



3rd meeting of the EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

*Migrants' access to the EU, to rights and to services
Challenges and ways forward*

Brussels, EESC building, rue Belliard 99-101

2-3 March 2017

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Networking drink on the evening of 1 March as of 7pm – at hotel Renaissance

Thursday 2 March

08.30 – 09.00 Registration of participants

09.00 – 09.30

Room JDE 62

Opening statements, moderated by Irini Pari (member of the Bureau of the European Migration Forum on behalf of the EESC):

- **Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs, Dimitris Avramopoulos**
- **President of the European Economic and Social Committee, Georges Dassis**

Session 1): Access to the EU, moderated by Irini Pari (EESC member)

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09.30 – 10.00

- **François Crépeau, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants** – video message
- **Muhannad Bitar & Marko Den Hartogh (Boat Refugee Foundation)** - testimony

10.00 – 10.15

Coffee break & change of rooms

10.15 – 10.45

Starting together: introduction to the working method, moderated by Valeria Setti and Olga Muravjova, European Commission

10.45 – 12.45

Atrium 5 & 6, JDE 63

Parallel workshops on:

1. Resettlement
2. Family reunification today: what are the practical challenges and how to address them?
3. The EU legal migration framework: what gaps and implementation challenges?
4. How can we change the narrative on migration?

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch (in Atrium 6)

14.00 – 14.30

Atrium 5

Presentation of the candidates for the Forum Bureau

Moderated by Irini Pari (EESC member)

14.30 – 15.30

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The floor is yours – remaining in parallel workshops, participants suggest further topics to be discussed in small focus groups.

15.30 – 16.00

Atrium 5 & 6, JDE 63

Walking gallery: Presenting the results from "the floor is yours". Summary sheets will be shown in the atrium. Participants from all workshops can read them and talk to the hosts to find out more.
(coffee is available during the working sessions)

16.00 – 18.00

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Interactive debate on *Access to the EU*, moderated by Shada Islam, Friends of Europe

- **Simon Mordue**, Deputy Director-General for Migration, European Commission
- **Cécile Kashetu Kyenge**, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament
- **José Antonio Moreno Díaz**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
4 Forum participants reporting back from the workshops' discussion:
- **Peter O'Sullivan**, Resettlement Officer, UNHCR
- **Sabrina Le Noach**, Migration Officer, Red Cross EU Office
- **Annica Ryngebeck**, Policy Adviser, Social Platform
- **Andrew Geddes**, Director of the Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute

18.00 – 19.30

cocktail reception (Atrium 6)

Friday, 3 March

8.30 – 9.00 Security check of all the participants at entrance

Session 2) Access to services and rights, introduced by **Laura Corrado** (Head of the Legal Migration and Integration Unit, DG HOME, European Commission)

9.00 – 9.45

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Michael O’Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Bart Somers, Mayor of Mechelen (BE) and member of the European Committee of the Regions

Lilian Thuram, Lilian Thuram Foundation Education Against Racism

9.45 – 11.30

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Parallel workshops on:

5. Service provision for migrants: how to ensure an integrated approach?
6. Protecting all children in migration: how to make it a reality today?
7. How to strengthen cooperation between different authorities and levels of governance for an effective integration of migrants?
8. How to build bridges between migrants and citizens and local communities?

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Atrium 6

Lunch – with time to cast the vote in the Forum Bureau elections

14.00 – 15.15

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Interactive debate on *Access to services & rights*, moderated by Jacki Davis, Meade Davis Communications

- **Belinda Pyke**, Director for Migration, Mobility and Innovation, DG HOME, European Commission
- **Maria Dolores López Fernández**, Commissioned for immigration, interculturality and diversity in the City Council of Barcelona

4 Forum participants reporting back from the workshops' discussion

- **Heather Roy**, Secretary General, Eurodiaconia
- **Lilana Keith**, Advocacy officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants – PICUM
- **Ayse Özbabacan**, Project coordinator, Department of Integration Policy, city of Stuttgart
- **Juliana Santos Wahlgren**, Senior Advocacy and Network Development Officer, European Network Against Racism - ENAR

15.15- 15.45

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Announcement of the results of the Forum Bureau elections, and remarks by the Bureau members: Annica Ryngebeck, Kadri Soova, Saïd Elouizi and Yonous Muhammadi, moderated by Iriini Pari

15.45 – 16.00

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Final remarks by Cristian Pîrvulescu, President of the EESC's Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration

Languages:

All the sessions held in room JDE62 are translated from and into EN, FR, ES and IT. The workshops are held mainly in English, with possibility to obtain assistance of an interpreter in FR, ES and IT.