



INVITATION

MARGINALISATION AND EXCLUSION NETWORK MEETING: DIACONIA AS A BEDROCK FOR THE INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS & SOCIAL COHESION 27-28TH OCTOBER, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Dear members,

Eurodiaconia is pleased to invite you to the next marginalization and exclusion network meeting that will take place in Vienna on 27th and 28th October and focus on the topic of migration: diaconia as a bedrock for the integration of migrants and social cohesion.

Following on January 2016's meeting, Eurodiaconia members will meet again in 2016 to look further at the question of integration of migrants and third countries nationals as a necessity for social cohesion. Members have particularly expressed the willingness to address the topic of service provision to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. This is why, during this meeting, Eurodiaconia will facilitate exchange of best practices between members working particularly in the area of service provision for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Amongst other things, the meeting will include members' presentation on top challenges for service provider as well as a study visit to a "community-focused integration center" from Diaconia Austria. It will also feature an external speaker from the Fundamental Rights Agency (to be confirmed), to present how is the EU working for the integration of migrants and what is the reality of the implementation of migrants rights across Europe.

Eurodiaconia secretariat will also provide a background on the wider EU context on migration and offer a space for discussion on the question of inter-faith dialogue in addressing migration, as well as a conversation on the relationship between church and diaconia on the topic of migration, following on the members interest expressed in January 2016.

Who can participate?

The meeting is open to all those working in Diaconia who are part of a network or organisation that is a member of Eurodiaconia. People who are likely to find it most interesting would be those working in the provision of services to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, as well as directors of institutions or organisations interested in developing their work with the target group.

Financial information:

Limited financial support is available for this event, with priority given to participants coming from either Central or Eastern Europe or from minority church diaconia. Applications for financial support should be made when registering for the meeting. However, no tickets or other reservations should be booked until the staff member responsible for the event has confirmed if financial support will be given.

Please [register on our online form](#) by 19th September 2016

For further information or for any questions please contact Stephan Burger or Clotilde Clark-Foulquier at the Eurodiaconia secretariat at stephan.burger@eurodiaconia.org and clotilde.clark-foulquier@eurodiaconia.org



DIACONIA AS A BEDROCK OF INTEGRATION & SOCIAL COHESION

27th October

		<i>Preparation</i>
1pm	Welcome Devotion Introduction and agenda presentation	
1.30	Presentation of the participants	
2.00	<p>Part I: Briefing and discussion on the EU context: what is happening at EU level politically for the integration of migrants?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview by ED Staff, EU action plan • EU rights and integration, Fundamental Rights Agency (tbc) • Discussion 	<i>Please come ready to discuss the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in your own country and the reality of their access to these rights</i>
3.15	Break	
3.30	<p>Part II: Service providers fostering integration of migrants: challenges and successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Diaconia Austria • Presentation by a member (tbc) • Discussion 	<i>Please come ready to discuss how/if your experience as service provider has changed over the past year, what are the challenges and what are your future projects</i>
6.00	End of the 1 st day	
7.00	Dinner	



28th October

		Preparation
9am	<p>Part III: How can diaconia enable community building for social cohesion? Cooperation & interfaith dialogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External speaker • ED Member • Q&A 	<p><i>Please come ready to discuss your organization's cooperation with migrants led organisation and interfaith dialogue</i></p>
10.35am	Break	
10.50am	<p>Part IV – Future plans</p> <p>Presentation and discussion of Eurodiaconia draft roadmap on migration and discussion</p> <p>Presentation and discussion of Eurodiaconia database on mapping and partnerships for migration</p> <p>Reflection on next steps</p>	<p><i>Please come ready to discuss how can Eurodiaconia better facilitate your work</i></p>
11.50	Departure for lunch close to the study visit to the integration office	
12.20pm	Lunch	
1pm	<p>Study visit to the community-focused integration office, Diakonie Austria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Counselling Care and support</i> • <i>Housing and accommodation</i> • <i>Education and training Integration</i> • <i>Medical and psychotherapeutic treatment</i> <p><i>We work with asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and Austrians alike. We work with our clients as equals, in line with emancipatory and holistic principles. In addition, we work actively to prevent racism and discrimination through training and projects. In our public relations and lobbying work, we advocate for the legal, social and economic equality of foreigners who are permanent residents in Austria and Austrians alike. Our approach is human-rights based, particularly with regard to asylum, equality, unity of the family and for the right to a fair trial.</i></p>	
3pm	Evaluation of the meeting and conclusion	
4pm	End of the meeting	