

Life course immunisation facilitates the catch-up and optimal coverage of migrant populations



Improving
Health & Wellbeing



Strengthening
Public Health



Supporting
Economic Resilience



Ensuring
Equality



Migrant vaccination coverage inequality is stark

Between 2015 and 2020, **60,000 cases** of measles involving unvaccinated adult migrants were recorded

A study of
75,089 migrants
across
12
European countries

found pooled immunity coverage below the recommended herd immunity threshold target for

*Diphtheria * Measles
* Mumps * Rubella

Yet...

Only 4 of 32 (12.5%) EU/EEA countries had specific policies on vaccination of adult migrants.



Adolescent and adult migrants arriving in Europe are rarely considered in vaccination initiatives

Life course Immunisation supports a thriving EU community



1. Help combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by preventing infections that may require antibiotics

- Migrants are **disproportionately affected** by AMR.
- **Influenza vaccines reduce antibiotic** use in adults by **28%**

2. Support access and equality rights underwritten in the EU principles

- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:
 - Article 45: Free movement of people.
 - Article 168: A high level of human health protection shall be ensured in defining and implementing all Union policies and activities.
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages.

3. Build a robust, resilient workforce and economy

- Europe now has the highest number of migrant workers globally, a **24% share of the global migrant workforce**.
- Migrants play a significant role in the EU labour market, in sectors considered essential, such as healthcare, agriculture, and service industries.
- **Vaccination** reduces the risk of disease, number of healthcare visits and **enhances productivity**.

Recommendations



Increase vaccine access for all

- Finance routine and catch-up vaccinations and ensure they are accessible and free for all.
- Provide new pathways to vaccinate arriving adolescent and adult migrants, including catch-up vaccines and boosters.



Tailor programs to ensure equality

- Work with impacted communities and healthcare providers to drive increases in vaccine uptake.
- Target specific groups with low uptake to understand key drivers of under-immunisation to tailor vaccination interventions.