DISPLACED: Women Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the EU - the new photo exhibition starts on 3 March at the Parlamentarium

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As the world marks International Women's Day on March 8, the Parlamentarium is hosting a new temporary exhibition - *Displaced: Women Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the EU*. The exhibition will run from 3 March until 1 June 2016.

In today's unprecedented humanitarian crisis, women and children are among the most vulnerable, subject to multiple discriminations and violations of their basic human rights. The European Parliament therefore felt it vital to put the spotlight on the gender perspective in this sensitive area.

In order to provide a true insight into the plight of women refugees and asylum seekers on their journey across Europe, which has been largely absent in the general media coverage of the refugee crisis so far, the European Parliament invited award-winning photojournalist <u>Marie Dorigny</u> to photograph them.

The photographs were taken during December 2015 and January 2016. The project showcases all the principal stages of the gruelling journey undertaken by women refugees in Europe: arriving by boat in Greece; their train journey across several countries, including the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which features in the photos; and their final arrival and the processing of their asylum requests in Germany.

The photographs provide a powerful reminder of the unique challenges faced by women refugees and the importance of ensuring that the specific nature of their plight and their needs are taken into account with the sensitivity and humanity they deserve.

More information

- Marie Dorigny
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