



BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

Minutes of the meeting of 23 April 2026

Present

Bureau members:

- **Charlotte Arwidi**, European Commission (EC), DG Migration and Home Affairs
- **Cristian Pîrvulescu**, EESC Member
- **Fatemeh Jailani**, SINGA Global
- **Alexandra Harkay**, KMOP
- **Abdourahamane Diaby**, Maria Rosa Foundation – Comparte
- **Mohammed Mustafa**, ALDA

Staff:

- **Tautvyde Daujotyte**, European Commission (EC), DG Migration and Home Affairs
- **Cristina Dumitrescu**, European Commission (EC), DG Migration and Home Affairs
- **Anna Kadar**, European Commission (EC), DG Migration and Home Affairs
- **Triin Aasmaa Gomes**, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Gemma Amran**, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Maria Månsson**, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

1. Welcome and introductions

Ms Arwidi (DG HOME) welcomed the bureau members and facilitated the introductions of the rest of the bureau members. She explained the reorganisation of DG HOME's structure, which led to her replacing former DG HOME bureau member Tina Zournatzi.

2. Evaluation of the 10th meeting of the Forum: presentation of the results of the online feedback survey and exchange of views

Ms Aasmaa Gomes (EESC) went through the evaluation results, which all the bureau members had received in written format beforehand. In short, the forum was well-received, impactful, relevant, and participants were very satisfied as a whole. Some suggested improvements were:

- more time for Q&A with policy makers;
- smaller and more focused-discussion groups and more interactive formats;
- greater involvement of migrant-led CSOs;
- better representation of the Central and Eastern perspective including Ukrainian refugees.

There was also a call for clear follow-up on how the outcomes of the EMF are taken forward.

Comments from the bureau members in response to the EMF evaluation results included:

- bearing in mind that the topic of the 10th forum was vast and that there are different views and different needs to cater for, the forum does try to respond to these differences;
- at the beginning of the 11th forum, a dedicated session could be on how the findings and recommendations of the 10th forum were taken up;
- the importance of increasing as much participation from CSOs as possible against a difficult political environment and within the constraints of legislation and policy making;
- how to prepare national CSOs fully via national pre-forums, and possibly this contributes to making the EMF a year-long activity.

3. Initial outlook for the 11th EMF – timeline and topic

The following suggestions were provided by the bureau members:

- the implementation of the Pact including the 5-year asylum and migration management strategy (the suggestion on the Pact was advocated the most by the bureau members);
- building positive narratives around migration;
- how are safe and legal pathways developed and maintained;
- crisis management and preparedness;
- inclusion and education of young people, and their sense of belonging;
- civic and political participation of migrants.

It was noted that this November may be a bit too early to be able to have a meaningful discussion on the implementation of the Pact. On the other hand, for many CSOs, November is a good time for the EMF as it allows CSOs to incorporate its findings/recommendations into their strategic planning for the following year. However, since Bureau members strongly favoured focusing on Pact implementation, there was openness to adjusting the timing of the event, including the possibility of postponing the Forum to spring. Finally, it was noted that whatever the topic may be, it is likely that it will circle back to the Pact.

As next steps, the Commission will check whether postponement to spring would have any implications on budget, as well as the calendar of events.