

1st meeting of the EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

Safe routes, safe futures.
How to manage the mixed flows
of migrants across the Mediterranean?

26-27 January 2015
Brussels, EESC building, rue Belliard 99-101 (room JDE 62)

Day 1 – Monday 26 January

09.30 – 10.30 Registration of participants

10.30 – 11.00 Welcome and introduction to the new European Migration Forum by

- **Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños**, Member of the Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Matthias Ruete**, Director-General, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

11.00 – 13.00 Introductory session, chaired by **Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños, EESC**

11.00 – 11.15 **Vincent Cochetel**, Director of the UNHCR Bureau for Europe

11.15 – 11.30 **Stefano Sannino**, Italy's Permanent Representative to the European Union

11.30 – 11.45 Testimony by **Majid Hussain**

11.45 – 12.00 Testimony by **Milen Eyob**

12.00 – 12.20 **Christian Remøy** (seafarer) and **Haakon Svane**, Norwegian Shipowner's Association

12.20 – 13.00 Reactions and questions from plenary

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch and informal exchange of experiences (marketplace of ideas) – Atrium 6

14.30 – 17.00 Workshops: discussion

Title	Speakers
A. Access to the asylum procedure at the borders	
Chair: Stephen Ryan , European Commission Rapporteur: Kris Pollet , European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) Room: JDE62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • José Palazón Osma, Prodein • Adriano Silvestri, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights • Jamil Addou, European Asylum Support Office • Fabiana Giuliani, UNHCR Italy • Stefan Kessler, Jesuit Refugee Service • Neil Falzon, Aditus Foundation
B. Integration of beneficiaries of international protection	
Chair: Laura Corrado , European Commission Rapporteur: Ezequiel Iurcovich , Rete G2 Room: JDE63 (on 26/1) and JDE70 (on 27/1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petra Hueck, International Catholic Migration Commission • Jasper Kuipers, Dutch Refugee Council • Birgitta Wodke, Arbeit und Leben Berlin e.V. • Hani Abdalmasih Al-Hayek, mayor of Beit Sahour, Palestine
C. A comprehensive approach to counter migrant smuggling	
Chair: Simona Ardovino , European Commission Rapporteur: Annica Ryngbeck , Social Platform Room: 3252	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • François Decoster, member of the Committee of the Regions • Agnieszka Sternik, European Commission • Michele LeVoy, PICUM
D. Providing adequate information in countries of origin and transit	
Chair: Philippe Fargues , Migration Policy Centre Rapporteur: Marco Cilento , European Trade Union Confederation Room: JDE60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeppe Winkel, European Commission • Lorena Lando, International Organisation for Migration, Tunisia • Fawzi Masad, City Manager of Greater Amman Municipality, Jordan • Brahim Dhouafli, Kebili Governorate, Tunisia

17.00 – 17.15 Presentation of upcoming election of the Bureau, by **Irini Pari**, President of the Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration in the EESC

17.15 – 18.00 Statement by **Eyachew Tefera** and **Ezequiel Iurcovich**, current members of the Bureau – and presentation of the candidates for the election of 2 additional Bureau members

18.00 Cocktail reception – and vote casting

Day 2 – Tuesday 27 January

09.15 – 10.15 Workshops: drafting conclusions

Participants go back to their workshop – the session is aimed at finalising the discussion of the previous day and drafting final conclusions to be presented in plenary by the rapporteurs

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 Plenary session, chaired by **Belinda Pyke, Director for Migration and Mobility, European Commission – DG Migration and Home Affairs**

10.30 – 11.15 Reporting from workshops discussion by the **four rapporteurs**

11.15 – 11.30 **Kashetu Kyenge**, Member of the European Parliament

11.30 – 11.45 **Eugenio Ambrosi**, IOM Regional Director for the EEA, the EU and NATO

11.45 – 12.00 Reactions and questions from plenary

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 13.45 Announcement of the newly elected Bureau members

13.45 – 14.10 Reporting from Forum discussion, by **Thomas Huddleston** (Migration Policy Group) and **Sergio Carrera** (Centre for European Policy Studies)

14.10 – 15.20 High-level session followed by Q&A session chaired by **Irini Pari, President of the Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration in the EESC**

- **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship
- **Iliana Iotova**, Vice-Chair of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament
- Representative of the **Latvian Presidency** of the Council of the European Union
- **Henri Malosse**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Michel Lebrun**, President of the Committee of the Regions