

# The Bulletin

Analysis of Italy's precarious relationship with abortion in this week's top story.

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## ITALY: WHERE LEGAL ABORTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ACCESSIBLE ABORTION

BY MAËVA PUSIOL

LAST AUTUMN, STRIKES RESULTING FROM THE POLISH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT'S RULING ON ABORTION, LEADING TO A NEAR-TOTAL ABORTION BAN, BROUGHT THE ISSUE BACK INTO THE EUROPEAN MEDIA SPOTLIGHT. MOST EU MEMBER STATES ALLOW ABORTION WHEN REQUESTED. THIS IS IN STARK CONTRAST TO POLAND AND MALTA, WHERE ABORTION IS ILLEGAL UNDER ALMOST ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT THE PROCEDURE IS LAWFUL DOES NOT NECESSARILY GUARANTEE EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO ABORTION FOR WOMEN, AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN ITALY.

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## Social Fabric

# GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EU: LOOKING FORWARD TO AVOID TURNING BACK

BY MAYA SZANIECKI

In 2020, the European Commission launched the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, setting out key policy and action aims to help combat gender inequality throughout the EU within these five years. As an international body bringing together 27 nation states, the EU plays an important role in shaping society across its member states, and even further afield. Is it therefore promising to see the organisation setting out a clear strategy to help fight one of the persisting issues of our time: gender inequality.

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THE VERY MOTTO OF THE EU, “UNITED IN DIVERSITY,” SUGGESTS THAT THE INSTITUTION PLACES REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSIVITY AT THE CORE OF ITS VALUES.





# THE TRUTH ABOUT ASYLUM SEEKER RECEPTION IN EUROPE



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BY ELLA POWELL

December 2020. A cold, dark night. A small group of protesters gather outside the Home Office in Cardiff with signs, damp from the driving rain, that read 'Stand up to racism' and 'Refugees welcome here'. It is one of several protests organised against the inhumane standards of the Penally Reception camp for asylum seekers, situated in old military barracks in Pembrokeshire. Reports are of inedible food, harassment from right-wing protestors, and over-crowding, among other things. Towards the end of January 2021, it was reported actions were being taken to close down the camp that hosted asylum seekers in inhumane conditions. But this problem is not unique to Penally. EU law sets out a standard for the reception of asylum seekers in the EU Common Europe Asylum System which stipulates a 'dignified standard of living', but across the rest of the UK and wider Europe, asylum seeker and refugee accommodation is far from dignified.

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## Current Affairs



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### MIGRANT NHS WORKERS FACE UNCERTAINTY AFTER RIGHT TO REMAIN BILL IS DELAYED

By Aaron Gates-Lincoln

Migrant workers have been essential to the operations of the NHS ever since its inception in 1948. Over the decades, many programmes have been used to encourage and find overseas workers and help them migrate to the UK to be employed in the healthcare system, demonstrating how important they are.

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### VACCINE PASSPORTS: ARE THEY ETHICAL?

By Aaron Gates-Lincoln

With the beginning of vaccination programmes occurring widespread throughout Europe and the rest of the world, the travel industry is yearning to reach the light at the end of the tunnel. For many, it is clear that the worst part of the pandemic may be over, and plans can finally start to be made for how industries and economies are going to recover from the crisis.

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## Interviews

# COMMISSIONER DUBRAVKA ŠUICA ON CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: “CONCRETE FOLLOW-UP WILL BE THE MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS”

BY JUUSO JÄRVINIEMI

Already before her election as European Commission President in 2019, Ursula von der Leyen announced that she wanted to launch a Conference on the Future of Europe, where citizens could have their say about the EU's priorities.

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European Commissioner Dubravka Šuica in European Parliament.  
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“ THE CONFERENCE BUILDS ON SUCCESSFUL  
INITIATIVES SUCH AS CITIZENS’ DIALOGUES, BUT  
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THINKING. ”



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