

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)