Caritas calls for language courses, a multi-year and predictable framework for volunteering, and increase in refugee resettlement quota

During the budget hearing before the Storting's Standing Committee on Local Government and Public Administration, Caritas called for A1-level Norwegian language courses to be included in state-subsidised language training and for access to be extended to all immigrant groups.

Caritas also emphasised the importance of establishing a predictable, multi-year funding framework for volunteering, arguing that this would improve the quality of activities, help retain expertise and ensure more stable and consistent support for people requiring long-term assistance.

In addition, Caritas called for an increase in the annual quota of resettlement refugees to 3,000, returning to the 2022 level. This contrasts with the government's proposal to maintain the quota at just 100 resettlement refugees in 2027.

In October 2026, Caritas participated in the hearing on the 2027 National Budget before the Storting's Standing Committee on Labour and Social Affairs, calling for stronger legal protection and improved access to employment for migrants through differentiated language requirements and faster recognition of foreign qualifications.

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