6th meeting of the EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

“From pandemic to recovery: challenges and best practices in migration management”

Virtual event via Swapcard

27-28 October 2021

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 27 October

08.30 – 09.00  Connecting to the Swapcard platform

09.00 – 09.30  Opening statements - moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

- Carlos Trindade, Member of the European Migration Forum Bureau, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Magdalena Jagiello, Deputy Head of Unit “Legal pathways and Integration”, Directorate-General for Home Affairs, European Commission

09.30 – 10.30  Introduction to the Forum
Migrants’ role in the recovery of our economies and societies

- Tülay Ates-Brunner, Managing Director, Tür an Tür Integrationsprojekte gGmbH, Member of the Commission expert group on the views of migrants
- Juliana Santos Wahlgren, Senior Advocacy Officer, Acting Director ENAR, Member of the Commission expert group on the views of migrants
- **Maarten van Ooijen**, Eurocities Social Affairs Chair, Deputy mayor of Utrecht

Moderated by **Anila Noor**, Managing Director, New Women Connectors, Member of the Commission expert group on the views of migrants

**Q&A session**

10.30 – 10.45  
Coffee break

10.45 – 12.30  
**Parallel workshops**

- **Workshop 1** - Exchanging on legal pathways to protection and in particular community sponsorships
- **Workshop 2** - The contribution of migrants towards recovery
- **Workshop 3** - Access to education for migrant children
- **Workshop 4** - Addressing the digital divide and digital disadvantage of migrants

12.30 – 13.30  
Lunch break

13.30 – 13.55  
**Keynote speeches**
moderated by **Laurențiu Plosceanu**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee’s Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship

- **Christa Schweng**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Ylva Johansson**, European Commissioner for Home Affairs

13.55 – 14.15  
Brief reporting of the outcome of the workshops' discussion

14.15 – 14.45  
**Presentation of the candidates for the Forum Bureau**
moderated by **Rossella Nicoletti**, Member of the Forum Bureau
Starting with remarks by the outgoing Forum Bureau members **Fernando Biague** and **Adem Kumcu**
Info on how and when the participants can vote

14.45 – 15.00  
Wrap up of the first day and info on the second day
Thursday, 28 October

08.30 – 09.00 Connecting to the Swapcard platform

9.00 – 10.00 Interactive debate - moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

- **Johannes Luchner**, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Home Affairs, European Commission
- **Juan Fernando López Aguilar**, Member of European Parliament, Chair of the LIBE Committee
- **Nataša Potočnik**, General Director, Directorate for Migration, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Vincenzo Bianco**, Vice-Chair of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), Committee of Regions

Q&A session

10.00 – 10.15 Announcement of the results of the Forum Bureau elections
moderated by **Rossella Nicoletti**, Member of the Forum Bureau

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 10.40 Final remarks

- **Marie Paule D. E. N'Guessan**, Member of the European Migration Forum Bureau
- **Paul Soete**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee’s Permanent Study Group on Immigration and Integration

10.40 – 11.45 The floor is yours – participants suggest further topics to be discussed in parallel break-out rooms

11.45 – 12.45 Marketplace of projects/best practices and Networking

Participants are invited to visit virtual booths at the Marketplace. They can reach out to the organisers of the virtual booths and schedule a virtual meeting individually/in a group via networking tool. Networking will be open until 16:00.

**Languages:**
The workshops and the session “The floor is yours” are held in English. All other sessions are interpreted from/into EN, FR, DE, ES, PT and IT.