

## **Why organize the election of the European spokesperson for the undocumented people in Belgium?**

The teams of the ‘Maison du Peuple d’Europe’ is convinced it’s vital that the undocumented people may make their voice heard at any political level. The European level is for sure the hardest place to be heard. However, the European policies directly impact the life of the undocumented people, notably because the pact on migration and asylum. And this without the undocumented population having a say. Is this real democratic?

It is with this in mind that the ‘Maison du Peuple d’Europe’ has decided to organise the second edition of the election of the European spokesperson for the undocumented people in Belgium. (The first one having place 3 years ago). This election is aimed to elect a spokesperson through a democratic process. Then, him and his team will be trained in citizen advocacy by experts chosen by the team of the ‘Maison du Peuple d’Europe’.

For this election to be democratic, it is mandatory to have several candidatures for the post. Finally, it is 7 persons, themselves undocumented who want to stand for the election. These different persons reside in two cities of Belgium (Brussels and Liège), but they got different country of origins or even different academic or professional career. This diversity is a strength for this election, and all these people share an essential thing for becoming the new spokesperson for the undocumented people in Belgium.

The will and desire to make a difference! All of them are already invested on different social associations, they work as volunteer to help other people, and they know too well what means to be undocumented in Belgium. They are ready to learn alongside experts some skills that will allow them to improve the condition of the living conditions of the undocumented people of Belgium.

Once the spokesperson has been elected, following the elections scheduled for Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 march in several major Belgian cities. Then the spokesperson and his team will be trained in citizen advocacy by the experts chosen. They will get the tools and all the skills necessary to act at the European level for the right of undocumented people.

The road is still long to arrive at this, now the different candidates will start their respective electoral campaign to get the undocumented people in Belgium to vote for them. They will

present their ideas, their motivations and explain why they want to invest time and energy in this role.

Here is the list of the different candidates: Mrs. Henriette Essami-Khullot (Congo), Mrs. Pacifique Naramé (Rwanda), Mr. Richard Ovono (Gabon), Mr. Houssam El Haimour (Morocco), Mr. Tarik Chaoui (Morocco), Mr. Said Elouizi (Morocco), Mr. Azad Abdul-Azim (Afghanistan). Although they come from different countries of origin, it is important to note that the person who will be elected will be the representative of all undocumented migrants in Belgium, regardless of their country of origin.

To carry out this election we need support, indeed, this election represents a financial blow. That's why we are calling for donations. If you want to help the cause of undocumented migrants in Belgium and help them to elect their spokesperson, please make a donation:

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Thank you!

# Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March: Election of the European Spokesperson of Undocumented People of Belgium



## BY VOTING YOU WILL ALLOW YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO:

- to give legitimacy to the fight of undocumented people;
- to make their fight visible;
- to question the European authorities about the situation of undocumented people;
- to introduce at the European level clear and specific criteria for the regularization of all undocumented people;
- to enlarge the fight at the European level, by creating alliances with other European communities;
- to create a media image that would break the stereotypes around undocumented people.

Send your resume and cover letter by February 15, 2022, via the link: "<https://mpevh.be/lelection-du-porte-parole-2022/>" or by e-mail to: "[pietro@mpevh.be](mailto:pietro@mpevh.be)"



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