EDITO

We are all extremely concerned by the situation of migrants (in majority Syrians) seeking asylum in Europe. Since the beginning of the conflict in Syria, Jordan hosted more than one million refugees (13% of its population), Lebanon nearly two million (33%) and Turkey almost two million (2.5%). Faced with a conflict that drags on, it is logical that the entire EU takes finally its share of solidarity against this humanitarian tragedy, and relieves the bordering countries: the 500,000 asylum requests of the last two years would only represent, if accepted, 0.1% of the EU population.

The outlook generated by this new immigration and its integration in Europe for a medium term should already be considered. Generally these people are “qualified and educated, animated by a remarkable dynamism”(1). Their labor force is a need for some EU industrial countries with low unemployment (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary or Sweden). They also bring additional skills useful for the EU to regain influence in Africa and the Middle East.

Some countries are spending tens of millions of euros for attracting foreign talents to improve their attractiveness, competitiveness and international influence. After the humanitarian emergency, the Europeans will then need to change their look at these people, and consider their talents.

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