

17th Meeting of the European Integration Network

Annotated Agenda

First Day – 9 December

Conference Centre Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36 – 1040 Etterbeek, Room 1B

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome Coffee

9.30 – 10:00 Introduction and opening remarks

Michael Shotter, Director Migration and Asylum, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.

Session I: EU funds to support integration: accessibility, objectives, and ways to improve synergies

10:00 – 10:45 Presentations from (including Q&A after the presentations):

- Guido Castellano, Directorate-General for Migration and Home affairs (DG HOME), Unit E.1, Funds coordination
- Simona Pulbere, Directorate-General for Employment, Social affairs, and inclusion (DG EMPL), Unit G.1, European Social Fund Plus.

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Focused Breakout Sessions on (see details in the concept note):

- Exploring synergies between transnational projects and Member States programmes under AMIF and ESF+
- Accessing AMIF for migrant-led organisations and local and regional authorities: main challenges and lessons learnt
- The use of financial instruments under AMIF and other EU funds
- Other EU funds for the integration of third-country nationals

12:30 – 13:00 Reporting back key takeaways from Breakout Sessions

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Session II: The participation of migrants in the design and implementation of integration-relevant policies

14:30 – 15:30 **Presentations from** (including Q&A after the presentations):

- Alexander Wolffhardt – Deputy Director, Migration Policy Group, Brussels
- Razan Ismail – Founder and Managing Director of Kudwa.org and member of the Commission Expert Group on the views of migrants
- Stefan Grasgruber-Kerl – Head of Campaigning, Südwind, Vienna

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 **Breakout Sessions** (based on guiding questions laid down in the concept note):

17:00 – 17:30 **Reporting key Takeaways from Breakout Sessions**

19:30 *Dinner (at participants' own expenses), Kamilou, Rue Joseph II 36, 1000 Brussels*

Second Day – 10 December

DG Home, Rue du Luxembourg 46 – 1049 Brussels, Room Falcone Borsellino

09:00 - 09:10 Opening remarks

Anita Vella, Head of Unit, Unit C2 Legal Pathways and integration,
Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.

09:10 - 10:30 Reporting from the Commission (including discussions)

- Implementation of the Pact on Asylum and Migration,
- Mid-term review of the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021 – 2027.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 Integration-related activities: reporting from the Commission and EIN representatives

- Reporting from EIN representatives on integration-related initiatives,
- Follow-up from the previous EIN meeting (Leuven and Liège) on developments regarding inclusive education,
- Ongoing and future EIN related activities: Update from DG HOME on EWSI, Urban Agenda Partnership on inclusion of migrants and refugees, mutual assistance projects etc.,
- Preparation of the next EIN meeting,
- Any Other Business.

13:00 – 13:15 Closing remarks

Aurélié Belzunces, Head of Sector Integration and resettlement, Unit C2,
Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.