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**

09.00 – 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

- Vincent Cochetel, Director of the UNHCR Bureau for Europe
- Stefano Sannino, Italy’s Permanent Representative to the European Union
- Testimony by Majid Hussain
- Testimony by Milen Eyob
- 12.00 – 12.20  Christian Remøy (sea/afar) and Haakon Svane, Norwegian Shipowner's Association

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

14.30 – 17.00  Workshops: discussion

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14.45 – 15.10  Presentation of upcoming election of the Bureau, by Irini Pari, President of the Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration in the EESC

17.30 – 18.00  Statement by Eyachew Tefera and Ezzequil 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

- 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