

Dear friends,

PICUM, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, has just completed three policy briefs on different aspects of migration issues. PICUM address some of the crucial areas of the current migration policies, including managed migration schemes, anti trafficking measures and decent work for migrants. The aim of these policy briefs is to bring a human rights perspective within a debate that seems to be characterized at the governmental level mostly by economic and security reasons. The three policy briefs are:

Undocumented Migrants – Symptom, Not The Problem, by Don Flynn, PICUM Chair and Frank Düvell, PICUM Board Member.

The authors review some of the thinking behind current policy responses to managed migration and consider what they are attempting to achieve. Specifically they ask whether the ‘enforcement agenda’ in particular is an adequate way to tackle the issues arising from this aspect of global migration trends.

Human Trafficking and Forced Labour. What Perspectives to Challenge Exploitation?, by Don Flynn, PICUM Chair.

This policy brief draws attention to positions being developed by politicians and policy makers across Europe for whom trafficking in human beings is regarded as more-or-less synonymous with irregular migration and the position of undocumented migrants.

Decent Work for Undocumented Migrants, by Luca Bicocchi, PICUM Program Officer.

This policy brief aims at identifying the pressures involved in achieving decent work for undocumented migrants, building on the ILO Decent Work Agenda.

These policy briefs are available on PICUM’s website (www.picum.org). Please feel free to circulate them widely.