



2ND EUROPEAN FORUM OF **WOMEN** FROM THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

*Advancing Socio-Economic Integration of Migrant Women
Through Skills and Entrepreneurship*

CONCEPT NOTE

Warsaw, October 18-19, 2025

Background & Main Objectives

Building on the success of the first edition, the **Association Danaker - Diaspora of Women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland** and the **Migration and Human Trafficking Council under the Speaker of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic** are proud to announce the **2nd European Forum of Women from the Kyrgyz Republic**.

The forum will take place on **18-19 October 2025, Warsaw, Poland**.

The theme of this year's forum is “**Advancing Socio-Economic Integration of Migrant Women through Skills and Entrepreneurship**,” reflects a strong commitment to supporting migrant women, particularly from the Kyrgyz Republic, in harnessing their professional potential, accessing the labor market, and leading inclusive and sustainable economic development.

Women migrants from the Kyrgyz Republic in Europe possess immense potential to drive social and economic development in both their home and host countries. Their skills, experiences, and resilience represent a powerful resource for inclusive growth and innovation. The Forum's multistakeholder participation will provide a valuable platform to discuss how best to harness the talents of migrant women, support their entrepreneurial journeys, and explore how migration can be transformed into an opportunity, particularly in meeting the evolving needs of the EU labor market. In addition, the Forum will address key issues related to **women's labor rights**, including the promotion of **flexicurity models** that balance flexibility with security, and strategies to combat **labor exploitation**, ensuring fair, safe, and equitable working conditions for all migrant women.

This call is primarily aimed at **migrant women leaders, diaspora representatives, activists, and entrepreneurs** from across Europe and the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as **international organizations and institutional partners** engaged in **migration, gender equality, women's entrepreneurship, socio-economic integration, and social innovation**. We are seeking individuals whose **expertise, lived experience, and active involvement** will enrich the Forum through dynamic exchange and collaboration—co-creating actionable strategies for women's empowerment, transnational cooperation, and long-term impact.



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Forum Themes

This Forum directly contributes to the achievement of **UN Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**, which calls for inclusive and sustainable economic development, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. By promoting skills development, entrepreneurship, and labor market integration of migrant women, the Forum supports efforts to reduce inequality, foster innovation, and ensure that migration becomes a pathway to economic empowerment.

At the European level, the Forum aligns with the **EU Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021–2027**, which emphasizes the importance of empowering migrants, especially women, through targeted support in education, vocational training, employment access, and entrepreneurship. The Forum creates a platform for multistakeholder dialogue and exchange of good practices that directly supports the implementation of this policy across Member States.

Format of the event

The **2 day** event will feature a dynamic and engaging program designed to foster dialogue, knowledge exchange, and strategic networking. The agenda will include:

- **5 thematic panel discussions** featuring diverse speakers and followed by interactive **Q&A sessions**, allowing for direct engagement with the audience.
- **Keynote speeches and special addresses** delivered by prominent speakers, including institutional leaders, international experts, and community advocates.
- A **networking reception**, offering participants the opportunity to connect across sectors and countries, exchange ideas, and explore future collaboration.

The **2nd day** of the event will include 1 **invitation-only** working session:

1. A **working group meeting of diaspora organizations** to initiate discussions on the establishment, governance structure, and strategic vision of a **European Alliance of Women from the Kyrgyz Republic**.

Eligibility & Selection criteria

We invite applications from individuals and organizations actively engaged in empowering migrant women and advancing inclusive development across Europe and Kyrgyzstan. Eligible participants include those working in areas such as migration, diaspora engagement, labor market inclusion, entrepreneurship, skills development, and gender equality.



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Participants will be selected based on their relevance to the forum's theme, demonstrated experience or engagement, and potential to contribute to meaningful dialogue. Priority will be given to those who show a clear interest in advancing socio-economic integration, a commitment to sharing insights or lived experiences, and a motivation to build cross-border partnerships. Diversity in gender, age, region, and professional background will also be considered during the selection process.

Eligible Applicants:

- **Diaspora leaders and representatives** of Kyrgyz women's associations.
- **Entrepreneurs**, including businesswomen of Kyrgyz origin, operating in Europe or Kyrgyz Republic.
- **Experts and practitioners** working in the fields of migration and diaspora engagement, labor market inclusion and women's employment, gender equality and women's rights, entrepreneurship and economic empowerment.
- **Representatives of institutions and international organizations** working with migrant and diaspora communities.

To apply, please complete the **application form** in **English or Russian** no later than **15 September 2025** using the following [link](#).

Please note: late applications will not be considered.

The working languages of the Forum are **English and Russian**, and therefore applicants must have a good command of **at least one** of these languages. A maximum of **100 participants** will be selected through a competitive process.

The selection will be conducted by the **Forum Bureau**, based on the criteria outlined above.

Participation and Travel costs:

Participation in the forum is free of charge. However, we are unable to offer financial support for travel and accommodation expenses. We will gladly provide an invitation letter if a visa is required for attendance and assist in organizing accommodation or offer visa-related guidance.

Next steps:

Selected participants will receive an email by **September 18th** confirming their successful application. This email will include the detailed forum program and a registration link. To secure your place, complete the brief registration form promptly. **This registration process serves as your official confirmation of attendance.**