

Initiative Marriage without borders

Since 1/1/2006 the new Aliens Act came into force and the situation of the concerned couples is dramatic.

Persons who entered or who are staying in this country illegally can only apply for "residential permit as family member" in their country of origin - even if their lives are in danger.

The spouses of Austrians and European Economic Area (EEA) members who made use of their "right of labour mobility" are still acquiring the right of residence due to their marriage.

The Ministry of the Interior understands the problem of the correctly submitted applications - but for an application within Austria every individual case must/ will be individually checked and given permission.

The minimum income (considered as family income) has been increased to 1056 Euro.

However, access to labour market will be given after having received a visa.

Applications for asylum must have been cancelled to apply for a residential permit. --> So people were forced into illegality. The eviction written in the asylum decision of first instance becomes valid. Marriage is not longer protecting from detention and deportation!

Furthermore, old cases (from 2005 and earlier!) have not been treated by the aliens' police for months - they even gave out wrong information. Partly, applications have not been accepted - starting from 20th December the police transferred cases to the MA20. Some of the police were even behaving in a racist way.

***Are you also affected by the new law?
Are you in the same situation?***

Then e-mail us!

Come to the next meeting of all the concerned couples!
Tell us your story! (All the stories will be submitted anonymously to minister Prokop to confront her with the sorrow of the concerned people.)

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The initiative "marriage without borders" is an enlarging group of concerned people in collaboration with Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), who hope to achieve together a change of situation.

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