

Report on GA PICUM 2014 by Hafizh Atfin



On the 20-21 June 2014, Hafizh Atfin was representing IMWU-NL to attend the General Assembly of Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) in Brussels. PICUM and its network has undertaken and is planning various advocacy activities to influence the new era of EU migration policy and during the event has proposed a five-point action plan to address the shortcomings in the current approach and improve its efficiency and effectiveness both in the short and long term. Key issues where Hafizh has contributed in the 2014 work plan are to measure the impact of Employers Sanctions Directive (2009/52/EC) and disseminate findings, also to raise concerns of undocumented migrants in global and EU-anti trafficking and forced labor debates. He also joined the experts' workshop on Victims' Directive (2012/29/EU) that is yet to be transposed on Member States by 2015 and its impacts towards undocumented migrants in the European Union. Picture by PICUM.

PICUM also use this opportunity to launch a Terminology Campaign. PICUM has produced an innovative pocket size brochure which can be easily shared by members in the mission for correct and humane terminology. The campaign aims to widely publicize the leaflet and equip PICUM's network to convince key individuals and institutions at EU and national level to use the accurate terminology. IMWU-NL clearly supports this initiative and will disseminate through its own network and members.

On the "Floor is Yours" workshops, IMWU-NL has learned a valuable lesson from a good practice of its fellow NGO of Immigrant Council of Ireland and the protection of the rights of Undocumented Migrants through strategic litigation, and will endure to its good practice on local national level alongside other NGO in the Netherlands.