



EMN Conference

Labour market participation of beneficiaries of international protection

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Outline

8.45 - 9.15: Welcome coffee and registration

9.15 - 9.25: Opening word: **Mr. Philippe Rosseel** (Director International Relations FPS Interior)

9.25 - 10.35: Session 1:

- Conclusions of the **EMN report** on the integration of beneficiaries of international protection into the labour market in Belgium - **Mr. Peter Van Costenoble** (BE EMN NCP)
- Integration of beneficiaries of international protection into the **labour market in Germany** - measures regarding language and vocational training and employment - **Mr. Dirk Buchwald** (Senior expert Federal Employment Agency)
- **Policy measures in the Netherlands** regarding the labour market integration of beneficiaries international protection - **Ms. Moniek Akerboom** (University of Leiden)

10.35 - 10.45: Questions and answers

10.45 - 11.10: Coffee break

11.10 - 12.20: Session 2: Recent developments regarding support measures and integration policy in Flanders, Brussels and the Walloon region:

- Integration policy and support measures to facilitate labour market participation in Flanders – **Ms. Ingrid Pelssers** (Flemish Community)
- The activities of the Regional Integration Centres and the new integration programme in the Walloon Region - **Mr. Thierry Tournoy** (Director of the Regional Integration Centre of Charleroi and President of DISCRI)
- The procedure for the recognition of higher education diplomas and certificates issued abroad, and recent regulatory developments of the French-speaking Community - **Ms. Dominique Courcelles** (Ministry of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels)

12.20 - 12.30: Questions and answers

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 14.50 Session 3:

- **European Commission initiatives** to promote labour market integration - **Ms. Belinda Pyke** (European Commission's Director for Migration and Mobility)
- **OECD insights** on labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection - **Mr. Thomas Liebig** (Senior Economist and Migration Expert of OECD)
- **Policy trade-offs and recommendations** on early skills assessment and recognition of qualifications, bridging programmes and vocational

training - **Ms. Maria Vincenza Desiderio** (Senior policy analyst Migration Policy Institute)

14.50 - 15.00: Questions and answers

15.00 - 15.25: Coffee break

15.25 - 16.35: Session 4: Panel debate: Major obstacles regarding labour market participation for beneficiaries of international protection and employers and how to counter these challenges?

- Testimonial of a refugee
- Employment services (**Mr. Patrick Noël Vercruysse** - Programme manager Refugees – Flemish Employment Service VDAB)
- Employer organisation (**Mr. Anton Sabbe** - Programme manager Taskforce Refugee Crisis - Federation of Enterprises in Belgium)
- Caritas International Belgium (**Ms. Anne Dussart** - Head of Department Asylum and Migration)
- CIRÉ (**Mr. Rix Depasse** - Coordinator employment, equivalences and training)

16.35 - 16.45: Questions and answers

16.45: Closing words