

# Welcome to Your New EU Mandate!

Here's How You  
Can Build a Europe  
of **Humanity,**  
**Resilience** and  
**Dignity.**

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Prioritise the **protection of lives** and livelihoods from the effects of the **climate crisis** and ensure a fair green transition.

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Uphold humanitarian aid and help **reduce humanitarian needs** through long-term investment in local action.

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Improve the **accessibility and coverage of mental and physical health care** services by investing in local actors, communities and frontline responders.

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Ensure full respect of the **rights and dignity of all migrants,** and the means and unconditional access needed for humanitarian actors to independently provide support in all contexts.

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Partner with not-for-profit social economy actors and ensure effective **access to social rights and protection** for everybody.



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Together, we monitor, analyse and influence EU laws, policies and programmes to better address the needs of people experiencing vulnerability inside and outside the EU. These key calls, based on [our strategy](#), are addressed to EU decision-makers as we enter this new legislative term for the next five years.

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The frequency, intensity, unpredictability and severity of extreme weather events is continually increasing, with **negative impacts on people's health, livelihoods and wellbeing**. Every day, Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and volunteers around the world witness how the **climate crisis and environmental degradation challenge the resilience of communities**. They work locally to help communities adapt and act quickly to prevent extreme weather events from becoming disasters.

Global humanitarian needs are constantly increasing, with **hundreds of millions of people requiring humanitarian assistance and protection each year**. Yet, the resources available to meet these needs fail to grow at the same pace, exacerbating the **funding gap** to unprecedented levels. Our staff and volunteers are present before, during and after disasters. They provide comprehensive support, especially for remote and hard-to-access communities.

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The **COVID-19 pandemic has left its marks** on healthcare systems, weakening the quality and availability of services. In parallel, **increasing socio-economic disparities are seriously challenging accessibility and coverage**, jeopardising the health of individuals and communities worldwide. Our staff and volunteers support public health authorities by reinforcing healthcare systems and safeguarding universal access to essential services, including in emergencies.

Over the past years, restrictive measures have **negatively impacted the lives of migrants and the work of humanitarian actors** supporting them. The individual **needs of migrants are growing** in all phases of the migration process – along **increasingly dangerous journeys**, but also upon arrival and during their integration in society. Our staff and volunteers work to save lives, address needs and contribute to building inclusive societies where everyone can thrive.

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In Europe and beyond, successive crises have **deepened social divisions and aggravated precarity and vulnerabilities**. Poverty and violence are increasingly impacting individuals, their families, communities and society. Additionally, **limited recognition and financing of social service providers** is hindering their operational capacity and **the continuity of community-based services**. Regardless, our staff and volunteers deliver a wide range of care and assistance every day, but they need more support to be able to address increasing needs.