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## MAIN RESULTS OF THE ANDES PROJECT

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### Results at the EU level

- The updated report on destitution of forced migrants in twelve EU Member States plus Ukraine (“Living in Limbo. Forced migrants destitution in Europe”, see [www.jrseurope.org](http://www.jrseurope.org)) is still the only one that covers all main aspects of migrants’ destitution in Europe and does not only focus on a certain group (such as undocumented migrants) but describes the situation of all affected migrants. The report shows that it is not fate but policies of states that completely exclude certain groups of migrants from any official assistance and leave them in distress and penury. Access to housing, health care, education, welfare and work are especially worrisome. The policies across the different states are not coherent: But they are violating the human rights of the affected migrants and cause severe social problems. The EU must develop laws that ensure respect of human rights for everybody regardless of status.
- The ANDES project lead to the establishment of a European-wide network with several organisations and institutions from different parts of the Civil Society sector, including health professional associations, trade unions, and teachers’ associations who are working together in order to develop solutions for the different problems of destitute migrants.
- The activities culminated in a one-day European Conference on Destitution of Migrants in Europe, held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Brussels with about 100 representatives from relevant actors on European as well as on national level participating. The conference discussed the main aspects of destitution (access to education, to health care, to housing, to social welfare and to the labour market/to payment for work) and put them into a wider, European framework.
- The report and the network’s activities (including the conference) have already resulted in raising attention for the subject at relevant Directorates Generals of the Commission and in the European Parliament. Also at least a few Permanent Representatives of member states expressed interest in the information.

### Results at national level

- In several EU Member States and in Ukraine, JRS offices established national networks on destitution of migrants with relevant civil society actors that have become quite influential in the debate.
- In Portugal, for instance, a Network on Destitution and Human Rights (Rede Destituição e Direitos Humanos – RDDH).includes several State agencies and NGOs. The network held a seminar on destitution of migrants; the report on this seminar was published in a book that was also presented in an event to the President of the National Assembly.



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