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Den Centrale Indlevering

Europæisk konference om unge med etnisk minoritetsbaggrund og deres aktive deltagelse i samfundslivet

Integrationsministeriet afholder den 7.-8. september 2006 i samarbejde med det hollandske Justitsministerium en europæisk konference om unge med etnisk minoritets baggrund og deres aktive deltagelse i samfundslivet. Konferencens hovedtemaer er lige muligheder for alle, specielt i forhold til uddannelse og beskæftigelse, og sammenhængskraft i relation til forebyggelse af radikaliserings. Formålet med konferencen er at dele erfaringer og få bud på, hvordan vi i Europa – nationalt som internationalt – kan arbejde for, at unge med etnisk minoritets baggrund i højere grad deltager i samfundslivet.

Konferencens deltagere vil være europæiske ministre og ministre fra IGC-landene, højtstående embedsmænd samt repræsentanter for nationale og internationale organisationer med viden om integration. Konferencen afholdes i København. Der er mere information om konferencen i vedlagte program.

Jeg skal herved invitere Udlændinge- og Integrationsudvalget til at deltage i konferencen, der starter med en middag i Nationalmuseet den 7. september 2006. Der bedes givet svar om deltagelse i konferencen senest den 1. august 2006 til inm@discongress.com.

Med venlig hilsen

Rikke Hvilshøj



COPENHAGEN 7-8 SEPTEMBER 2006

Ministry of Refugee, Immigration
and Integration Affairs

INTEGRATION



European Conference on active participation of ethnic minority youth in society

Draft programme of 27 June 2006

Place of conference: Copenhagen, Denmark

Time: Friday 8 September 2006 (arrival 7 September 2006 late afternoon)

The issue at stake:

Since the 1960s the European countries have faced a considerable and increased influx of immigrants from non-western countries. The descendents of these immigrants are living in a reality where the social expectations of their parents, relatives and others from their own environment may differ largely from what is generally expected from the surrounding majority community - expectations that may be unrealistic or unfair from both sides – for instance on full adoption of the parental culture vs. complete assimilation into the majority population - which may put the young in a state of double jeopardy where acceptance seems impossible.

This dilemma for a part of the European youth pinpoints not only the need for implementing adequate integration and anti-discrimination policies, but also the importance of pro-actively ensuring realistic and equal opportunities for the future for these young people. This is one of the major challenges in Europe at the moment.

Also the lack of education or work opportunities – or the lack of motivation for using existing opportunities - leads to frustration which ethnic minorities experience in many European and Western countries. In a worst case scenario this frustration may lead to exclusion from and hostility towards the surrounding society.

It is the responsibility of both our societies and the immigrants living in European countries to ensure active participation in all aspects of society and that the gap between ethnic minorities and the majority community is reduced or at best eliminated.

The consequence of unsuccessful integration, especially into the labour market, is not only affecting the life of immigrants and their descendants but also the national economy – unsuccessful integration is costly for the society as a whole.

Against this backdrop, the main focus of the conference will be equal opportunities including employment and education, and cohesion for all citizens and prevention of radicalisation.

The conference will comprise of a combination of addresses from key-note speakers and three issue-based workshops centred around these themes.

The participants of the conference should be at the level of Ministers responsible for integration and senior government officials from European Union countries. Each EU country is re-

requested to nominate a delegation of a maximum of 5 persons - minister + four other delegates - to participate in the conference, including e.g. representatives from local or regional authorities, organisations, experts or NGO's with special expertise on integration. Representatives from different European international organisations dealing with youth and the themes of the conference will be invited as well.

A youth camp with representatives from ethnic minorities from European Union countries will take place the weekend before the conference. Ambassadors elected among the participants of the youth camp will participate in the conference.

The language of the conference will be English and French. More information as well as the registration form can be found at www.inm.dk.

Draft Programme

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- 18.00 Transfer of ministers and delegates from hotels to the Danish National Museum
- 18.30 Aperitif at the Danish National Museum
- 19.00 Welcome dinner at the Danish National Museum
- 19.05 Welcome address by the Danish Minister for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs Ms. Rikke Hvilshøj
- 20.00 Address by guest speaker author and Belgian Senator Ms. Mimount Bousakla
- 22.30 End of welcome dinner, transfer to hotels
- Entertainment during the evening by the Royal Danish Opera and Outlandish

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Plenary

- 9.00 Opening of conference by moderator Ms. Trine Sick, journalist
- 9.05 Address by the Dutch Minister for Integration and Immigration Ms. Rita Verdonk
- 9.20 State of Play – Address by Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director General of the IOM
- 9.50 Living and working in a diverse Europe – a personal experience by Ms. Laetitia Griffith, MP, the Netherlands
- 10.20 Coffee break
- 10.35 Cohesion and preventing radicalisation, Mrs. Joan Ryan, Under-Secretary of State for nationality, citizenship and immigration, Home Office, United Kingdom [tbc]
- 11.05 The French experience – Minister Delegate for Equal Opportunities Mr. Azouz Begag, France [tbc]
- 11.35 Presentation of the results from the European Youth Event
- 12.00 Lunch break (Separate lunch for ministers)

Workshops

13.00 - 15.15 Parallel workshops (see programme of workshops below)

- Education and employment: Recognising opportunities – realising potential.
- Equal opportunities for all
- Cohesion and preventing radicalisation

15.15 Coffee break

Plenary

15.45 Reporting from workshops

16.35 The future German Presidency – cooperation on integration by Mr. Peter Altmeier, State Secretary, Germany

16.45 The EU visions and perspectives by Vice-President of the European Commission Mr. Franco Frattini

17.15 -17.30 Closing address by the Danish Minister of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs, Ms. Rikke Hvilshøj

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WORKSHOP 1

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- 13.00 Brief presentation by moderator – Mr. Martin Breum, journalist - kick off
- 13.15 Intervention by Mr. Bertel Haarder, Minister of Education, Denmark
- 13.30 Intervention Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth as representative from Bertelsmann Foundation (Bertelsmann Prize 2005: Youth and work)
- 14.00 Discussion

WORKSHOP 2

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

- 13.00 Brief presentation by moderator – Mr. Martin Krasnik, journalist - kick off
- 13.15 Intervention by Ms. Lise Bergh, State Secretary for Mr. Jens Orback, Minister for Democracy, Integration and Gender Equality, Sweden
- 13.30 Intervention by Sir Trevor Phillips (Chairman for Commission for Racial Equality, UK)
- 14.00 Discussion

WORKSHOP 3

COHESION AND PREVENTING RADICALIZATION

- 13.00 Brief presentation by moderator – Mr. Sadik Harchaoui, directeur FORUM - kick off
- 13.15 Intervention by Mr. Peter Altmeier, State Secretary, Germany
- 13.30 Intervention by Ms. Shireen Hunter (Director of the Islam Programme at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC)
- 14.00 Discussion