



4th meeting of the EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

*Towards a more inclusive labour market for migrants:
Seizing the potential by addressing the challenges*

Brussels, EESC building, rue Belliard 99-101

6-7 March 2018

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 6 March

- 12.30 – 13.50
Entrance & Atrium6 Security check and registration of participants
Networking lunch
- 14.00 – 14.30
Room JDE 62 **Opening statements - moderated by Irini Pari** (member of the Bureau of the European Migration Forum on behalf of the EESC):
- **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship
- **Georges Dassis**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- 14.30 – 15.15 **Session 1 - Successfully integrating into the labour market - moderated by José Antonio Moreno Diaz** (member of the EESC Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration)
- Testimony by **Maria Lourdes Gernan**
- Testimony by **Ramin Shadani**
- Remarks by **Eugenio Ambrosi**, Regional Director for the EEA, the EU and NATO, International Organisation for Migration
- 15.15 – 15.30 Starting together: introduction to the working method by Justyna Głodowska-Wernert, European Commission
- 15.30-15.45 *change of rooms (& coffee available during workshops)*

- 15.45 – 17.45 **Parallel workshops**
- Workshop 1a: How to foster a multi-stakeholder approach in the labour market integration? Atrium 5
 - Workshop 2a: Recognising and developing skills – best practices
room JDE 3252
 - Workshop 3a: Addressing the issue of irregular migrants in the labour market - room JDE 62
 - Workshop 4a: Tackling discrimination and promoting diversity at the workplace - room JDE 63
- 18.00 – 19.30 *Networking reception*
Atrium 6 *Marketplace of projects/best practice – Stands of NGOs and DG HOME*

Wednesday, 7 March

- 8.00 – 9.00 Security check of all participants
Entrance
- 9.00 – 9.30 **Presentation of the candidates for the Forum Bureau**
JDE 62 Starting with remarks by the outgoing Bureau members: Pablo Rojas Coppari and Saïd Elouizi, *moderated by Irini Pari*
- [Coffee available already during the presentation of the candidates]*
- 9.30 – 10.45 **Session 2 - Access to EU funding - moderated by Sean Klein**
JDE 62 Presentation followed by an exchange of views on current and future funding needs
- **Jean-Marc Roirant**, EESC rapporteur on funding of CSOs by the EU
 - **Beate Gminder**, Director, DG HOME, European Commission
 - **Catherine Woollard**, Secretary General, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
 - **Silvia Ganzerla**, Policy Director, EURO CITIES
- change of rooms (& coffee available during workshops)*

11.00 – 12.45

Parallel workshops

- Workshop 1b: Concrete solutions for a better cooperation at the local level - Atrium 5
- Workshop 2b: Matching refugees skills with labour market needs: room JDE 3252
- Workshop 3b: Preventing labour exploitation and ensuring decent working conditions - room JDE 62
- Workshop 4b: Promoting entrepreneurship among migrants and supporting social economy - room JDE 63

12:45 – 14:00

Atrium 6

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

14.00 – 15.30

Atrium 5 (starting point), JDE 63, Foyer 6, JDE62

The floor is yours –participants suggest further topics to be discussed in small focus groups

15.30 – 15.45

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Announcement of the results of the Forum Bureau elections, by Irimi Pari

15.45 – 18.00

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Interactive debate on the results of the Forum,

moderated by Sean Klein

4 Forum participants report back from the workshops' discussion of both days

- **Simon Mordue**, Deputy Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- **Claude Moraes**, Member of European Parliament, Chair of the LIBE Committee
- **Lazar Lazarov**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgarian Presidency
- **Barbara Duden**, Chair of Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), Committee of Regions
- **Menno Bart**, Public Affairs Manager, The Adecco Group

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

Languages:

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