

# GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM & LAWYERING FOR MIGRANTS' RIGHTS

**FREE ONLINE Training**  
**October 2022 - January 2023**

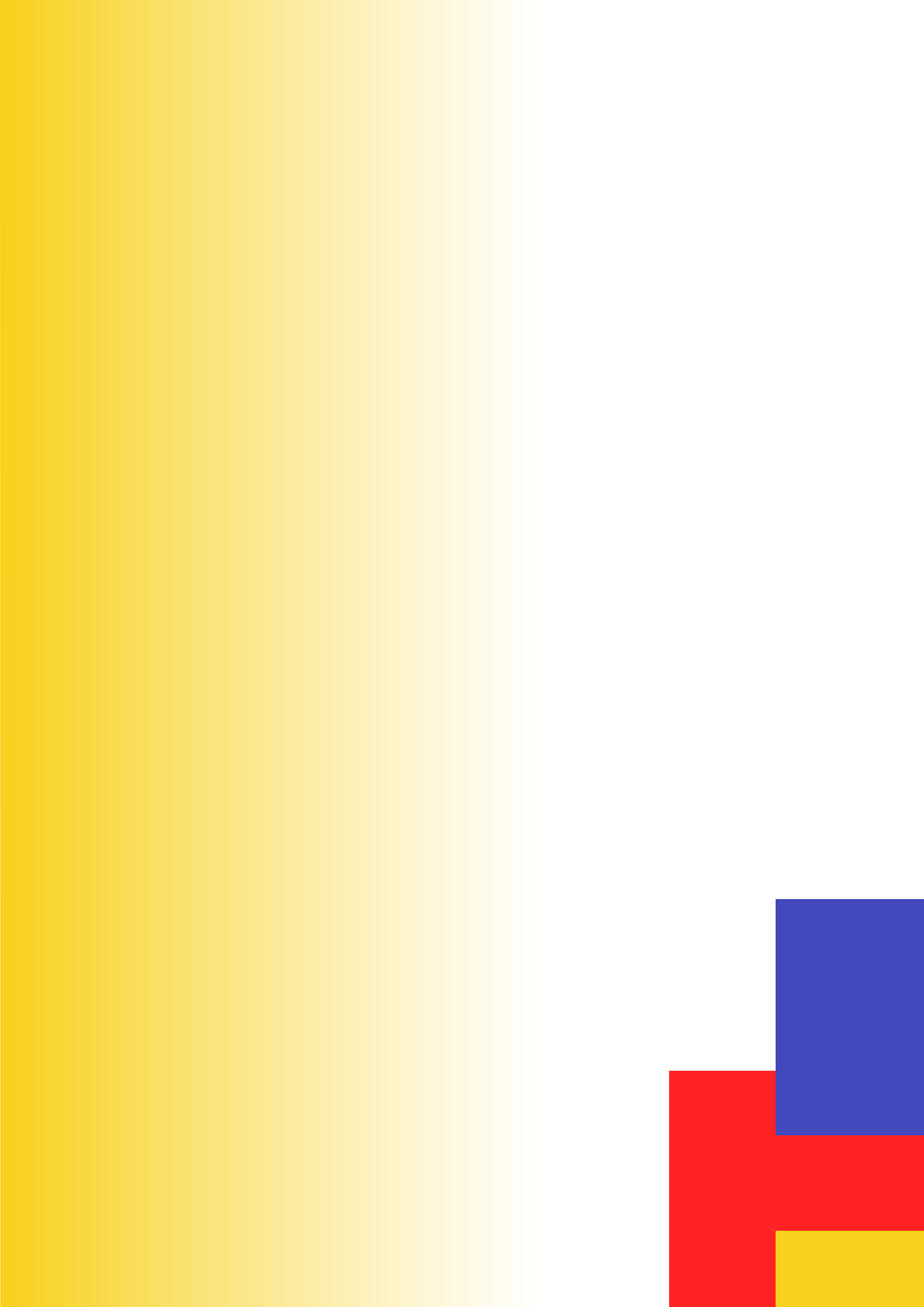
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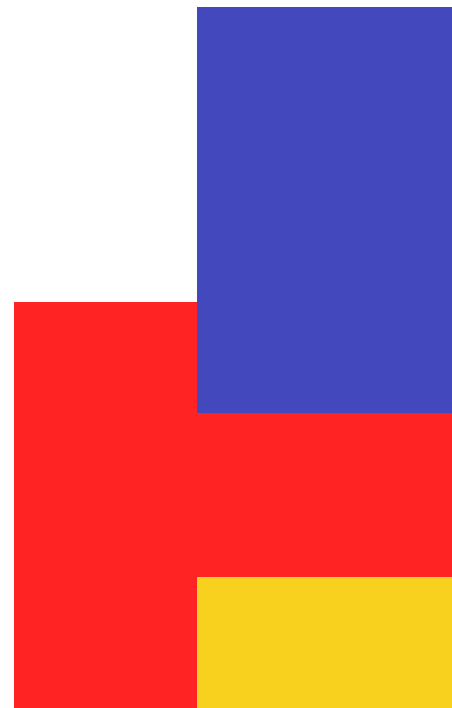
## Presentation

Issues of migration have been at the heart of European debates for many years. From the Arab Spring to the refugee crisis of 2015, the countless crises that swept across European borders transformed Europe into an increasingly hostile environment for migrants and refugees.

Member States built walls to protect external borders and adopted ever more stringent measures to further restrict access to the right of asylum. It is within this troublesome context that new and heterogeneous social movements began, made up of legal aid grassroots initiatives, activists, academics, NGOs, dedicated to strengthening and supporting the rights of migrants and refugees.

This free, online training programme is designed to help young European activists become involved in, and make a difference to, support and solidarity projects with migrants and asylum seekers.

The programme is led by an international pool of law professors, activists, lawyers and project managers, all of whom have many years of experience in, and a long-standing commitment to, the field of protection of migrants' rights.



# The training programme is divided in 3 modules:

## **Module I. Eu migration legal framework on the field**

The module explores European migration and asylum law and offers a strong foundational understanding of the legal skills and practical strategies needed for the protection of migrants' and refugees' rights at the EU level.

N. of hours: (18 hours - 9 online lessons)

When: mid-October 2022 to mid-November 2022

Lesson 1: Introduction. Approaching the EU immigration and asylum legal framework

Lesson 2 : The EU asylum system. Case study: The Ukrainian Crisis

Lesson 3: Inside Dublin: rules, criteria, exceptions, and remedies

Lesson 4: Intersectionality: a gender perspective on asylum

Lesson 5: Seeking asylum in the climate crisis

Lesson 6: Sans-papier: the Return Directive and the criminalization of solidarity

Lesson 7: The right to be together. The family reunification rules

Lesson 8: The ECHR: functions and case studies

Lesson 9: In Europe: Legal framework of intra-European mobility of migrants

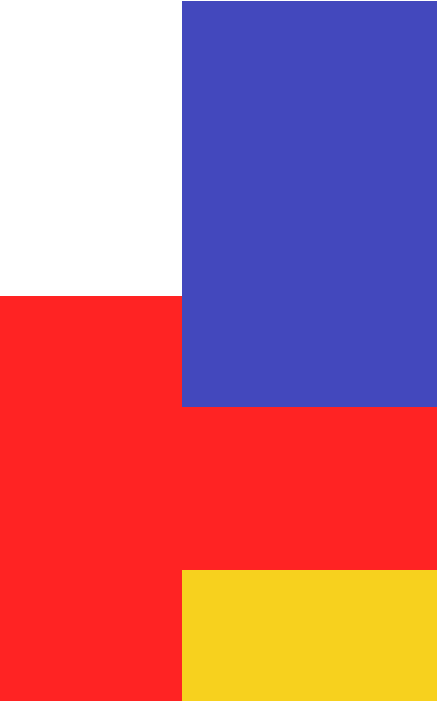
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## **Module II. Practicing Legal Aid: national focuses and transnational issues**

The module analyzes differences, shared features, and specific tools for the protection of migrants' and refugees' rights in selected Member States. Thematic round tables will offer in-depth analysis of specific topics of particular relevance in today's Europe as a borderland.

N. of hours: (14 hours - 7 online lessons)

When: mid-November 2022 - early December 2022



Lesson 1: Pathways of regularization: the amnesty for irregular migrants and the special protection in Italy

Lesson 2: The Arraigo Social and the condition of irregular migrants in Spain

Lesson 3: Asylum seekers, tolerated and irregular migrants in Germany

Lesson 4: New borders, new walls: the case of Poland

Round table 1: Detention and confinement. The cases of Spain, Italy, Germany, and Greece.

Round table 2: Asylum in practice. The cases of Spain, Italy, Germany, France, and Greece.

Round table 3: The criminalization of migration and solidarity in Spain, Italy, Greece, and France.

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### **Module III-Taking action: activism and lawyering experiences and tools**

Drawing from the direct experience of activists working with European grassroots organizations, this module offers basic training in project design, management and fundraising for solidarity grassroots initiatives including case studies from ongoing projects in legal support and solidarity with migrants and asylum seekers.

N. of hours: (12 hours - 6 online lessons)

When: mid-December 2022 - mid January 2023 (with a Christmas holiday break)

Lesson 1: Legal Clinics and law students' initiatives in support of migrants

Lesson 2: The moveurope! programme: intra-European mobility for young people with refugee backgrounds

Lesson 3: Supporting migrants of the Aegean Islands

Lesson 4: Supporting migrants on the Balcan route

Lesson 5: Fostering migrant's' rights: funding opportunities and project design

Lesson 6: How to design your own mobility project: EU/Erasmus+ funding opportunities

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# Course Objectives

Through concrete examples drawn from solidarity projects, the training programme will give participants:

1. The know-how to create new grassroots initiatives;
2. Networking opportunities among grassroots organizations from around Europe;
3. A practical toolkit made up of key legal aspects and issues related to the protection of migrants and refugees' rights at the European level, knowledge of existing funding opportunities, and project design and management
4. A solid grounding for future follow up studies, projects and activities in the area of migration and asylum.

You can choose which modules to attend based on your interests.

A detailed program, full calendar and tutors' information will be available soon at [www.yearproject.eu](http://www.yearproject.eu)

Classes will be held online via Zoom, from October 2022 to January 2023, twice a week and at work/study-friendly times.

## Who is the course for?

This practical and accessible programme is designed to give young people the knowledge and skills they need to get involved in grassroots solidarity projects immediately and regardless of educational, activist or professional background.

It is open to young people who are already involved in projects supporting migrant and refugee people, to those who have already run their own project and to those who are just starting out.

## How to register

The course is completely free, and no application fee is required!  
We only ask you to fill out the following form by 01/10/2022:  
<https://forms.gle/ADVrfyMjEbW57w2h7>

You can choose the modules you prefer and register only in those you want to participate.

A certificate of attendance will be issued at the end of each module.

For any questions and information, feel free to contact us at [info@yearproject.eu](mailto:info@yearproject.eu)