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PLATFORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

Second Working Session on Access to Health Care for Undocumented Migrants

Brussels, 22-23 May 2006

Venue : 4 Rue Saint-Jean, 1000 Brussels
(Comité National d'Action pour la Sécurité et l'Hygiène dans la Construction)
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The EU Project “Access to Health Care for Undocumented Migrants” has been co-funded by the European Commission (DG Employment and Social Affairs) in the framework of the European Social Inclusion Strategy. The overall aim of this project is to improve access to healthcare for this particularly excluded group of migrants. This aim will be reached by the creation and promotion of a reporting template that can be used by NGOs, healthcare experts and local authorities to inform the competent national authorities in charge of the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion about access to healthcare for undocumented migrants. The project gathers nineteen partners from eleven EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom).

Within the framework of this project, several working sessions are being held in Brussels. To enhance the project development and to contribute to our discussion, the first day of the working session is open to professionals with expertise on the fields of migration, health and the European Social Inclusion Strategy.

The objectives of the second working session are:

- To get a better understanding of the European Social Inclusion Strategy and its contribution to the fight against social exclusion of undocumented migrants;
- To define main health needs and barriers to access health care for a specific target group: undocumented women;
- To get to know the current work and activities carried out by project partners;

- To develop a common methodology for data collection.

The working languages of the second working session will be English and French.

DRAFT PROGRAMME¹

Monday, May 22, 2006

11:00–11:15 Welcome and Introduction by Sheila Quinn, Project Consultant, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

PART I: UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS AND THE SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY

11:15–11:30 The significance of this project to the work of advancing the rights of undocumented migrants
Speaker: Michele LeVoy, Director of PICUM

11:30–13:30 Plenary Session, moderated by Michele LeVoy (PICUM)

Keynote speakers:

The issue of undocumented migrants in the Social Inclusion Strategy: **Walter Wolf, DG Employment and Social Affaires, European Commission**

Main reasons that are blocking the inclusion of undocumented migrants as a target group of the Social Inclusion Strategy. Advocacy practices in the EAPN network: **Fintan Farrell, Director of EAPN Europe**

The issue of undocumented migrants in the Belgian National Action Plan on Social Inclusion: **Johan Vandebusshe, Cabinet du ministre de la fonction publique, de l'intégration sociale, de la politique des grandes villes et de l'égalités des chances**

13:30-14:30 *Lunch*

PART II: HEALTH NEEDS OF UNDOCUMENTED WOMEN

14:30–16:00 Plenary session, moderated by Sheila Quinn (PICUM)

Keynote speakers:

Main health needs and barriers to access healthcare of undocumented women living in Europe: **Clarisse Delorme, European Women's Lobby**

¹ Please note that all keynote speakers are to be confirmed.

Access to healthcare from the perspective of undocumented women living in Belgium: **Marcela de la Peña, Le Monde selon les Femmes** and **Samahan**

16:00-16:15 *Coffee break*

PART III: PRESENTATIONS BY SELECTED PROJECT PARTNERS

16:15-17:30 Plenary session, moderated by Sheila Quinn (PICUM)

Speakers:

Pier Franco Olivani – NAGA (Italy): NGO based in Milan providing social assistance and promoting rights of temporarily present migrant, undocumented migrants and refugees. The focus of the presentation will be the advocacy campaign that an Italian network is developing at European level to improve access to healthcare for undocumented migrants.

Didier Maille – COMEDE (France): NGO based in Paris promoting access to healthcare for asylum seekers, rejected asylum seekers and any foreigners who have difficulties to access the health system as well as providing free medical and psychological care.

Wayne Farah – NEWHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST (UK): Local health authority based in Newham (London) employing 1,050 staff and providing healthcare to a population of 243,737 persons.

Joost den Otter – PHAROS (Netherlands): Organization of health experts based in The Hague providing information on access to healthcare for undocumented migrants and asylum seekers.

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

PART IV: METHODOLOGY FOR DATA COLLECTION

9:00–9:15 Introduction

9:15-10:15 Plenary session, moderated by Sheila Quinn (PICUM)

Keynote Speakers:

Evidence based policy-making. Collecting data with a view to influencing policy: **Siobhan O'Donoghue, Migration Rights Centre Ireland**

Health care observatory set up by Médecins du Monde, **Nathalie Simmonot, Médecins du Monde, France Mission**

Experience of working with the questionnaire and the reporting template. Building a network to collect data in Lisbon, **Camila Rodrigues, JRS Portugal**

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Workshop on the Project Questionnaire I

12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:45-14:15 Workshop on the Project Questionnaire II

14:15-15:00 Plenary session, moderated by Sheila Quinn (PICUM)