

Panel 1: Migrant inclusion in COVID-19 recovery and social protection – a renewed social contract

***SDG Target 3.8** | Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all*

Covid-19 has exposed and exacerbated the pre-existing inequalities in Bristol. And I'm pretty sure some of you share the similar experience.

the vision of our One City Approach aims to make Bristol a **welcoming and safe** space for all, from talents who invest in our economic development to those in need of protection. A city of hope and aspiration, where everyone can share in its success.

Three global issues – the pandemic, racial inequality and the climate emergency – show that what we have in common as human beings is far more important than our differences. As a people we must treat each other with dignity and respect. During the Covid-19 pandemic we have understood better how to help each other out and especially how to support vulnerable people. We have witnessed and experienced the revolution of generosity here in Bristol and in so many other places nationally and across the world.

- **What are the key challenges to delivering on the UN Common Agenda in terms of its focus on leaving no one behind and the renewed social contract; what concerns migrants and other population groups on the move?**

National legislation eg Immigration policy which create a hostile environment. In our case we have migrants who have No Recourse to Public Fund. A condition which applied to certain migrants not to have access to welfare support.

Complex needs

Those seeking asylum not having access to secondary care. **Refused asylum seekers in England**

In England, refused asylum seekers are not necessarily entitled to secondary NHS care free of charge. Their ability to access care depends on:

- whether the care is immediately necessary/urgent or non-urgent
- whether specific exemptions apply.

Cities needs resources- municipal financing

- **How can migration be positioned as a global good and an integral part of achieving the 2030 Agenda and how might this support the case for multilateralism?**

The pandemic has shown us that reverting to business as usual is not an option. Global issues confronting us require all of us and especially cities to work together through partnerships, sharing and learning from each other.

- What are the key conditions Member States and partners should meet to ensure the further contributions of migrants in COVID-19 recovery?
- How can we achieve universal health coverage as well as social protection for migrants? How have States ensured this (effective practices examples)?
- Which traditional or additional actors should be engaged in working towards supporting migrant inclusion and social protection? How could governments support mobilization of all relevant partners?
- What are the possible opportunities and innovative solutions that can be introduced to ensure full migrant inclusion and social cohesion, and empower both migrants and communities in the COVID-19 response and recovery?

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