



PEER LEARNING EVENT ON

Labour market integration of immigrants in Europe – Implications for guidance policy, practice and research

Thessaloniki, 29-30 September 2011

Mediterranean Palace Hotel
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Thursday 29 September 2011

09.00 – 09.30 Participants arrive at the Mediterranean Palace Hotel

09.30 – 10.00 Registration of participants

PLENARY

Meeting room: ZEUS

Chair Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop

10.00 – 10.10 **Welcoming words**
Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop

10.10 – 10.30 **Multicultural Europe – Connecting cultures in working life**
Ms Mara Brugia, Cedefop

10.30 – 10.50 **Icebreaker exercise**
Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop

10.50 – 11.10 **EU policy and strategy on integration of immigrants**
Mr Ionut Sasu, European Commission, DG EMPL

11.10 – 11.30 **Labour market integration of immigrants and their children –
Key findings from OECD country studies and related work**
Dr Thomas Liebig, OECD

- 11.30 – 11.40** **Discussion**
- 11.40 – 12.10** **Coffee break**
- 12.10 – 12.30** **Migrant Integration Policy Index III**
Mr Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group
- 12.30 – 12.50** **Vocational guidance and multicultural challenges in Poland**
Dr Anna Paszkowska-Rogacz, University of Lodz, Poland
- 12.50 – 13.00** **Discussion**
- 13.00 – 13.10** **Instructions for the workshops**
Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop
- 13.10 – 14.30** **Lunch at the restaurant of the hotel**
- 14.30 – 17.00** **MULTICULTURAL GUIDANCE PRACTICE**

Two parallel workshops (coffee break 15.30-16.00)

Workshop 1: Multicultural counselling competences acquired through guidance counsellor training

Meeting room: ZEUS

Chairperson & rapporteur: Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop

Presentation 1. Country case GREECE

Ms Helena Mastoraki, Special Vocational Education and Training Center of Egaleo; and Ms Fotini Vlachaki, EKEP

Presentation 2. Country case FINLAND

Dr Helena Kasurinen, University of Eastern Finland

Presentation 3. Country case SWEDEN

Dr Fredrik Hertzberg, University of Stockholm

Workshop 2: Guidance support for migrants to progress in/into the labour market

Meeting room: POSIDON A

Chairperson & rapporteur: Ms Grethe Haugøy, Cedefop

Presentation 1. Country case IRELAND

Mentoring programme for migrants in Ireland
Dr Fidele Mutwarasibo, Immigrant Council of Ireland

Presentation 2. Country case AUSTRIA

Guidance for raising competence levels of migrants in Austria
Ms Silvia Göhring, ISOP

Presentation 3. Country case BELGIUM

The Flemish employment equity and diversity policy

Mr Michiel van de Voorde, Department of Work and Social Economy (Flemish community)

- 17.00** **End of the day**
- 20.00** **Dinner in the city centre by courtesy of Cedefop
Grada Nuevo Restaurant, 16 Kalapothaki Str.**

Friday 30 September 2011

PLENARY

Meeting room: *ZEUS*

Chair Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop

- 10.00 – 10.10** **Opening of the day**
Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop
- 10.10 – 10.35** **Discrimination and victimisation challenges for migrant
integration**
Mr Michail Beis, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- 10.35 – 10.55** **IMPART – Increasing the participation of migrants and ethnic
minorities in employment**
Ms Cigdem Ipek, Germany
- 10.55 – 11.15** **IMPACT – Integrating migrants through the provision of
adaptability and competence training**
Ms Ljaja Sterland, NIACE, UK
- 11.15 – 11.30** **Discussion**
- 11.30 – 11.45** **Coffee break**
- 11.45 – 12.30** **Brainstorming in small groups “Visionary thinking and time
travelling”**
- 12.30 – 13.00** **Brief reports from the small groups**
- 13.00 – 13.15** **Conclusions and closing of the event**
Mr Mika Launikari, Cedefop