

Migration and Integration Forum

“Je t’ aime, ... moi non plus”: Reframing migration and integration challenges in Greece and Europe

9-11 May 2019 @ Thessaloniki Municipal Hall

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Roundtable I: EU, Greece and Integration Policies

Thursday May 9th

13:30 – 14:00 Registration

14:00 – 14:30 Welcome

Moderation: **Despina Syrri** – Symbiosis, School of political studies in Greece, Network of the Council of Europe

14:30 – 16:00 **Setting the framework (Presentations)**

Global challenges around migration policies and their impact in Europe and Greece

Philippe Leclerc – UNHCR Representative in Greece

Gianluca Rocco – IOM Chief of Mission and Regional Response Coordinator

Where does the EU stand on migration and integration?

Antonia Psyrra – DG Home Migration Management Support, Greece, European Commission

A view from refugee children education: The challenges of integration to the state and society

Yiorgos Agelopoulos – Assistant Professor of social and political anthropology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Possible repercussions of European political developments in migration policies

Ioannis Papageorgiou - Professor of Political sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Discussion

16:00 - 17:00 Elaborating on the National Integration Strategy in Greece

Moderation: **Lefteris Papagiannakis** – Vice Mayor for Migrants, Refugees and Municipal Decentralization, Athens Municipality

Presentation: **Nasos Vitsentzatos** – Head of the Social Integration Directorate, Ministry for Migration Policy

Discussion

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee and snacks

17:30 – 19:00 Discussion on the European and national integration policies' and funding management and implementation

Moderation: **Chrisostomos Kalogirou** – Managing Director, Thessaloniki Major Development Agency

Dimitris Deliyiannis – Vice Mayor for Social Policy, Larisa Municipality

Vasileios Bellis – Director General of the Karditsa Municipal Development Enterprise

Andreas Karadakis – Department of Operational Planning and Development Programmes Monitoring, Thessaloniki Municipality

Discussion

19:00 – 20:30 European approaches, challenges and capabilities for social inclusion (Presentations)

Moderation: **Nikos Gionakis** – Scientific head - BABEL, Mental Health Unit for Immigrants

The positions of the European Parliament

Miltos Kyrkos – Member of the European Parliament

Council of Europe Intercultural Cities: National strategies on integration

Helena Rojas – Council of Europe expert, Director of Development, Botkyrka Municipality, Sweden

Inclusive Cities – building a distinctive city voice on inclusion

Jacqueline Broadhead – Director, Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), Oxford

Discussion

Friday May 10th

14:00 – 15:30 Discussion on the Challenges of migration and integration management in Greece

Ljubisa Vrencev – Arbeiter Samariter Bund, Greece

Nikos Rangos – Regional Coordinator for North Greece, Epirus and Thessaly, Ministry for Migration Policy

Evangelia Ktistaki – Head of Directorate for Protection of Asylum seekers, Ministry for Migration Policy

Antonia Psyrra

Konstantinos Kousaxidis – Integration Coordinator, IOM, Greece

Petros Mastakas – Protection, UNCHR Greece

Vasiliki Katrivanou – Refugee and migrant children education dept, Ministry of Education Discussion

15:30 – 16:30 Integration, social cohesion, acquiring Greek citizenship: an assessment of recent legislative developments

Moderation: **Petros Mastakas**

Lampros Baltiotis – Special Secretary for Citizenship, Ministry of Interior

Kostantinos Tsitselikis – Professor of International Law, Department of Balkan, Slavic & Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia

Maria Fassari – Head of International Relations Department, Directorate of European and International Affairs, Ministry of Education

Discussion

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee and snacks

Roundtable II: Civic & Social Rights, Citizenship and the City

17:00 - 18:00 Migrants and refugees organise (Discussion)

Moderation: **Lampros Baltiotis**

Mahmud Abdelrasoul – ALMASAR, Athens

Yonous Muhammadi – Greek Forum of Refugees, Athens

Sebene Eshete – Generation 2.0, Athens

18:00 - 19:00 Discussion on how changing migration patterns impact on civil society in Greece and in Turkey

Moderation: **Neslihan Ozgunes** – Participatory Process Facilitator and Capacity Building Expert, EC expert on development programmes

Kristen Sarah Biehl – Sabanci University (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences / Researcher, Gender & Women's Studies Centre of Excellence), Istanbul

Katerina Poutou – social worker/ARSIS, Social Association for the support of youth/founder, Athens

Naya Tselepi – ANTIGONE, Information and Documentation Center on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non-Violence, Thessaloniki

Discussion

19:00 - 20:30 A reality check on the condition for integration in everyday life

Moderation: **Despina Syrri**

Alexis Benos - Professor in Social Medicine & Primary Health Care, Medical School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Nikos Gionakis

Tina Stavrinaki - Assistant coordinator for Racist Violence Recording Network (RVRN), UNHCR

Nefeli Pandiri, ARSIS, Thessaloniki

Discussion

Saturday May 11th

10:00 - 11:30 Migration and the City: Setting the Framework (Presentations)

Moderation: **Despina Syrri**

The social geography of refugees' and migrants' housing: concentrations, segregation, accommodation practices and housing policies

Panos Chatziprokopiou – Professor, School of Spatial Planning and Development, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Refugees' integration in the urban context

Matilde de Riedmatten – Protection Officer, UNHCR

Lazaros Petromelidis – FEANTSA, Network for the Right to Housing and to Home, Athens

Community Centres in Turkey: histories, practices and visions in a migration context

Kristen Sarah Biehl

Discussion

11:30 - 13:00 Discussion on Migration, 'resilience' and local development

Focus on Social and Solidary economy and labour inclusion of refugees and migrants

Moderation: **Panos Chatziprokopiou, Sofia Aslanidou** – Appointed municipal councillor for the support and social integration of refugees and migrants

Stefania Pantazi – PRAKSIS Thessaloniki

Stefanos Kamperis – OMNES, Kilkis

Mary Asvesta – Solidarity Now, Thessaloniki

Dorothee Vakali – Naomi, Thessaloniki

Valbona Hystuna – ARSIS' Youth Support Centre, Thessaloniki Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Discussion on Governing migration at the local level: possibilities and limits

Moderation: **Lefteris Papagiannakis**

Jacqueline Broadhead

Diona Lampiri – Former Athens Coordination Centre for Migrant and Refugee Issues (ACCMR)

Stephen Catling – Integration Advisor, IOM, Greece

Helena Rojas

Discussion

14:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:30 Civil society and integration: contradictions, challenges, perspectives (Discussion)

- Living together, strangers or/and neighbours: conflict resolution, mediation & consultation
- Living here, residents = citizens, seeking inclusion and social cohesion through participation

Moderation: **Lazaros Petromelidis, Sofia Aslanidou**

Virginia Politi – Head of Social Policy and Gender Equality department, Directorate for Social Protection and Public Health, Thessaloniki Municipality

Volunteering among Migrants – VAI Research Findings, Aristotle University

Panayiota Kaisari Ernst – UNICEF, Athens

PRAKSIS – Local Alliance for Integration programme, Thessaloniki

Sofia Garane – Medecins du Monde, Greece, Thessaloniki Open Multi-Clinic

Welcoming Standard Research Findings – Gordan Jordanov, Joanna Grylli, Drew Schmidt American College of Thessaloniki Michael and Kitty Dukakis Center for Public and Humanitarian Service

Greek-Arab Friendship Association – Thessaloniki

Discussion