2nd meeting of the EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

A long-term approach to sustainable labour migration and successful integration – the voice of civil society

Brussels, EESC building, rue Belliard 99-101
6-7 April 2016

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 6 April

12.00 – 14.00 
Atrium 6 
Registration of participants and welcome lunch

14.00 – 14.30 
Atrium 5 
Opening statements:

Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship

– Georges Dassis, President of the European Economic and Social Committee

– Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions

14.30 – 15.00 
Atrium 5 
Participatory workshops – introduction and explanation of working method

15.00 – 17.30 
JDE 63/ Atrium 5 
Participatory workshops – Good practices, challenges and solutions:

A) Low and medium skilled migration: specific challenges in this sector in particular as regards domestic and care work

B) Undeclared work and labour exploitation of migrants

C) Access to the labour market and integration of third-country nationals, including asylum seekers and refugees

D) The role of the local level in the effective integration of third-country nationals, including asylum seekers and refugees

17.30 – 18.00 
Atrium 5 
Presentation of candidates for the election of two European Migration Forum Bureau members representing civil society organisations

18.00 – 19.30 
Atrium 6 
Cocktail reception
Thursday 7 April

9.30 – 10.00  Election of two Bureau members representing civil society organisations
Atrium 5

10.00 – 10.45  Reporting from previous day’s workshops
Atrium 5

10.45 – 11.15  The floor is yours! – on the basis of the results of workshops A to D of 6 April, participants suggest topics for follow-up workshops
Atrium 5 / 6

11.15 – 12.15  The floor is yours! – round 1
Atrium 5 / 6

12.15 – 13.45  Buffet lunch
Atrium 6

13.45 – 14.45  The floor is yours! – round 2
Atrium 5 / 6

14.45 – 15.00  Break / Change of rooms

15.00 – 16.00  Reporting from the follow-up workshops (The floor is yours! session)
JDE 62

16.00 – 18.00  Panel debate chaired by Belinda Pyke, Director, Migration and Mobility, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
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– Matthias Ruete, Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
– Claude Moraes, Chair of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament
– Roel Gans, Director for International Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment - on behalf of the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU
– Dimitris Kalogeropoulos, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur of the opinion on the New European Agenda for Integration
– Cristian Pîrvulescu, President of the Immigration and Integration Permanent Study Group of the European Economic and Social Committee

18.00
Atrium 6  Networking drink

Languages:
The opening and reporting sessions will have simultaneous interpretation from and into EN/FR.
The workshops and ‘The floor is yours!’ sessions will have whispering interpretation from EN into FR/ES available to persons requesting it.
The Panel debate of day 2 will have simultaneous interpretation from EN/FR/ES/IT into EN/FR.