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13.30-14.00 Welcoming coffee

14.00-14.05 Welcoming words

Yves Pascouau (European Policy Centre) will welcome participants and explain briefly the outline of the event, and what is expected of researchers, discussants and participants.

14.05.14.30 Opening Speeches

Stefano Manservigi, Director General, European Commission, DG Home

Guia Gilardoni, KING Project, ISMU Foundation

14.30-15.30 Session 1 - Economics: Migrants and EU Member States' economies

The first session of the brainstorming event will focus on the economic dimension of the KING project. Professor Alessandra Venturini will present the results of her research focusing on the impact that migration had, and still has, on the European Union economies. In particular, she will explore whether and how migrants and their successful integration into the receiving countries' societies can be an important contribution to EU economic and social development. Which is the role migrants play in the labour market? Do they really contribute to the economy? Does Europe need high skilled and/or low skilled migrants? Do we really need economically integrated migrants? Following Alessandra Venturini's presentation, Wolfgang Müller (German Federal Employment Agency) and Krzysztof Nowaczek (European Commission, DG employment) and will discuss the current outcomes of this economic approach and suggest other possible avenues for research. At the end of this first session, the floor will be given to the participants for a questions and answers session as to contribute in terms of study alternatives and perspectives.

Presentation Alessandra Venturini (Università degli Studi di Torino – European University Institute)

Discussants Wolfgang Müller (German BundesAgentüt für Arbiet – German Federal Employment Agency)

Krzysztof Nowaczek (European Commission, DG Employment, Policy coordinator in the European Employment strategy Unit)

Q & A

15.30-16.30 Session 2 - Sociology: Local level and local policy-making

The second session will take into consideration the sociological dimension of integration and will concentrate on migrant integration at the local level, therefore on local policies (integration capacities, role of cities and regional governments). The session will start with Professor Rinnus Penninx's presentation. The specific role of cities and intra-cities organizations plays a key role which deserves further analysis in terms of "Integration as a two-way process", the identification of players in the process and programmes aiming at improving cultural integration and social cohesion. Thomas Jézéquel (Eurocities) will afterwards discuss on the basis of the presentation and provide for input in terms of integration mechanisms and integration challenges at local and regional level. This second part will be closed by a questions and answers session.

Keynote presentation Rinnus Penninx (Emeritus Professor at the University of Amsterdam)

Discussants Thomas Jézéquel, Eurocities

Q & A

16.30-17.30 Session 3 – Political Science: the multilevel governance

The third part of the brainstorming session will consist in the political science approach to migrant integration and will be dedicated to the concept of multilevel governance and its application in this field. Professor Alberto Martinelli will give a presentation on the outcomes of his study identifying the most appropriate institutional level at which integration issues should be addressed. Which integration instruments have been set up? How do they function and what conclusions can be drawn from these experiences in the future? Subsequently, Liz Collet (Migration Policy Institute) and Didier Boone (Centre for Equal Opportunities and Combat against Racism) will discuss the presentation and give feedback on the role of the EU in terms of migrants' integration and the possibility to mainstream integration policies. This third part will also be followed by a questions and answers session.

Presentation Alberto Martinelli (Emeritus Professor at Università degli Studi di Milano)

Discussants Liz Collett, MPI
Didier Boone, Policy officer, Centre for Equal Opportunities and
Combat against Racism

Q & A

17.30-17.45 Closing remarks by Yves Pascouau (EPC) and Giulia Amaducci (DG HOME)