



EMN BELGIUM NATIONAL CONFERENCE Skills Mobility Partnerships

Wednesday 1 June & Thursday 2 June 2022

Résidence Palace (Brussels) or online

Agenda

EMN Belgium, in cooperation with Enabel, the Belgian Development Agency and the International Organisation (IOM) for Migration Belgium & Luxembourg welcomes you to the national conference on Skills Mobility Partnerships. This event is the fruit of an intensive dialogue of EMN Belgium, Enabel and IOM Belgium and Luxembourg with local, regional, national and European stakeholders that are involved in the development of Skills Mobility Partnerships.

The event will be organised over two days, centred on the concept of Talent Partnerships as a whole, and Skills Mobility Partnerships in particular. On the first day, an EMN Roundtable will be organised to facilitate a meaningful policy debate. On the second day, the focus will shift towards the practical implementation on the national level, specifically in Belgium.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date	Wednesday 1 June 2022: 12h30 – 16h30: EMN Roundtable Talent and Skills Mobility Partnerships – The European dimension Thursday 2 June 2022: 09h30 – 16h45: Skills Mobility Partnerships in Belgium
Place	Résidence Palace (Brussels) or online
Language	English, Dutch and French (simultaneous translation will be provided)
Catering	Lunch will be provided on both days; a networking reception will close the event on the second day

AGENDA

Hosts: Representatives of Enabel, Belgian development agency and International Organisation for Migration Belgium and Luxembourg

June 1, 2022: EMN Roundtable: Talent and Skills Mobility Partnerships – The European Dimension	
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch / Technical check
13.30 – 13.45	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Isabelle Raes, National Coordinator, EMN Belgium
13.45 – 14.05	Legal Migration: Policy and Law – Presentation of the European Added Value Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cecilia Navarra, Policy Analyst, Directorate-General European Parliament Research Service, European Added Value Unit
14.05 – 14.20	Joint EMN – OECD Inform on Skills Mobility Partnerships – Presentation of key outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alexander Spiegelfeld, Research and Communication Associate, EMN Austria
14.20 – 15.30	EMN Roundtable: ‘Talent Partnerships: a policy discussion’ Moderator: Melissa Siegel , Head of Migration Studies and Head of the Migration and Development Research Section, UNU-Merit and Maastricht University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anita Vella, Head of Unit, DG Home, Legal Pathways and Integration, European Commission ▪ Camilla Hagström, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Intpa, Migration and Forced Displacement, European Commission ▪ Abir Al-Sahlani, Member (Renew), LIBE Committee, European Parliament ▪ Antonín Seidel, Head of Foreign Employment Unit, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic ▪ Bert Gabriëls, Legal Migration, Cabinet of the State Secretary of Asylum and Migration of Belgium ▪ Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD ▪ Helen Dempster, Policy Fellow and Assistant Director Migration, Displacement and Humanitarian Policy, Centre for Global Development
15.30 – 15.50	Coffee break
15.50 – 16.20	Moderated discussion
16.20 – 16.30	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Magnus Ovilius, Chair of the European Migration Network, DG Home, European Commission

June 2, 2022: Skills Mobility Partnerships in Belgium	
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome with a coffee / Technical check
10.00 – 10.15	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marise Habib, Chief of Mission, IOM Belgium and Luxembourg
10.15 – 10.35	Skills Mobility Partnerships Mapping – Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>EMN Belgium</i>
10.35 – 11.30	Panel: Lessons Learnt from Pilot Projects and Recommendations for Future EU Talent Partnerships Moderator: <i>Christophe Van Hemelryck, Policy Officer, EMN Belgium</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raffaella Greco-Tonegutti, Lead expert Migration and Development, Enabel, Belgian development agency ▪ Rob De Lobel, Head of Labour Migration and Human Development Unit, IOM Belgium and Luxembourg ▪ Björn Gruber, Head of Labour Migration and Skills Mobility Partnerships Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, Germany)
11.30 – 12.15	Panellists' polling – Discussion with the public
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch break
13.15 – 13.25	Introduction to the afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Hosts: Enabel and IOM Belgium and Luxembourg</i>
13.25 – 14.25	Panel: Bridging the Gap between Talent and Employment Moderator: <i>Tesseltje De Lange, Director of the Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University Nijmegen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raffaella Greco-Tonegutti, Lead expert Migration and Development, Enabel, Belgian development agency ▪ Davy Maes, Policy Officer, Flanders Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VOKA West-Vlaanderen) ▪ Nathalie De Filette, Coordinator, International House Leuven ▪ Jamila El Masbahi, Jurist, Economic Migration Service, Flemish Government ▪ (TBC) Lenka Kint, Strategic Account Manager International Relations, Flemish Employment Agency (VDAB)
14.25 – 14.45	Coffee break
14.45 – 15.20	Interactive Discussion with Public
15.20 – 15.35	Wrap Up: From Practice to Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tesseltje De Lange, Director of the Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University Nijmegen
15.35 – 15.45	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jean Van Wetter, Managing Director, Enabel, Belgian development agency
15.45 – 16.45	Networking event