

Social and economic impact of migration: Central and East-European perspectives

Date: 17 - 18 November, 2011

Meeting venue: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
Nowogrodzka 1/3/5, 00-513, Warsaw, Poland

Interpretation: English/ Polish in plenary and in Workshop 1

PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Thursday 17 November

- 8.30 - 9.15 **Registration and coffee**
- 9.15 - 9.30 **Opening and welcome**
Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director - Eurofound
- 9.30 – 10.00 **Keynote addresses**
- Czesława Ostrowska**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Poland
- László Andor**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion - European Commission (via video link)
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Thematic session - Social and employment impacts of emigration**
- Chair: Radosław Mleczko, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Poland*
- Setting the scene – Overview of current and projected emigration types and trends in Central and Eastern Europe*
- Constantinos Fotakis**, Adviser to the Director in the Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations Unit of DG Employment
- Péter Makara**, Professor, Scientific Advisor, Semmelweis University, Hungary
- Commentator: Anna Krasteva**, Director, Centre for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies (CERMES), Bulgaria
- Discussion**

11.00 - 11.20 **Coffee break**

11.20 – 13.00 **Thematic Session - Challenges of emigration for the sending countries**

Chair: Martin Blomsma, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (NL)

Social consequences and challenges of emigration

Charles Woolfson, Professor of Labour Studies, Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society, Sweden

Jörg Peschner - Seconded National Expert, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Discussion

Employment consequences and challenges of emigration

Vladimíra Drbalová, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Czech Republic

Sebastian Klähn, Coordinator, European Employment Services (EURES-TriRegio)

Discussion

13.00 **Lunch**

14.30 - 16.10 **Parallel thematic working groups**

**Workshop 1: Impact of migration on families, children and young adults.
Presentation of measures to address the problems**

Moderator: William Lay, Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE)

Contributions from:

Iryna Brych, Migration Officer, Caritas Ukraine

Rapporteur: Sergey Khrychikov, Council of Europe

Workshop 2: Addressing labour shortages

Moderator: Klara Foti, Research Manager, Living Conditions and Quality of Life Unit - Eurofound

Contributions from:

John Hurley, Research Officer, Employment & Competitiveness Unit, Eurofound

Giovanni Lamura, Senior Gerontologist, Italian National Institute of Health and Science on Aging (INCRA), Ancona, Italy

Rapporteur: Piotr Sarnecki, Director of Polish Confederation of Private Employers, Lewiatan (PKPP Lewiatan), Brussels Office

Workshop 3: Management of the migration processes at local and regional levels

Moderator: Sandra Vermuijten, International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Contributions from:

Petr Novak, Head of the Unit for Integration of Foreigners and Refugees, Ministry of Interior, Czech Republic

Gerry Folan, Senior Executive Officer, Office for Integration, Dublin City Council, Ireland

Rapporteur: Anna Ludwinek, Research officer, Living Conditions and Quality of Life Unit - Eurofound

16.10 - 16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30 - 17.50 **Plenary session: ‘Taking stock’**

The rapporteurs will be invited to pose three questions to the panellists at the start of the next plenary session which will reflect the key elements highlighted in their workshops.

***Moderator: Jerzy Ciechański**, Counsellor to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Poland, Vice-Chair of Eurofound Governing Board*

Panellists:

Lech Pilawski, Director General, Polish Confederation of Private Employers, Lewiatan (PKPP Lewiatan)

Joanna Unterschütz, International Office, NSZZ “Solidarność” National Commission, Poland

Andrew Michta, Head of the German Marshall Fund, Warsaw Regional Office, Poland

Jallow Momodou, European Network against Racism (ENAR), Sweden

Discussion

17.50 - 18.00 Close of Day 1

Jerzy Ciechański, Counsellor to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Poland, Vice-Chair of Eurofound Governing Board

19.30 **Dinner**

Day 2 - Friday 18 November

8.30 - 9.00 **Registration and coffee**

9.00 - 10.15 **Impact of immigration for receiving countries in Central and Eastern Europe**

Chair: Józef Niemiec – Member of Eurofound Governing Board, Deputy General-Secretary, ETUC

Setting the scene – Overview of current and projected immigration types and trends in Central and Eastern Europe

Kinga Wysińska – Expert, Institute of Public Affairs, Poland

Anastasia Fetsi, Head of Thematic Expertise Development Department, European Training Foundation

Jolanta Jaworska, Governmental Programs Manager IBM CEE

Discussion

10.15 - 10.45 **Management of immigration to Central and Eastern Europe**

Maciej Duszczyk, Head of the Research Unit, Centre of Migration Research, Poland

Eva Schultz, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Home, Unit B.1 Immigration and Integration

Discussion

10.45 - 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 - 12.45 **Moderated panel debate: The way forward**

***Moderator: Robert Anderson**, Head of Unit, Living Conditions and Quality of Life - Eurofound*

Panellists:

Georg Fischer, Director for DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations, European Commission

Maarten Camps, Director-General for Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, The Netherlands

Katrin Hirsland, Head of Section, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany

Discussion

12.45-13.00 **Closing remarks**

Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director – Eurofound

13.00 **Lunch and departure**