

## WORKLAB - SYNTHESIS

28.05.2021 | 5pm–7pm | *ONLINE (ZOOM)*

### *MIGRATE WITH DIGNITY*

#### CONTEXT

In recent years, we have witnessed various reports of situations of exploitation and discrimination against migrant workers. Migrants are exposed to vulnerabilities such as slave labour and human trafficking, being subject to disgraceful working conditions and high levels of insecurity. These new forms of work to which migrants are often subject, which jeopardise the dignity of the human person, have gained enormous visibility in the food sector, where the area of agriculture is one of the most susceptible to the occurrence of cases of labour exploitation and hard working conditions. Our food system has an tremendous influence and impact on climate change and on the causes of migration (poverty, hunger, etc.). In order to ensure a sustainable change in attitudes and behaviours, we need everyone to be committed to promoting a fairer, more dignified and sustainable world.

At the *WorkLab* Migrate with Dignity, we will address the (un)sustainable models of migrant work, namely slave labour, and reflect on the role that young people can play in promoting participatory and conscious citizenship. We will also collect contributions to the document with recommendations on migration policies, to present to European Union policy-makers, at the project's final event in Brussels. This *WorkLab* is facilitated in conjunction with the project *GoEATHical – Our Food. Our Future* ([link](#)), a campaign to promote fairer, more dignified and sustainable development.

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## SPEAKERS:

### Vasco Malta | Head of Mission IOM Portugal

Vasco Malta has a degree in Law and L.L.M in European Law in a Global Context, from Católica School of Law. In November 2020, after an international recruitment process, he was appointed as the Head of Mission of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) (the United Nations Migration Agency) in Portugal. He is often a guest speaker at several national and international conferences.

### Felismelo Borja | Student at Instituto Politécnico de Beja

Computer Engineering student at Instituto Politécnico de Beja. An activist from Guinea-Bissau, a human rights champion, Pan-Africanist. Volunteer of the Red Cross and currently responsible for the area of youth at the local Beja delegation.

## PROGRAMME:

- Working conditions and security for migrants - Vasco Malta | Head of Mission IOM Portugal
- The reality in Portugal – Examples - Felismelo Borja | Student at Instituto Politécnico de Beja

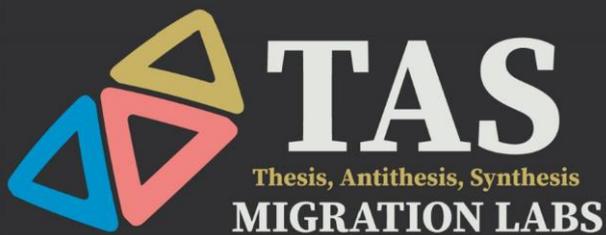
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## PROJECT

The project [TAS – Thesis, Antithesis, Synthesis - Migration Labs](#) has been promoting the values of European citizenship and the improvement in the conditions for the exercise of civic and democratic participation at European Union level, reiterating the values of solidarity, intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding and combating prejudice related to migrants and minorities.

## WORKLABS

Throughout the *WorkLabs*, we have analysed the current narratives about migration and the pattern of different groups of migrants in Europe. This analysis has allowed us to know and deconstruct prejudices and stereotypes about migration and debate current national and international migration policies. Out of the young people who participate in all *WorkLabs*, two will be selected for the final event in Brussels, which will have a mixed format, both and in person. This selection will be made by a jury, based on the following criteria: the understanding (clarity) of the topic, the participation and relevance of the arguments and the ability to communicate and develop logical reasoning.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

All young people between 18 and 30 years old committed to promoting social justice and motivated for social, economic, political and environmental transformation.

All young participants will receive a certificate of participation per session. If they attend the entire cycle of *WorkLabs*, they will also receive a letter of recommendation from IMVF.

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