



St. Martin's Day



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*Wielkopolska Region and European Citizens Action Services (ECAS)
have the pleasure
to invite you to a seminar*

Migration and Cohesion

*Wednesday, 17th November
9.30 – 13.00*

*at the Wielkopolska Region Brussels Office
Avenue de l'Yser 19 (Merode metro station), 1040 Brussels*

Programme

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.30 Welcome address

Monika Kapturska, Director of the Wielkopolska Region Brussels Office

Keynote address

Professor **Danuta Hübner**, Chairwoman of the Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament

Open debate chaired by

Tony Venables, ECAS Director

Questions: What do we think about the current EU efforts on migration? Could these be scaled up in the context of the EU Cohesion policy? How can the case be made to convince policy makers in a period marked by caution and budget austerity?

11.15 Coffee Break

11.30 Response from a panel of experts and practitioners:

Andor Ürmös, Policy Analyst, Unit D2 Thematic Coordination, Innovation, DG Regio, European Commission

Ewa Sadowska, CEO, Barka UK

Deborah Guidetti, Programme Manager, European Programme for Integration and Migration

Anais Faure Atger, Researcher at the Centre for European Policy Studies

Thomas Wobben, Representative of Saxony Anhalt, ECAS Board member

Luca Jahier, member of the EESC, European Forum on Migration

Nària Tello Clusella, Policy Officer, Governance & International Cooperation, Eurocities

Questions: In what way could projects be scaled up in the context of cohesion policy? In theory this is already possible, but what are the obstacles and how can they be overcome? Do we need a European coalition of stakeholders on migration?

12.45 Conclusions

13.00 Lunch

Description

The European Union is based on the core principle of free movement of persons and the creation of a single labour market. Particularly since the last enlargements free movement has become a societal issue in host countries and countries of origin.

In 'an agenda for a reformed cohesion policy' subtitled 'a place-based approach to meeting European Union challenges and expectations' the author, Fabrizio Barca, singles out migration as one of the major challenges. Therefore, the report proposes that managing the social consequence of migration should be one of the core priorities of the Cohesion policy.

The above issues will be the topic of the seminar Migration and Cohesion, which is open to all practitioners working with the structural funds, regional authorities, NGOs, academics specialised in migration, as well as the representatives of the EU Institutions.

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