

## b) Exiles, Migratory flows and Solidarity

Europe is currently facing one of its most important migratory crisis, with the arrival over the past few years of several millions of refugees and asylum seekers crossing its territory, to try to find a better life and escape from conflicts, violence, abuses or poverty. While debates, fears and decisions are emerging around how Europe can or should handle the arrivals of migrants in a responsible way, from an historical perspective, we believe that it is a pertinent moment to look back in European history: European citizens have also been migrants and sought for freedom, solidarity and new opportunities, within and outside the EU borders. They have also offered (and are offering) common solidarity.

The European diaspora is the result of several events (colonialism, rise of Fascisms, World and Civil Wars, Great Famine, Great Depression, etc.). Behind gross data and big numbers, such migratory flows have been recorded through individual stories (letters, pictures, boarding passes, visas, certificates, and a large etc.).

In addition, migrations and exchanges have particularly contributed to build the cultural diversity in Europe. In fact, the Creative Europe programme itself already underlined that "Europe's cultural and linguistic diversity is itself a result of centuries of cross-cultural interactions, influences and migrations".

Again, the institutions with archival holdings bring archival material records and digital objects testimonies to these stories, keep them, and can contribute to illustrate the European migrations from an historical perspective. In that framework, the second "Story of the History" will present a selection of some 40 key documents highlighting how migrations have underwritten and shaped Europe's diversity, such as.....

To help visualising it, we need to include 4-5 examples of such key documents