

Promoting an Inclusive Europe: Supporting the Effective Integration of non-EU Migrants



Thursday 6th September 2018

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre,
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Overview

The number of third-country citizens living in the EU in January 2016 was 20.7 million, representing 4.1 % of the EU-28 population (Eurostat, 2017). The largest numbers of non-nationals living in the EU Member States were found in Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain and France. Non-EU citizens residing in these Member States collectively accounted for 76% of the total of non-nationals living in the EU, while the same five Member States represented 63% of the EU-28's population (Eurostat, 2017).

The EU has the task to encourage and support the actions of Member States aimed at promoting the integration of citizens of non-EU countries. The EU Integration Action Plan of Third-Country Nationals, published by the European Commission in June 2016, is the most recent document setting the objectives about integration policy, and describing the measures implemented at EU level concerning, among other things, pre-departure and pre-arrival actions, education, employment and vocational training. With specific regard to the promotion of labour market integration, in December 2017 the Commission and the European Social and Economic partners signed the "European Partnership for Integration", laying down key principles and commitments aimed at enhancing the opportunities for refugees and migrants to participate in the labour market.

Despite the efforts of EU Member States to build effective integration policies coherent with their national contexts, third-country nationals face higher risk of poverty and social exclusion, as well as worse opportunities to access basic services, compared to EU citizens. The early inclusion in the labour market of those legally residing in the EU is therefore a key component of the integration process, but it is also beneficial for the economies of the host communities. In destination countries, migration may serve as a solution to specific labour market shortages, while contributing to the sustainability of welfare systems in the context of the ongoing trend of population ageing.

This international symposium provides a timely opportunity to discuss the current developments and challenges of integration in Europe, and to assess the state-of-play in the implementation of the EU framework supporting Member States' integration policies. The conference will also promote the exchange of ideas and encourage delegates to engage in thought-provoking topical debate, whilst sharing best practice and lessons learnt.

Venue and Accommodation

Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre
Avenue du Boulevard 17
1210 Brussels
Belgium



Why Attend?

- ✓ Assess the EU policy framework for non EU migrant integration
- ✓ Explore solutions to improve the access of third-country nationals to basic services
- ✓ Discuss ways to enable equal access to the labour market for migrants
- ✓ Explore possibilities to improve the procedures for the recognition of qualifications and skills
- ✓ Consider the role of host communities in implementing successful integration processes
- ✓ Explore possibilities for increasing the cooperation between governments, local authorities and civil society
- ✓ Build strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders in the public and private sector

Who Should Attend?

- Equal Opportunities Officers
- Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
- Immigration Advisers
- Legal Advisers
- Lawyers
- Campaigning Organisations
- Private Sectors Employers
- Public Sector Employers
- Central Government Departments and Bodies
- Regulatory Bodies
- Citizens' Advice
- EU Officials
- Children and Youth Services
- Social Workers and Social Services Officers
- Local, Regional and National Authorities
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- School Authorities and Local Education Welfare Authorities
- Workers and Employers Confederations
- Migration Organisations

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Programme

- 09:15** Registration and Morning Refreshments
- 10:00** Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 10:10** **Taking Stock of the EU's Policy Framework on Integration**
- Evaluating the Implementation of the Integration Action Plan
 - Assessing the Effectiveness of Funding Instruments for Integration
 - Discussing Future Challenges in Light of the Current Migratory Flows
- 10:40** **First Round of Discussions**
- 11:10** Morning Coffee Break
- 11:30** **Facilitating Access to Basic Services in Host Countries**
- Ensuring Adequate Housing Solutions: Combating Geographical Isolation and Ghettoisation
 - Improving Accessibility to Healthcare: Tailoring Health Strategies to Specific Demographic Needs
 - Strengthening the Coordination among Different Institutional Actors
- 12:00** **Second Round of Discussions**
- 12:30** Networking Lunch
- 13:30** **Improving Opportunities to Access the Labour Market**
- Ensuring the Timely Identification of Skills and Facilitating the Recognition of Qualifications
 - Providing a Secure Labour Environment: Fighting the Exploitation of Foreign Workers
 - Promoting and Incentivising Migrant Entrepreneurship
- 14:00** **Third Round of Discussions**
- 14:30** Afternoon Coffee Break
- 14:50** **Fostering Social Inclusion and Active Participation within the Local Community**
- Boosting the Inclusiveness of Education Systems
 - Fighting Discrimination and Fostering the Inter-cultural Communication with the Receiving Communities
 - Promoting the Participation in the Local Community's Political Life
- 15:20** **Fourth Round of Discussions**
- 15:50** Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
- 16:00** Networking Reception
- 16:30** Close

Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice

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Forthcoming Events

Promoting Cultural and Creative Industries: Maximising their Economic and Social Contribution in the EU
27th March 2018

Building a Brighter Future: Promoting, Protecting and Improving Young People's Mental Health in Europe
28th March 2018

Digital Skills for Everyone: Accelerating Europe's Competitiveness and Inclusive Growth
5th April 2018

Fostering Gender Equality in the Workplace: Developing Inclusive Labour Markets for Women Across the EU
10th April 2018

The Future of Tourism in the EU: Fostering Sustainability and Digitisation
12th April 2018

8th Annual International Symposium on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling
17th April 2018

Tackling Youth Unemployment in the EU: Closing the Skills Gaps, Promoting Entrepreneurship and Developing Viable Solutions
15th May 2018


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