



**3rd meeting of the Thematic study group on Immigration and Integration:
"The protection and integration of Ukrainian refugees, 9 months on: how well is it going?"**

Hybrid conference via Interactio

EESC – JDE 62

Monday, 21 November 2022, 10.00-17.00

AGENDA

09:30–10:00	Testing possibility for the Interactio tool
10:00–17:00	Conference
10:00-10:05	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul SOETE, President of the Study Group on Immigration and Integration (IMI) of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
10:05-11:20	<p>Panel I: The protection of Ukrainian refugees: the institutional perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cecilia VERKLEIJ, Deputy Head of Unit, Asylum, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission - Nataša CHMELÍČKOVÁ, Chair, Asylum Working Party, Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU, and Head of Unit for Asylum Legislation at the Czech Ministry of Interior - Lucie VERACHTEN, Political Administrator, DG Justice and Home Affairs, General Secretariat of the Council - Giuseppe VARACALLI, member of the Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs, Committee of the Regions <p>Q&A session Moderator: José Antonio MORENO DÍAZ, Group II, EESC</p>
11:20-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	<p>Panel II: The view from the ground: the challenges and strains facing refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justyna SEGEŠ FRELAK and Caitlin KATSIAFICAS, Senior Policy Adviser and Policy Analyst, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) - Gabriela ALEXANDRESCU, Executive President, Save the Children, Romania - Maria PAPAIOANNOU and Thomas JEZEQUEL, Information and Analysis Officer and Reception Officer, European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) <p>Q&A session Moderator: Paul SOETE, Group I, EESC</p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch break
14.30-15:30	Panel III: The integration of Ukrainian refugees in education, housing and employment: facts and figures



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Giuliana BENEDETTO, Policy Officer, Legal pathways and Integration, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission - Ramona DAVID CRAESCU, Department Coordinator, Department for VET and Skills, CEDEFOP - Maria CANTERO, Research Support Officer, Working life Unit, Eurofound - Sogol NOORANI, Education and Policy Systems Analyst, Eurydice, EACEA <p>Q&A session Moderator: Paul SOETE, Group I, EESC</p>
15:30-15:40	Coffee break
15:40- 16:40	<p>Panel IV: The integration of Ukrainian refugees in education, housing and employment: the perspective from social partners, civil society and think tanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robert PLUMMER, Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope - Magdalena CHOJNOWSKA, International Affairs lead, International Department, All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions (OPZZ) - Robert RANSON, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Social Platform - Jasmijn SLOOTJES, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Europe <p>Q&A Session Moderator: Pietro Vittorio BARBIERI, Group III, EESC</p>
16:40 – 16:45	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul SOETE, IMI President, Group I, EESC

Participants can **speak** and **listen** to ES/EN/FR/IT