



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

12European countries

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

Diphtheria * MeaslesMumps * Rubella

Yet...

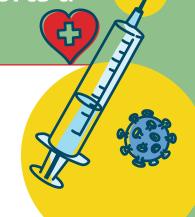
Only 4 of 32 (12.5%) EU/EEA countries had specific policies on vaccination of adult migrants.



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.



Increase vaccine access for all

Recommendations

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