



## Mutual Learning Conference on “Innovative approaches to integration and inclusion of migrants”

26 November 2020 – Online event

### AGENDA

#### **Key objectives:**

- Exchanging innovative practices on labour market and social inclusion of migrants and people with a migrant background
- Stimulating the reflection on the impact of COVID-19 on the integration of migrants

#### **Resources that will be shared with participants before the interactive sessions**

To keep the virtually organised interactive sessions short, a number of inputs will be delivered to participants beforehand. For the success of this online mutual learning conference it is crucial that participants familiarise themselves with and watch the pre-recorded presentations before the interactive sessions, as they will be the starting point of the discussions.

*Pre-recording to watch in advance at participants' convenience*

*(ca. 10 minutes)*

#### **Innovative practices of migrant integration in light of COVID-19**

This pre-recording will give an overview of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on migrant population in Europe and innovative practices to foster integration of migrants.

- Petra Bendel, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

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*Pre-recording to watch in advance at participants' convenience*

*(ca. 10 minutes)*

#### **Gender perspectives in integration policy approaches**

Brief state-of-play of integration of women highlighting promising practices to overcome existing barriers for their inclusion in society and the labour market

- Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group, Belgium

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*Pre-recording to watch in advance at participants' convenience*

*(ca. 20 minutes)*

#### **Elevator pitches of innovative projects**

Fourteen project promoters across Europe will present their initiatives fostering inclusion of migrants. Each pitch will last two minutes and focus only on the most innovative aspects of their project. Participants will have access to their project fiches explaining the background of these initiatives and their contact details.

- **WORKEEN App/SIRIUS Project** – Simone Baglioni, University of Parma, Italy
- **MYSKILLS** – Michael van der Cammen, Federal Employment Agency, Germany
- **Hellenic Integration Support for Beneficiaries of International Protection (HELIOS)** – Milan Colic Humljan, IOM, Greece
- **European Skills Portfolio for Refugees (ESPoR)** – Diego Boerchi, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Network IQ</b> – Fabienne Braukmann, EBB - Agency for the Development of Vocational Education, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Mothers</b> – Annika Rosbring, City of Stockholm, Sweden</li> <li>• <b>Space of Inclusion and Organised Reception (CIAO)</b> – Yolande Lemmer, Kopplabunz, Luxembourg</li> <li>• <b>Start-up pre-school</b> – Nicolai Strøm-Olsen, Startup Migrants, Norway</li> <li>• <b>"Tremplin" programme</b> – Théo Scubla, eachOne, France</li> <li>• <b>European Refugees Integration Action Scheme (ERIAS)</b> – Ben Butters, Eurochambers, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>International Skill Centre</b> – Lucia Čemová, City of Brno, Czechia</li> <li>• <b>SlforREF – Interreg Central Europe</b> – Pamela Paisan, University Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy</li> <li>• <b>Gdansk Immigration Integration model</b> – Maria Maślak, City of Gdansk, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Expat Spouses Initiatives</b> – Kavitha Varathan, ESI, the Netherlands</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss further during the online sessions.</i></p>
<p><i>Pre-recording to watch in advance at participants' convenience</i></p> <p><i>(ca. 9 minutes)</i></p>	<p><b>Integrated approach in practice</b></p> <p>A short presentation of the integration hub developed in Berlin through a co-creative and participative approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Kerber, Founder and CEO, MORE THAN SHELTERS, Germany</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss further during the online sessions.</i></p>
<p><i>Pre-recording to watch in advance at participants' convenience</i></p> <p><i>(ca. 10 minutes)</i></p>	<p><b>The migrant perspective</b></p> <p>Recommendations on how to move the integration process forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yonous Muhammedi, Director, Greek Forum of Refugees, Greece</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss further during the online sessions.</i></p>
<p><i>Reading</i></p>	<p><b>Thematic papers</b></p> <p>The two short thematic papers prepared by the independent experts provide a state of play of innovation approaches during COVID-19 pandemics.as well as the gender perspectives on inclusion of migrants. a</p>

## Morning session

<p><b>08.30 – 09.00 CET</b></p>	<p><b>Technical set-up &amp; Virtual coffee for early birds</b></p> <p>Participants to log-in through the link at least 15 minutes before the beginning of the event in order to test the tool. This will also be an opportunity to meet &amp; greet other participants around a virtual morning coffee.</p>
<p><b>09.00 – 09.20 CET</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary: Opening &amp; welcome</b></p> <p>Opening speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights</li> <li>• Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Katarina Ivanković-Knežević, Director for Social Affairs at DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p>
<p><b>09.20 – 10.30 CET</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Plenary session: Innovation and fast-tracking integration and inclusion following the COVID-19 pandemic</b></p> <p>This session will discuss promising innovative practices that focus on the integration and inclusion of migrants, also considering the impact of the pandemic and recovery plans.</p> <p><u>Introduction by thematic expert:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petra Bendel, Professor, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cecilia Ragnarsson, Deputy Director, Ministry of Employment, Sweden</li> <li>• Petra Draxl, Managing Director, Public Employment Service Vienna (AMS), Austria</li> <li>• Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>• Daniel Kerber, Founder and CEO, MORE THAN SHELTERS, Germany</li> <li>• Yonous Muhammedi, Director, Greek Forum of Refugees, Greece</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Katarina Ivanković-Knežević, Director for Social Affairs at DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p> <p><i>While participants will be invited to intervene directly, they will also have the opportunity to ask questions and share comments with Sli.Do.</i></p>
<p><b>10.30 – 11.00 CET</b></p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>11.00 – 11.10 CET</b></p>	<p><b>Technical set-up</b></p> <p>Participants to log-in through the link 10 minutes before the beginning of the workshop in order to test the tool.</p>
<p><b>11.10 – 12.30 CET</b></p> <p>GROUP A</p>	<p><b>Group discussion A: Four parallel moderated groups</b></p> <p><i>In order to ensure involvement and interaction between delegates in the workshops, the number of participants for each workshop will be limited. Each workshop will be run twice during the day to allow for more participation. Delegates will be able to attend only one workshop during the event. The workshops will be facilitated by the Mutual Learning Service Team.</i></p>

### **Workshop 1: New approaches in mapping and developing the skills of non-EU migrants, in light of the updated Skills Agenda and the New Pact on Migration and Asylum**

Participants will discuss tools, measures and practices to recognise and validate skills and qualifications of migrants (whatever their level of qualifications) and how these can be mainstreamed.

#### Interventions and innovative practices

- **Setting the scene** – Leila Erdis, Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, Norway
- **European Skills Portfolio for Refugees (ESPoR)** – Diego Boerchi, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy
- **Network IQ** – Fabienne Braukmann, EBB - Agency for the Development of Vocational Education, Germany

Possible questions to frame the discussion:

- How can tools and measures to validate skills and recognise qualifications of migrants be better designed and mainstreamed?
- How can migrants' skills be further developed (e.g. with a focus on vocational education and training, entrepreneurial and transversal skills and life-long learning)?

### **Workshop 2: Good practice innovations in overcoming barriers to employment and social inclusion of migrant women**

Participants will discuss practices that support migrant women through tailored integration programmes for women blending various measures including skills-building, childcare and language training.

#### Interventions and innovative practices

- **Setting the scene** – Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group, Belgium
- **Neighbourhood Mothers** – Annika Rosbring, City of Stockholm, Sweden
- **Space of Inclusion and Organised Reception (CIAO)** – Yolande Lemmer, Kopplabunz, Luxembourg

Possible questions to frame the discussion:

- How to target integration programmes better towards women (considering skills-building, childcare, language training, community support)?
- How to reach out to different groups of migrant women ( e.g. those who are economically inactive or/and women who have been living in the EU already for some time)?

### **Workshop 3: Innovative approaches to ensure fast-track labour market integration and social inclusion of migrants**

Participants will examine lessons learnt and success factors of innovative early intervention practices combined with non-sequential measures and enhanced access to support services.

	<p><u>Interventions and innovative practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Setting the scene</b> – Vlademiro Duarte, High Commission for Migration, Portugal</li> <li>• <b>MYSKILLS</b> – Michael van der Cammen, Federal Employment Agency, Germany</li> <li>• <b>Start-up pre-school</b> – Nicolai Strøm-Olsen, Startup Migrants, Norway</li> </ul> <p>Possible questions to frame the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key measures for speeding up the integration process (such as the combination of different support services, on-the-job language learning)?</li> <li>• How to involve migrants in the design of ‘fast-track’ migration programmes?</li> </ul> <p><b>Workshop 4 Matching migrants with employment opportunities on the post COVID-19 labour market</b></p> <p>Participants will discuss measures and cooperation needed to ensure an effective matching between skills and local job opportunities in the light and impacts of the recent pandemic.</p> <p><u>Interventions and innovative practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Setting the scene</b> – Jan Dannenbring, German Confederation of Skillcraft, Germany and Sonja Šarac, Independent Trade Union of Workers of Slovenia, Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>"Tremplin" programme</b> – Théo Scubla, eachOne, France</li> <li>• <b>WORKEEN App/SIRIUS Project</b> – Simone Baglioni, University of Parma, Italy</li> </ul> <p>Possible questions to frame the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to support migrant key workers in the on-going recession and recovery phases caused by the Covid-19 pandemic?</li> <li>• How to make proper use of migrant skills and to sustain integration in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery phase?</li> </ul>
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## Afternoon Session

<b>14.00 – 14.10 CET</b>	<p><b>Technical set-up</b></p> <p>Participants to log-in through the link 10 minutes before the beginning of the workshop in order to test the tool.</p>
<b>14.10 – 15.30 CET</b> GROUP B	<p><b>Group discussion B: Four parallel moderated groups</b></p> <p>The session will include the four workshops listed above to ensure broader and more active participation of delegates within smaller groups.</p>
<b>15.30 – 16.00 CET</b>	<b>BREAK</b>

16.00 – 16.20 CET	<p><b>Plenary: Key outcomes from the breakout sessions</b></p> <p>Presentation by Mutual Learning Services team summarising key points from the group discussions.</p>
16.20 – 16.35 CET	<p><b>Plenary: Funding opportunities to foster migrant inclusion</b></p> <p>The session will provide an overview of the different EU funding instruments in the area of migration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loris di Pietrantonio, Head of Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission</li> </ul>
16.35 – 16.45 CET	<p><b>Plenary: Close of Conference</b></p> <p>Closing remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Shotter, Director for Migration and Protection, DG HOME, European Commission</li> <li>• Katarina Ivanković-Knežević, Director for Social Affairs, DG EMPL, European Commission</li> </ul>