Thematic event of the Mutual Learning Programme
"Measures to support the integration of asylum seekers and refugees"

Wednesday, 22nd June 2016
Thon hotel EU, rue de la Loi 75, Brussels
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Agenda

Key questions

1. Which are the best ways to integrate asylum seekers and refugees in European labour markets?
2. Which are the specific social integration needs of asylum seekers and refugees?

09.00-09.30 Registration and coffee

09.30-10.30 Opening session
Chair: Michel Servoz (EMPL)
– Welcome by Mr Michel Servoz, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
– Keynote speech by Ms Elizabeth Collett, Migration Policy Institute
– Ms Manuela Geleng, Head of the refugees Task Force, Directorate General of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: overview of recent EU measures to support integration.
– Questions & answers

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Morning parallel working groups: Labour and social integration

Working group A: Labour market integration
Chair: Max Uebe (EMPL)
– The Norwegian way - Mr Haakon Hertzberg, Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (Chair of PES Network WG on refugees), Norway
– The German experience - Mr Dirk Buchwald, Coordination Division for Migration of the Federal Employment Agency, Germany
– Discussant: Dr Cristobal Bohorquez-Zayas, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, Spain
Working group B: Building on civil society to integrate asylum seekers and refugees into society  
Chair: Laura Corrado (HOME)

- System of protection of unaccompanied migrant children: the Italian experience - Ms Cassandra Koch Dandolo, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Italy
- Providing health and rehabilitation services for traumatised refugees - Mr David Oehlenschläger, DIGNITY - Danish Institute Against Torture
- Discussant: Mrs Linda Pauga, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia

12.30-14.00 Buffet lunch

14.00-15.15 Afternoon parallel working groups: New solutions for new challenges

Working group C: Facilitating skills assessment, recognition and upskilling  
Chair: Ana Carla Pereira (EMPL)

- Educational background, work history and learning skills of asylum seekers - Ms Kaisu-Maria Piirainen, Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland
- Challenges for the PES in the integration of refugees: check of competences - Ms Petra Draxl, Austrian Public Employment Service (AMS), Austria

Working group D: The role of the private sector in developing new integration approaches  
Chair: Jeroen Jutte (EMPL)

- UNITEE member association initiatives and activities on the topic of refugee integration - Dr Adem Kumcu, UNITEE – New European Business Confederation
- Public-private cooperation in Sweden - Mr Goran Sehovac, Swedish Public Employment Service, Sweden

15.15-15.30 Keynote address  
Ms Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
15.30-16.30 Closing Panel

Chair: Ms Belinda Pyke, Director for Migration and Mobility, Directorate General of Migration and Home Affairs

- Mr Brando Benifei, European Parliament, MEP rapporteur of report on "Refugees: social inclusion and integration into the labour market”.
- Ms Christiane Kuptsch, ILO.
- Mr Martin Lauterbach, Head of the integration policy unit, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), Germany
- Ms Anaïs Faure Atger, Head of unit migration, Red Cross

16.30 Farewell coffee

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