

European Union Strategy for the Danube Region

Joint working group meeting of PA9/WG 6 & PA10/WG 1 on

Migration Management at the local level

Draft Agenda

Venue:

Esterházy Palace

Eisenstadt, Austria

**Tuesday, 24 June 2014 (12:00 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.) to
Wednesday, 25 June 2014 (9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.)**

This working group meeting will be organized by the International Organization for Migration (Regional Office for Eastern Europe, South Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Vienna) as a joint meeting of Working Group 6 on cross-sector policy coordination to address demographic and migration challenges under Priority Area 9 and Working Group 1 on Public Administration Reform under Priority Area 10 in the framework of the **PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE DANUBE STRATEGY**, funded by PA 9, PA 10 and the Foundation Foster Europe.

Wednesday, 24 June 2014

- 12:00 Arrival of participants in Eisenstadt
- 12:00-12:15 Welcome and introduction (Ms. Irena Lukac, PA 10. Ms. Ester Bergmann, PA 9 and Ms. Tanja Dedovic, RO Vienna)
- 12:15-12:30 Aim of the joint Working Group meeting and the Participation Day, quick overview of the Agenda
- 12:30-13:00 „Strategy building process in the Seemig project” – SEEMIG, Attila Melegh
- 13:00-13:30 „MMWD Approach to Local Strategy Making: demographic change and migration at the heart of a future oriented vision of local development” – MMWD, Anna Colleo
- 13:30 – 14:00 discussion of regional projects and their achievements/impact for local authorities
- 14:00 – 14:30 „Data needs and data use in local strategies of Sfântu Gheorghe” – Municipality of Sfântu Gheorghe (RO), Mr. Gergely Buja on tools that might be used by a public authority to actively adapt to challenges as out migration an demographic change and to find solutions on issues encountered by communities
- 14:30 – 15:00 „Effects of migration and demographic change on regional strategic planning in Sumadija and Pomoravlje” – REDASP Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje (RS), Marica Gajic on experience of REDASP and local municipalities of the region
- 15:00 – 15:30 Discussion with coffee
- 15:30 – 16:00 „The challenges and management of migration in Municipality of Vratsa” – city of Vratsa (BG), Ralitsa Geshovska on the achievements of Municipality of Vratsa as a result of participation in project MMWD – demographic projections and policy scenarios for the period 2012-2020
- 16:00 – 16:30 presentation VI – Labor Market Information Centre (MOL), Ms. Budeanu on structure, functions, services provided by the National Employment Agency to MOL labor migrants
- 16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

18:00 Diner at Heurigen

Thursday, 25 June 2014

- 9:00-9:30 „Diversity management in Vienna“ - city of Vienna (AT) - MA17, David Beraha
- 9:30-10:00 „Making it work“ –MigHelp (HU), Peter James about his experience integrating migrants/refugees and migrants attitude towards integration
- 10:00 – 10:30 "Nalas and Migration Management in SEE" – NALAS network of local authorities in the SEE, Izidor Jerala on activities in urban planning, which could be relevant for migration management in SEE
- 10:30 – 11:00 „Cooperation between NGOs and local municipalities - empowering of migrants“ – director of Integration Center Prague city of Prague, Pavla Jenkova on how NGOs cooperate with municipalities and how they support migrants
- 11:00 – 11:30 produce summary of working group discussions and findings
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Lunch and Reception of Participation Day**
- 13:00 – 14:30 Participation of the Working Group members in Half Day Conference and Forum of Participation Day
- 14:00 - 17:00 Participation of Working group members in 4 *Villages on the wheel (free choice)*:
a) Local Administration
b) Civil Society
c) Culture
d) Youth
- 17:00 Closing Plenary

Transport by bus to Vienna

Migration Management at the local level

A joint working group meeting of PA9 and PA10
as a side event to the
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Local and regional authorities are at the forefront in facing the effects of current demographic, economic and social changes, and their mutual implications in terms of overall cohesion and competitiveness of their territories. They are confronted with the need to actively govern such processes, regaining their full planning and strategic capacity, instead of limiting their action to managing their ultimate effects.

Working Group participants have the possibility to exchange and discuss with each other their activities and practices, often implemented in partnership with externally funded projects, in trying to manage migration to and from their communities: starting with information campaign to warn about the risks of irregular migration and labor exploitation or trafficking in human beings, to community stabilization measures to stem the outflow of population, to projects trying to mitigate the negative social impact of migration of parents to finally initiatives trying to actively reach out to and engage with the diaspora communities. Cities and communities in destination countries shall report on their efforts to better integrate and accommodate migrant communities and how they can support them in linking up with their home communities.

In addition the Working group participants shall be informed about two projects which are currently being funded and implemented under the SEE programme, namely the SEEMIG, MMWD. Both projects are aiming to enhance the capacity of public administrations to anticipate, understand the implications of current demographic change and migration for the sustainable growth of SEE regions and cities. Both projects want to assist local authorities in developing and implementing policies and strategies by using enhanced datasets and empirical evidence.

The Working group will aim to identify in the conclusions which are the main obstacles and challenges for local authorities to effectively manage migration:

- Availability of data on emigration, diaspora communities, immigration (also internal migration)
- Capacity to produce forecasts on demographic change and migration and its impact on human resources and labor markets
- Capacity to analyse data and develop evidence based policies and action plans
- Funding to implement policies and action plans
- Adequate competences for local authorities to develop and implement local migration management measures (decentralization)

The main findings and discourses of the Working Group will also be discussed in a special Workshop on Participation in the Danube Strategy in the 3rd Annual Forum of the EUSDR in Vienna. All participants of the Eisenstadt working group meeting are encouraged and invited to register and participate in the 3rd Annual Forum of the EUSDR in Vienna.