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International Conference Cities, Migration and Integration: Challenges, Responsibilities and Inspiration

WHEN:

14 May 2019

09:00 – 17:00

WHERE:

Kaiserstejn Palace,

Malostranské náměstí 23/37,

110 00 Prague 1

SPEAKING:

Jan Braat, Pablo Rojas Coppari,

Tyler Golden, Jan Janoušek, Birgit Köbl,

Vít Rakušan a Amil Sharifov

The conference is co-organised by the Consortium of Migrant Assisting Organisations, the Association for Integration and Migration, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Prague Office, and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) under the auspices of the Mayor of Prague, Zdeněk Hřib.

It will introduce innovative approaches, inspirational foreign and Czech examples and functional models of engaging diverse actors in the integration of foreigners at the local level. Among a wide spectre of participants – representatives of municipalities, state administration, employers, civil society organisations or academics – there will also be international guests whose experience will contribute to the debate on empowering municipalities in the area of migrant integration. For more information, please, see the agenda below.

To register for the conference, please, follow [this link](#).

AGENDA

Conference languages are Czech and English, simultaneous interpreting will be provided at both plenary debates and at workshops where indicated.

9.00–9.15

Opening Remarks

Hana Třeštková, Councillor, City of Prague (tbc)

Klaus Linsenmeier, Director, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Praha

Meaghan Fitzgerald, Deputy Head of Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR

9.15–10.45

Migrant integration at the local level: A multilevel governance approach

Moderator: **Magda Faltová**, Director, Association for Integration and Migration

Panelists:

- **Pablo Rojas Coppari**, Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser, OSCE/ODIHR
- **Jan Janoušek**, Migrant Integration Specialist, City of Prague
- **Jan Braat**, Senior Adviser on Integration, City of Utrecht

10.45–11.00

Coffee break

11.00–12.20

Workshops I

Workshop 1 (in English)

Implementing evaluation processes of local integration policies

Moderator: **Pablo Rojas Coppari**, Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser, OSCE/ODIHR

Speakers:

- **Kai Leptien**, Integration Policy, Berlin Senate (tbc)
- **Jan Braat**, Senior Adviser on Integration, City of Utrecht

Short summary: We will examine the importance of evaluating functionality and efficiency of integration policies at the local level. How to implement evaluation processes and engage stakeholders to actively participate in them. The experience of the City of Utrecht and the City of Berlin will be introduced as the starting point for the discussion.

Workshop 2 (in English with Czech interpretation)

A participative approach to integration policy at the local level: How to engage migrants?

Moderator: **Meaghan Fitzgerald**, Deputy Head of Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR

Speakers:

- **Vasco Malta**, Deputy High Commissioner for Migration, Portugal
- **Anca Covrigova**, Head of Methodology, Integration Centre Prague

Short summary: In this workshop we will identify practices and processes that support the engagement of migrants at the local level. How do we implement integration policies in a participatory way? The experiences of Portugal and Czech Republic will be presented by the speakers.

Workshop 3 (in Czech)

Where do we start? Mapping the situation at the local level and working with available data.

Moderator: **Eva Valentová**, Association for Integration and Migration

Speakers:

- **Jana Kadlečíková**, Senior Researcher, Centre for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture CVEK
- **Barbora Chrudimská**, Data Analyst, Association for Integration and Migration

Short summary: We will examine the possibilities and practices in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, how to start the process of creating integration policies and/or measures based on a thorough mapping of the situation on the ground. Available data will be presented, how and where to source, use and interpret them.

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12.20–13.30 **Lunch**

13.30–15.00 **Panel Discussion II – Social integration of migrant workers: the role of local authorities and employers**

Moderator: **Andrea Krchová**, Director, Consortium of Migrant Assisting Organisations

Speakers:

- **Vít Rakušan**, Mayor of Kolín; Member of Parliament; Chairman of STAN party
- **Amil Sharifov**, Coordinator of refugee work and integration, City of Erlangen
- **Tyler Golden**, Head of People at Mews Systems, Prague
- **Birgit Köbl**, Head of Partnership, ReDi School, Munich

15.00–15.15 **Coffee break**

15.15–16.45 **Workshops II**

Workshop 1 (in English)

Creative approaches to fostering cooperation between municipalities and employers – The role of the NGO sector

Speakers:

- **Birgit Köbl**, Head of Partnership, ReDi School, Munich
- **Jan Kopkáš**, Executive Manager, Brno Expat Centre

Short summary: The integration of foreign workers at the local level is a very complex issue requiring a close cooperation of various actors, local municipalities and employers in particular. Drawing on inspirational experience of the ReDi School and the Brno Expat Centre, the workshop will discuss what role the non-governmental sector can play in interconnecting cities and employers and providing necessary services. We will present good practices and discuss obstacles and greatest challenges.

Workshop 2 (in English with Czech interpretation)

'Open state' versus 'safe state': Government policies and the needs of cities and employers

Speakers:

- **Agnieszka Mikulska-Jolles**, Head of the Integration and Minority Rights Programme, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw
- **Amil Sharifov**, Coordinator of refugee work and integration, City of Erlangen (TBC)

Short summary: We will focus on tensions between government's security-focused migration and integration policies, the need of employers and the role of cities in this matter. Based on Polish, German and Czech experiences, the workshop will focus on introducing positive examples and searching for new solutions for cities to engage in the integration of an increasing number of foreigners.

Workshop 3 (in Czech, facilitated by Diaconia ECCB)

Labour migration according to Czech law and the practice

Speakers:

- **Miroslav Mejtský**, Co-founder and Partner, Immigration law firm Petyovský & Partners (TBC)
- **Andrea Felixová**, Human Resources Generalist, Landis+Gyr

Short summary: While unemployment in the Czech Republic is at a historic low, the amount of procedures and bureaucracy related to labour migration of third country nationals is still very demanding. Is the current Czech legislative environment adequate for today's Europe? And how can employers effectively operate given current regulations on foreign employment?

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Workshop 4 (in Czech, facilitated by the Centre for Integration of Foreigners (CIC))
Mapping the situation and needs of migrants at the local level: Got a job, now what?

Facilitator:

Lenka Pavelková, Faculty of Science, Charles University; External collaborator, Centre for Integration of Foreigners (CIC)

Short summary: We will present on the current situation of migrant employment in the Kolín region, based on the materials collected by CIC. A productive workshop will follow on often overlook topics connected to the employment of foreigners, including housing, access to education and other services. We will also discuss the role of local administration.

16.45–17.00

Closing Remarks

Andrea Krchová, Director, Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations

Magda Faltová, Director, Association for Migration and Integration

An international conference “Education and Capacity Building for Work with Migrants” will precede the conference at the same venue on Monday, 13 May 2019. The event is organised by IOM International Organisation for Migration within the framework of the project “Qualitative services at local level for migrants and refugees” (Q-SER). For more information see:

<http://www.iom.cz/home> and <http://www.iom.cz/home/q-ser-international-project>.