategies to Improve Protection of Undocumented Children in Europe."

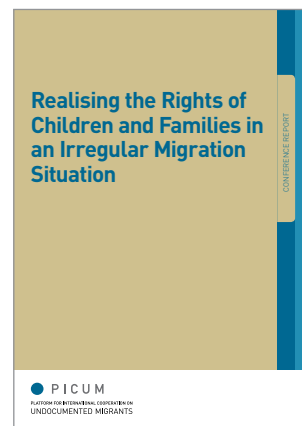


PICUM's February 2013 conference highlighted strategies to address practical and administrative barriers which undocumented children face in accessing their rights.

Together with Nathalie Griesbeck, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), PICUM held a public hearing at the European Parliament in Brussels in November entitled "A Child is a Child. How Can the European Union Promote the Rights of Undocumented Migrant Children and Families?" The event aimed to call on EU institutions to fulfil their legal obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to ensure protection and access to basic rights and services for undocumented migrant children, and cease their immigration detention. For more information on PICUM's work on child rights, go to page 10.



This project resulted in the toolkit: 'Children First and Foremost – A Guide to Realising the Rights of Children and Families in an Irregular Migration Situation' available in English, French, Spanish, Italian, and Dutch.



The report entitled 'Realising the Rights of Children and Families in an Irregular Migration Situation' summarises the discussions which took place at PICUM's conference held in February 2013.



MEP Nathalie Griesbeck, who hosted the November 2013 event in the European Parliament, emphasised the EU's legal obligation to ensure the human rights of all children in all EU actions.





Petros Stangos, Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe (left), spoke alongside undocumented youth from the Kids Parlement (center and right), who shared their own experiences of being undocumented in Belgium.

## Exploring the impact of EU border policies on undocumented migrants' human rights

### Hearing on the management of the external borders of the European Union

In May 2013, PICUM and H  l  ne Flautre, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) co-hosted a public hearing at the European Parliament to launch the report of Fran  ois Cr  peau, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, on the EU's border management policies. The event addressed the need to tackle human rights abuses of irregular migrants and to open up more regular migration channels to enter the EU.

### Frontex Consultative Forum

PICUM is a member of the Consultative Forum of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex). Throughout the year, PICUM secretariat members participated in several meetings at the Frontex Head Office in Warsaw, Poland between the Consultative Forum and Frontex staff to discuss human rights concerns in various areas of Frontex' work.



Panelists from left to right: PICUM Director Michele LeVoy, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, Cecilia Malmstr  m, UN Special Rapporteur Fran  ois Cr  peau, and MEP H  l  ne Flautre.



Pim Fischer, lawyer at Fischer Advocaten (left) led a session with the working group on advancing undocumented migrants' rights through strategic litigation under the European Social Charter.

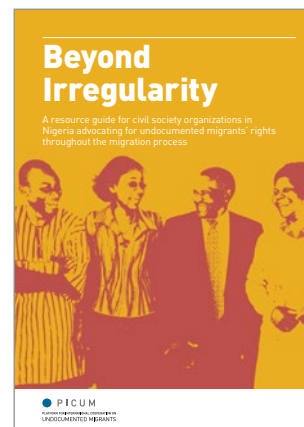
## New working group introduced on legal strategies

PICUM launched a new working group bringing together legal experts from PICUM's network to lobby on law reform and access to justice, undertake case work through national and international complaints mechanisms, and develop strategic litigation addressing the UN human rights treaty monitoring bodies as a way to promote the rights of undocumented migrants at global level. The group's first meeting in December 2013 in Brussels presented a key opportunity to develop PICUM's use of legal strategies as a tool for policy change and improve mutual learning and sharing of experiences.

## Advocacy for undocumented migrants' rights at global level

### "Beyond Irregularity" project

Coordinated by the Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) in partnership with PICUM and several other organisations, the project "Beyond Irregularity: Towards a Sustainable Approach to Dealing with Irregular Migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Europe" saw PICUM organise civil society workshops in both Nigeria and Morocco. Co-funded by the European Commission, PICUM's role in the project was to develop activities aiming to strengthen organisations working with undocumented migrants and related topics in Morocco and Nigeria.



PICUM published toolkits to address the specific challenges facing civil society organisations in both Morocco and Nigeria to uphold the rights of undocumented migrants.

## United Nations High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development

In October 2013, six years after the first UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development (UNHLD), the world's governments gathered in New York to address pressing issues concerning migration throughout the world. At a governmental round table session, PICUM delivered civil society's key messages to governments, UN agencies, and civil society on the human rights of all migrants, with particular reference to women and children. In July, civil society held its preparatory meetings for

the October dialogue, and Michele LeVoy co-chaired the thematic discussions on "Migrant Rights and Protection: Addressing Protection Needs of Migrants Stranded in Distress and in Transit". PICUM also played an active role in the People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights, held in October during the UNHLD, and co-organised and contributed to various workshops on undocumented children, labour issues, and national level policies on migrants' rights.



PICUM Director Michele LeVoy, addressed more than 800 participants at a governmental round table entitled "Measures to Ensure Respect for and Protection of the Human Rights of all Migrants, with Particular Reference to Women and Children, as well as to Prevent and Combat Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons, and to Ensure Regular, Orderly, and Safe Migration", on a distinguished panel including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay (right), co-organised by the United States and Mexico.



PICUM Director, Michele LeVoy, and PICUM board member, George Joseph, Caritas Sweden, at the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in New York in October 2013.

# Undocumented Children

Building on the developments and achievements of PICUM's work on undocumented children and families towards various UN bodies in recent years, PICUM chose to strategically focus its advocacy on undocumented children's rights in 2013 on three key issues:

- taking a comprehensive child-rights approach to migrant children;
- ensuring their access to services, protection and justice;
- ending the immigration detention of children and families.

These key messages were reiterated at numerous external events throughout 2013, at UN, Council of Europe, EU and national level (see also 2013 Major Accomplishments, page 6).

## Taking a comprehensive child-rights approach to migrant children

Following the adoption of September 2013 European Parliament report on unaccompanied children, PICUM steered developments to include child rights concerns around undocumented children living in the EU with their families. PICUM met with the rapporteurs of the report to raise their awareness on the challenges facing undocumented children and how their work to improve the protection of unaccompanied children could be extended and applied to protect other groups of children. This culminated in a hearing in the European Parliament (see also 2013 Major Accomplishments, page 6).



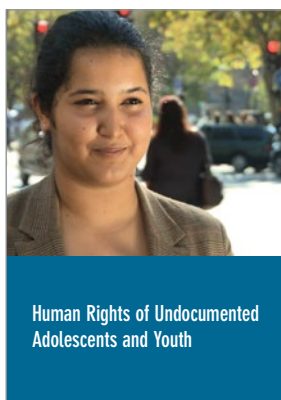
From left to right: Grant Mitchell of the International Detention Coalition (IDC), Michele LeVoy, PICUM, and Ignacio Packer, Terre des Hommes co-organised a workshop on migrant children and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights in New York in October 2013.



Left to right: Verena Knaus, UNICEF; Bernard De Vos, Chair European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) and General Delegate for the rights of the child, French community, Belgium; PICUM Director Michele LeVoy; and Member of the European Parliament Nathalie Griesbeck at a hearing co-organised by PICUM in November 2013.



PICUM worked alongside key child rights organisations to produce a Child Rights Manifesto calling on Members of the European Parliament and candidates for the European Parliament elections to advance child rights through the European Parliament. At a high-level launch event in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, attended by a number of MEPs, PICUM underlined the need to ensure the rights of all children in the EU in all legislative and non-legislative actions of the EP. A total of 14 MEPs from six political groups signed on to the manifesto at the event.



PICUM co-authored the paper 'Human Rights of Undocumented Adolescents and Youth' with François Crépeau, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, the National University of Lanús (Buenos Aires, Argentina), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). An abridged version of the paper will be published in a Global Migration Group report 'Migration and Youth: Challenges and Opportunities' in 2014.

PICUM met with key stakeholders on migrants' and children's rights at the Council of Europe, and made the case for the Council of Europe Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons' report "Unaccompanied Migrant Children: What rights at 18?" (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE) to be adapted to address the situations of all migrant children reaching the age of majority with concrete input to the report.

## Ensuring access to services, protection, and justice for all children

PICUM worked collaboratively with an ad-hoc group of organisations working on child poverty and social inclusion

– aiming to support the adoption and implementation of the European Commission Recommendation 'Investing in Children: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage' – to ensure the inclusion of poverty-related concerns of undocumented children living with their families in the policy debate and strengthen support among civil society organisations active on the issue. PICUM also engaged its membership, facilitating the participation of a PICUM delegation in a Eurochild, EAPN and UNICEF workshop building the capacity of national organisations to advocate around the Recommendation.

## Ending the immigration detention of children

PICUM's working group on undocumented children and families reviewed new guidance from the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the non-detention of children. Members heard from the Global Campaign to End the Immigration Detention of Children, in which PICUM is an active member, and shared information about the situation and work on the issue on national level, to pool evidence and consider possibilities for joint action.



Gathering frontline services providers and advocates upholding the rights of undocumented families, PICUM's working group shared key developments and discussed possible solutions in a peer learning session.

# Undocumented Women

2013 was a key year for PICUM's work in advancing undocumented women's access to justice and services. Having successfully placed this issue firmly on the EU policy agenda, PICUM mobilised its network to ensure positive change at national level. PICUM also stepped up its global action towards the UN and continued its key role in the Women and Global Migration Working Group.



PICUM Advocacy Officer Kadri Soova supported actions of the Women and Global Migration Working Group and attended parallel events during the 58<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2013. Photo ©Women and Global Migration Working Group.

## Improving access to justice and services across the EU

The EU Directive on Victims' Rights ([Directive 2012/29/EU]) imposes clear obligations on member states to ensure access to justice and services for undocumented victims of crime. The directive was key for PICUM's work for the rights of undocumented women in 2013. As EU member states began the transposition process in earnest, PICUM worked closely with its members to ensure they were informed and equipped to engage with this legally-binding tool at national level.



PICUM's working group on undocumented women also had the chance to discuss their concerns with Denisa Fikarová, (left), and Iva Zamarian, (middle), of the Victims' Rights team of DG Justice European Commission who are supporting EU member states in the implementation process.

PICUM's working group on undocumented women focused exclusively on building the capacities of PICUM's network to engage in the transposition of the directive into national law and practice.

PICUM's ongoing engagement with the European Commission's Victims' Rights team ensured that the European Commission's Official Guidance for member states made specific reference to undocumented migrant women.



Several PICUM members met with the authorities tasked with transposition in their country to ensure a clear understanding regarding the directive's obligations towards undocumented victims of crime.

Students from Science-Po University in Paris supported PICUM's work by undertaking a mapping of national law and practice regarding access to justice and services for undocumented women.

## **Building support and raising awareness on the challenges facing undocumented women**

In March, PICUM and Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) held a side event at 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, USA, highlighting the

concerns of undocumented women survivors of violence in the EU.

PICUM supported local migrant women-led initiatives by sharing the insight and experiences of its EU network and informing them about policy developments. In March, PICUM delivered a presentation at a hearing in the Belgian Federal Parliament organised by the migrant women-led ESER Network (Epouses Sans-Papiers en Résistance).

In November, PICUM delivered a presentation at an event organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and City of Vienna entitled "Eliminating Violence Against Women in Europe – Intersectoral Approaches and Actions". The 200 participants from 53 countries included many EU, national, regional and local authorities and agencies.



Participants of WAVE's annual conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October 2013. PICUM co-hosted a workshop on "Migrant Women".  
Photo: © Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE).

# Health Care

PICUM advanced its work on access to health care along several lines in 2013. A year with significant developments in undocumented migrants' access to health care in Spain and Sweden, PICUM increased its collaboration with members. Strategies linked to PICUM priority target groups of undocumented women and undocumented children were further developed. Partnerships with different stakeholders were successfully consolidated.



"One Year Without Universal Health Care" –  
Médicos del Mundo's campaign.



PICUM staff supported Médicos del Mundo's campaign to mark one year of restricted access to health care for undocumented migrants in Spain, due to the Royal Decree Law 16/2012.

## Increased collaboration to influence developments on national level

The collaboration between PICUM, its members and other civil society organisations in Sweden, as part of the "Right to Health Care Initiative" culminated in positive policy change in 2013. The new Swedish law came into effect on 1 July 2013 and grants access to health care to undocumented children below the age of 18 on the same basis as Swedish children. Under the new law, undocumented adults can access health care "that cannot be postponed", including dental care, maternity care, contraceptive counselling and abortion, and related medicines, free of charge.

## Prioritising women's and children's health

PICUM's working group on access to health care developed strategies in relation to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) care for undocumented migrants. Reflections and input were gathered from key organisations in the field of SRH rights, including the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, the International Planned Parenthood Federation and PICUM members Médecins du Monde International, European AIDS Treatment Group, and Maternity Action.

Together with the organisations Médecins du Monde and Eurochild, PICUM organised a roundtable in the European Parliament in Brussels to address "The Impacts of the Crisis on Women and Children's Health". Co-hosted by several Members of the European Parliament, the event called for concrete follow up on the 2011 European Parliament Resolution "Reducing health inequalities in the EU", which calls on member states to ensure equitable access to health

care for undocumented migrants, and in particular policies to ensure the health of children and pregnant women. PICUM's input focused on undocumented women's experience of antenatal and delivery care, limited access to contraception and termination of pregnancy.

PICUM co-organised the conference "Universal Health Coverage for Children in the Post 2015 UN Development Framework: a Specific Focus on Children in the Context of Migration", with Terres des Hommes, the International Organisation of Migration (IOM), and the End Child Detention Campaign. A side event to the UN Human Rights Council's full-day discussion on the right of the child to the highest

attainable standard of health, the event ensured attention to the challenges facing migrant children. Copies of a statement on the right to health for undocumented children were also distributed during the Human Rights Council discussion.

## Strengthening strategic alliances

PICUM also provided input to academic research initiatives, including a conference entitled "Migration and Bioethics: The Case of Undocumented Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers". The conference aimed to serve as a basis for ongoing research in the bioethics field on issues of undocumented migrants' health.



In their discussions, participants of the working group identified maternal and child health as priorities for action.



The Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), Neil Datta, discussed the challenges EPF faces at EU level when advocating around sexual and reproductive health (SRH) care.

# Fair Working Conditions

The promotion of labour standards for all workers regardless of migration status remained one of the major goals for PICUM in 2013. PICUM strengthened its position on the global level as the key expert on the labour rights of undocumented workers by continuing to work closely with the UN Migrant Workers Committee, OSCE and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). In the European Union, PICUM was selected as a member of the EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings and brought the broader issues concerning exploitation of undocumented workers to the anti-trafficking forum.



The working group on fair working conditions brings together frontline providers of services to undocumented workers and trade unions.

## Implementation of the Employers' Sanctions Directive

PICUM's working group on fair working conditions continued to collect and analyse evidence from the field relating to the practical implementation of the EU Employers' Sanctions Directive on national level in view of the EU Commission's upcoming review of the implementation process of this directive.

## PICUM's collaboration with international bodies

Linked to PICUM's ongoing strive to collect and present high quality evidence and data on the realities of undocumented workers, PICUM's Director, Michele LeVoy, gave a presentation in April at the UN Migrant Workers Committee

General Discussion on the role of migration statistics for treaty reporting and migration policies. PICUM also gave input to the Committee concerning the draft Second General Comment on undocumented migrant workers and members of their families.

PICUM's collaboration with the ILO was strengthened in 2013 on several levels: through inputs to the Annual ILO Labour Migration Academy in Italy, where PICUM Director, Michele LeVoy, lectured on migrant workers in an irregular situation; at the ILO Tripartite Meeting on Labour Migration (where PICUM was chosen as one of few NGOs to have observer status); and at the ILO Conference Promoting the Integration of Migrant Domestic Workers in Europe where Michele LeVoy offered a perspective on the challenges faced by women migrant workers in an irregular situation as part of an interactive Panel Discussion on Gender and Labour Migration.





PICUM Director, Michele LeVoy, spoke at a seminar held by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) on 8 February 2013 at the Italian Chamber of Deputies in Rome, Italy. The event aimed to strengthen dialogue and co-operation among Mediterranean states to prevent trafficking in human beings, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators. ©Photo: Enrico Para/OSCE.

As part of PICUM's goal for strengthening alliances with trade unions, PICUM was pleased to participate in the ETUC First European Conference of Trade Union Services for Migrants in December where PICUM Director, Michele LeVoy, highlighted the need for trade union commitment to advance respect for the labour rights for undocumented migrant workers.

## Trafficking in human beings

In 2013, PICUM increased its work concerning the anti-trafficking agenda by collaborating with the OSCE at their

"Seminar on Co-operation to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings in the Mediterranean Region".

As an organisation selected to join the newly formed EU Civil Society Platform Against Trafficking in Human Beings, PICUM participated in the two first meetings of the platform and raised its concerns about broader protection needs of undocumented workers as a prevention tool, about the linkages between trafficking and labour migration policies and the need to delink migration control from access to services.

# Communications

## PICUM's Communications in 2013 at a Glance:

**540**  
new newsletter  
subscriptions

**30**  
media appearances

**17**  
press releases

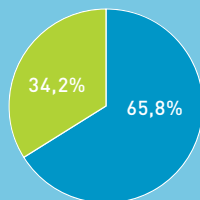
### PICUM website:

**67,786** visits

**45,730** users

**144,666** page views

**65.8%** new visits



Returning visitor New visitor

### Social media:

**f 1,066** new 'Likes' in 2013

**919** new followers in 2013

PICUM consolidated its communications strategy in 2013, further positioning the network as a key actor on migrants' rights with expertise in several policy areas. PICUM's increased engagement with both mainstream and social media during the year enabled us to highlight the vital work of our members and amplify our activities.

## Relationship building with media and proactive outreach

Building solid media relations with key journalists of international, EU and national media was a major focus of the new strategy for the year 2013. This resulted in extensive coverage in international, EU, national and regional media including print, TV, radio and specialist online media.



Several journalists attended the European Parliament event co-hosted by PICUM in Brussels on 30 May 2013 to launch the report by UN Special Rapporteur on Migrants, François Crépeau.



PICUM's pro-active outreach included the following elements:

- Developing targeted media relations around key events to ensure media attendance and gain visibility of the outcome of events.
- Providing PICUM's growing list of media contacts with regular press releases and statements to mark key dates, expose urgent issues, and explore policy developments. Many were released jointly with PICUM's partners at EU and national levels.
- Informing journalists about its key insights and areas of work through interviews and briefings

As a result of this specialised strategy, PICUM was increasingly approached by media outlets to share its unique position and expertise and published several opinion pieces in EU and specialist media.



PICUM Director Michele LeVoy being interviewed by a journalist about housing and homelessness of undocumented migrants in June 2013.

## Reaching new audiences via social media

PICUM also reached out to new audiences through social media. Sharing projects, campaigns and other work results of its members and network partners, PICUM also used

online platforms to highlight new developments affecting undocumented migrants and provide news about PICUM's ongoing work and activities. 2013 saw a significant increase of engagement with PICUM through Facebook and Twitter, not only by PICUM's existing members and partners but also by key EU policymakers, mainstream media, and new allies keen to support PICUM's mission.

## Educating about the realities of undocumented migrants: screenings of "Undocumentary"



PICUM continued to use its web documentary as a tool to share the realities of undocumented migrants in Europe with a wide audience, including through discussions with students at several universities during the year (including the Brussels School of International Studies at the University of Kent and the Université Libre de Bruxelles). Thematic chapters of "Undocumentary" were regularly screened throughout the year at conferences and events which PICUM organised or participated in.

PICUM reached new audiences with little exposure to the issue by sharing thematic parts of the documentary via social media on the occasion of international observances and by presenting "Undocumentary" at a film festival in Würzburg, Germany in March 2013.

PICUM members also used Undocumentary as a regular part of their advocacy and awareness raising work.

# Governance and Staff

## General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA) consists of platform and individual members. The GA convenes at least once a year and was held in Brussels, Belgium in June 2013.



During the General Assembly, PICUM held working group sessions on education, housing, health care, migration policy, access to justice, as well as labour rights.

## The Executive Committee (Board) is composed of the following members:



Don Flynn (Chair)  
Migrants' Rights Network  
(MRN), UK



Didier Vanderslycke  
(Treasurer) Organisation  
for Undocumented Workers  
(OR.C.A.), Belgium



Edel McGinley,  
Migrant Rights Centre  
Ireland (MRCI), Ireland



Franck Düvell,  
Associate Professor,  
COMPAS, Germany



George Joseph Caritas  
Sweden, Sweden



Reyes Castillo ACCEM,  
Spain



Nathalie Simonnot,  
Médecins du Monde, France



PICUM board members and staff at a meeting at the secretariat in Brussels in October 2013.

## PICUM Secretariat



Standing (from left to right):

Michele LeVoy (Director)

Kadri Soova (Advocacy Officer)

Eve Geddie (Programmes Director)

Elisabeth Schmidt-Hieber  
(Communications Officer)

Paul Geeraerts (Financial Director)

Sitting (from left to right):

Maria Giovanna Manieri  
(Programmes Assistant)

Mercedes Miletti  
(Administrative Assistant)

Lilana Keith (Programme Officer)

# Membership

PICUM has 145 member organisations and 150 individual advocates who are members, primarily in Europe. Member organisations comprise human rights organisations, humanitarian assistance organisations, faith-based organisations, and trade unions at national and regional levels and international NGOs.



In 2013, Mercedes Miletti joined the PICUM team as Administrative Assistant. Speaking English, Spanish, Italian, and French, she is PICUM members' main contact person in the secretariat and is responsible for the future development of PICUM's membership network including receiving applications from new members.



PICUM's Communications Officer, Elisabeth Schmidt-Hieber met with several German organisations in May 2013 including Medibüro Kiel and the Refugee Council Schleswig-Holstein, to inform them about PICUM's work and discuss possible partnerships and PICUM membership.

## List of PICUM Platform Members

### AUSTRIA



### BELGIUM





## BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA



## CYPRUS



## CZECH REPUBLIC



PEOPLE IN NEED

## DENMARK



## ESTONIA



## FINLAND



## FRANCE



## GERMANY



## GREECE



## IRELAND



## ISRAEL



## ITALY



Women Support Centre



## KAZAKHSTAN

## LUXEMBOURG

## MALTA



## MOROCCO



## NEPAL



## NETHERLANDS



EMFA - Ecumenical  
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Trusted Migrants



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Oslo City Mission/Oslo Red  
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## PAKISTAN



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Stowarzyszenie Association  
Interwencji For Legal  
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# Interns and Volunteers

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PICUM interns Leila Marzo and Nicola Delvino at the meeting of the working group on undocumented women in December 2013.

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INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	<b>592,279.00</b>	<b>STAFF</b>	<b>523,111.00</b>
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: "Progress: Framework Partnership For Operating Grants"	539,068.00	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>234,349.00</b>
DG Justice, Freedom and Security - Directorate D: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship: "Building Strategies to Improve Protection of Undocumented Children in Europe"	53,211.00	(Including travel, organization of conferences and meetings, publications)	
<b>PRIVATE DONORS</b>	<b>227,286.00</b>	<b>FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>81,087.00</b>
Network of European Foundations - European Program on Integration and Migration	50,000.00		
Sigrid Rausing Trust	143,744.00		
Institute for Public Policy research "Beyond Irregularity: Towards a Sustainable Approach to Dealing with Irregular Migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Europe"	33,542.00		
<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES</b>	<b>14,285.00</b>		
<b>EXPERT FEES AND OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>29,137.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>862,987.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>838,547.00</b>

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