

Lunchtime Discussion

Improving the Labour Market Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees: The Role of Cross-Sectoral Cooperation

Thursday, 5 December 2019, 12:00 – 14:00
Eurodiaconia Offices, Rue Joseph II 166, 1000 Brussels

Eurodiaconia is pleased to invite you to a lunch time discussion dedicated to fostering the labour market inclusion of migrants and refugees through multi-stakeholder approaches. Eurodiaconia is a network of 51 organisations in 31 countries providing social services and working for social justice. As part of their commitment to fair and inclusive economies, our members support the labour market inclusion of migrants and refugees and constitute an important bridge between migrants, employment services as well as employers and unions.

In recent years, policymakers and civil society have addressed various challenges related to the accreditation of skills, discrimination in recruitment procedures and the lack of social and economic networks, which as a consequence result in lower labour market participation of migrants and refugees.

The 2016 *Action plan for the Integration of Third Country Nationals* has highlighted the relevance of employment for the overall social inclusion of migrants and refugees and encouraged member states to revise and update their integration policies. Moreover, dialogue platforms, such as the *European Dialogue on Skills and Migration* and the *European Migration Forum*, have further promoted multi-stakeholder partnerships to contribute to these policy goals.

In this context, participants will reflect on how these measures have succeeded and discuss the potential of cross-sectoral cooperation to improve the labour market integration through partnerships between civil society, the business sector and trade unions. The event aims to explore the need for scaling up EU initiatives on labour market inclusion and to discuss different priorities in that regard.

For further information, please contact our *Policy Officer* Lukas Humer at lukas.humer@eurodiaconia.org.

Please register through our [online registration](#) form by 27 November 2019.

Draft Programme

12:00 – 12:30 **Registration and Light Lunch**

12:30 – 13:45 **Eurodiaconia's priorities regarding labour market inclusion**

- **Lukas Humer**, *Policy and Membership Development Officer*, Eurodiaconia
- **Marcel Leuschner**, *Head of Refugees and Social Inclusion-Unit*, Diakonie de la Tour, Austria (Member of Eurodiaconia)

Panel Discussion: What is needed to strengthen cooperation among stakeholders?

- **Nadja Salson**, *Policy staff central government and EU administration/TUNED coordinator*, European Public Service Union (EPSU)
- **Carlotta Astori**, *Project Manager*, European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services and Services of general interest (CEEP)
- **Mercedes Miletti**, *Advisor*, European Trade Union Confederation (tbc)
- **Gabriela Agatiello**, *Policy and Membership Development Officer*, Eurodiaconia
- Representative of BusinessEurope (tbc)

Upcoming priorities of the European Commission

- **Antoine Savary**, *Deputy Head of Unit*, Unit C.2 Legal Pathways and Integration, DG Home Affairs, European Commission

13:45 – 14:00 **Discussion with Participants**

Conclusion

- **Heather Roy**, *Secretary General*, Eurodiaconia