

EUROPE AT THE CROSSROADS

European Conference on the Contribution of Civil Society to the Integration of Refugees in Europe

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Kalkscheune – Johannisstr. 2, 10117 Berlin

The handling of the continuing influx of refugees remains a great challenge for Europe. This will not succeed without the contribution of volunteers and civil society. Beyond the question of admission and registration regulations, integration and social participation of refugees make up the most pressing issue in many European countries.

With this European Conference EUROPE AT THE CROSSROADS, the organisers BBE – German National Network for Civil Society (Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement) – and European Volunteer Centre CEV aim to

- highlight the important contribution of civil society in the support and attendance of refugees across Europe,
- showcase examples of good practice and encourage project transfer, especially in the areas of sports, arts and culture as well as through mentoring programmes and within the cooperation of (local) governments and civil society,
- promote cross-border cooperation of civil society initiatives, especially on the issue of attendance of refugees.

The organisers wish to contribute to a truly European civil society dialogue on value-based approaches and transnational cooperation in our engagement for the integration of refugees.

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Thursday, 4 May 2017

12.00	Registration Light Lunch
13.00	Welcome and Introduction Thomas Rübke President of the BBE Gabriella Civico Director of the European Volunteer Centre – CEV Frank Heuberger Moderator, BBE-Representative for European Affairs
13.15	Food for Thought: What is at Stake? Miriam Ekiudoko President of Ebony African Cultural, Arts and Human Rights Organisation
13.30	Keynote: Asylum and Integration in Europe Michael Diedring Director of the European Programme for Integration and Migration – EPIM
14.00	Panel Discussion: Refuge – Asylum – Integration: National Perspectives and Measurements from the view of Civil Society Anton Alsander Project Leader “Asylum Network”, Forum, Sweden Elena Gallová-Kriglerová Director of CVEK, Slovakia Michael Diedring Director of the European Programme for Integration and Migration – EPIM
15.00	Coffee Break

15.30	Working Groups: Places and Methods of Integration
	<p>(1) Integration through Sports European Sports Inclusion Network: Kurt Wachter, VIDC</p>
	<p>(2) Civic Engagement of Refugees and Migrants Migrant Organisation in Sweden: Michel Lefranc, France Bénévolat</p>
	<p>(3) Integration through Mentoring “Sharing through Mentoring”-Programme: Magdalena Böhm, ICMC</p>
	<p>(4) Cooperation of Administration and Civil Society in Communities The Case of Catalonia: Oriol Amorós, Catalan Government</p>
17.00	Coffee Break
17.15	Gallery Walk: Findings of the Working Groups
17.30	<p>“Critical Feedback”: Civic Engagement from the Perspectives of Migrants</p> <p>Miriam Ekiudoko Ebony African Cultural, Arts and Human Rights Organisation, Hungary</p> <p>James Omolo Africa Connect Foundation, Poland</p> <p>Georginah Njoki Diaspora Women Association Slovenia</p> <p>Abdou Rahime Diallo Moderator, VENROB</p>
18.30	End of the First Day

Friday, 5 May 2017

09.30	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Frank Heuberger Moderator, BBE-Representative for European Affairs</p>
09.35	<p>Keynote: Refuge – Asylum – Integration: European Solidarity at Test?</p> <p>Elisabeth Kotthaus Deputy Head of Political Section of the Representation of the European Commission to Germany</p>

<p>09.50</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: European Solidarity at Test? The Role of Civil Society</p> <p>Anna Rurka President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Bernd Hüttemann Secretary General of the European Movement Germany – EBD</p> <p>Gabriella Civico Director of the European Volunteer Centre – CEV</p>
<p>11.00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11.30</p>	<p>Parallel Working Groups: Transnational Cooperation for the Integration of Refugees: Lessons learnt from European Projects</p> <hr/> <p>(5) Comparative Research Projects Volontheke: Nives Ivelja, MI Volunteering for Refugees: Larena Nellies-Ortiz, University Osnabrück</p> <hr/> <p>(6) Hands-on Projects Talents-Project: Michel Lefranc, France Bénévolat SHARE: Magdalena Böhm, ICMC</p> <hr/> <p>(7) Cross-Border Cooperation for traumatised Refugees Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace: Sandra Maric, CWWPP</p>
<p>13.00</p>	<p>Wrap-up and Perspectives</p> <p>Ansgar Klein Executive Director of the BBE</p>
<p>13.30</p>	<p>End of the Conference</p>
<p>14.30</p>	<p>Field Trips in Berlin (optional) Visits to selected Projects working for Refugee Integration</p>