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Conference

European cities integrating migrants

From Amsterdam to Zagreb: Fostering a dialogue about successful policies

7 April 2008, 9:00-18:00

**Committee of the Regions
101 Rue Belliard - Room 62 (Brussels)**

Programme

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Opening & welcome**

Luc van den Brande, President of the Committee of the Regions

Halvdan Skard, Councillor, Baerum Municipal Council (NOR), President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

Jorma Karppinen, Director, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

9:20 **Keynote speeches**

Commissioner Vladimir ŠPIDLA, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Stefano Bertozzi, Member of the Cabinet of the Vice-President Franco Frattini, Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission

9:50 – 13:00 Morning session

Moderation: *Prof. Rinus Penninx*, Director of the IMES Institute of the University of Amsterdam (NL), co-chair of Metropolis network and coordinator of IMISCOE Project

9:50 Policy-relevant research findings from the CLIP network

Hubert Krieger, Research Manager, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

10:10 Round table I

Good practices of local governance in integration policy for migrants

- *Jose Roberto Marro Ibarra*, Director of Immigration of the Basque Government (ES)
- *Sandra Frauenburger*, Executive Councillor, City of Vienna (AT) responsible for integration of migrants, representing CEMR, Member of the Steering Committee of CLIP
- *Cem Özdemir*, Member of the European Parliament for Germany
- *Martin Schieffer*, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission
- *Mehboob Khan*, Councillor for Kirklees (UK) representing the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in the Council of Europe

Debate with members, speakers, Foundation experts and participants

11.20 – 11.40 Coffee break

11:40 Round table II

Innovative policies to support social inclusion and a better access to housing for migrants

- *Imma Moraleda*, President of the Equality and Citizenship Area, Diputacio de Barcelona and Barcelona City Councillor (ES)
- *Leen Verbist*, Alderman of Antwerp for Youth, Housing, Community Building, Neighbourhood Dialogue and Development Cooperation (BE)
- *Jérôme Vignon*, Director, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- *Corinne Hermant-de Callatay*, Directorate-General for Regional Policy - Urban Development, Territorial Cohesion Unit, European Commission
- *Paul-Louis Marty*, President of CECODHAS (European Liaison Committee for Social Housing)

Debate with members, speakers, Foundation experts and participants

12:50 Closing of the morning session

Prof. Rinus Penninx, Director of the IMES Institute of the University of Amsterdam (NL), co-chair of Metropolis network and coordinator of IMISCOE Project

13:00 End of the morning session

14:30 – 18:00 Afternoon session

Moderation: *Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños*, European Economic and Social Committee

14:30 Policy-relevant research findings from the CLIP network

Sarah Spencer, Associate Director, Compas Oxford (UK)

**14:50 Round table III
Personnel policies of local authorities for migrants**

- *Hennah Buyne*, Alderman of the City of Amsterdam for Work and Income, Education, Youth, Diversity and Large Cities' Policy (NL)
- *Roger Lawrence*, Leader of the Wolverhampton City Council (UK)
- *Belinda Pyke*, Director, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- *Jeremy Smith*, General Secretary, CEMR (Council of European Municipalities and Regions)
- *Penny Clarke*, Head of EU Policy and Officer for Local and Regional Government, EPSU (European Federation of Public Service Unions)

Debate with members, speakers, Foundation experts and participants

16:00 – 16.20 Coffee break

**16:20 Round table IV
“Good” practice in service provision for migrants**

- *Hans-Josef Vogel*, Lord Mayor of Arnsberg (DE), representing the Committee of the Regions
- *Echevin Hupkens*, Alderman of the City of Liege (BE)
- *Lenia Samuel*, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- *Jean-Louis de Brouwer*, Director, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission
- *Claude Moraes*, Member of the European Parliament for the UK

Debate with members, speakers, Foundation experts and participants

17:30 Closing of the afternoon session

Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños, European Economic and Social Committee

17:40 **Conclusions and closing the conference**

Chair:

Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños, European Economic and Social Committee

The CLIP project: next steps

Martin Schairer, Mayor of Stuttgart (DE)

Jean-Louis de Brouwer, Director, Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security,
European Commission

Jorma Karppinen, Director, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and
Working Conditions

18:00 **End of the conference**

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