



**Social and economic impact of migration:  
Central and East-European perspectives**

**Date:** 17 - 18 November 2011

**Meeting venue:** Ministry of Labour and Social Policy  
Nowogrodzka 1/3/5, 00-513, Warsaw, Poland

**Interpretation:** English/ Polish in plenary and in one of the workshops

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Day 1 - Thursday 17 November**

- 8.30 - 9.00 **Registration and coffee**
- 9.00 - 9.15 **Opening and welcome**  
**Juan Menéndez-Valdés**, Director - Eurofound
- 9.15 - 9.45 **Keynote addresses**  
**Jolanta Fedak**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Poland  
**László Andor**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion - European Commission
- 9.45 - 10.00 **Local and regional perspective**  
**Wolfgang Schuster**, Mayor of Stuttgart, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (Council of European Municipalities and Regions - CEMR), European Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) - tbc
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Thematic session - Social and employment impacts of emigration**  
*Chair: Radoslaw Mleczko, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Poland*  
  
Setting the scene – overview of current and projected emigration types and trends in Central and Eastern Europe.  
  
**Marek Okólski**, Director - Centre for Migration Research, Poland  
  
**Georg Fischer** – Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion –

Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations - European Commission

**Commentator: Anna Krasteva**, Director, Centre for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies (CERMES), Bulgaria

### **Discussion**

11.00 - 11.20 **Coffee break**

11.20 **Challenges of emigration for the sending countries**

*Chair: tbc*

### **Social consequences and challenges of emigration**

**Charles Woolfson**, Professor of Labour Studies, Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society, Sweden

**Jörg Peschner** - Seconded National Expert, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

### **Discussion**

12.10 **Employment consequences and challenges of emigration**

**Vladimira Drbalova**, Czech Republic, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

**Sebastian Klähn**, Coordinator, EUROpean Employment Services (EURES-TriRegio)

### **Discussion**

13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch break**

14.30 - 16.10 **Parallel thematic working groups**

**Workshop 1: Impact of migration on families, children and young adults. Presentation of measures to address the problems**

*Moderator: Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE) - tbc*

### **Contributions from:**

**Wioletta Danilewicz**, University of Bialystok, Poland

**Iryna Brych**, Migration Officer, Caritas Ukraine

**Rapporteur: Sergey Khrychikov**, Council of Europe

**Workshop 2: Addressing labour shortages**

**Moderator: Klara Foti**, Research Manager, Living Conditions and Quality of Life Unit - Eurofound

**Contributions from:**

**Giovanni Lamura**, Senior Gerontologist, Italian National Institute of Health and Science on Aging (INCRA), Ancona, Italy

**John Hurley**: Research Officer, Employment & Competitiveness (E&C) Unit - Eurofound

**Rapporteur: Piotr Sarnecki**, Director of Polish Confederation of Private Employers, Lewiatan (PKPP Lewiatan), Brussels Office

**Workshop 3: Management of the migration processes at local and regional levels**

**Moderator: Sandra Vermuijten** – International Labour Organisation (ILO)

**Contributions from:**

**Petr Novak**, Head of the Unit for Integration of Foreigners and Refugees, Ministry of Interior, Czech Republic

**Rapporteur: Patrycja Matusz**, University of Wroclaw, Institute of International Studies, Poland

16.10 - 16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30 - 17.50 **Plenary session**

**Moderator: Jerzy Ciechański**, Counsellor to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Poland

**Panellists:**

**Henryka Bochniarz**, President - Polish Confederation of Private Employers, Lewiatan (PKPP Lewiatan)

**Józef Niemiec**, Deputy General Secretary - European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) - tbc

\_\_\_\_\_, Representative of the national government, Poland

**Jallow Momodou**, European Network against Racism (ENAR), Sweden

**Discussion**

17.50 - 18.00 Close of Day 1

**Jerzy Ciechański**, Counsellor to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy,  
Poland

**Day 2 - Friday 18 November**

8.30 - 9.00 **Registration and coffee**

9.00 - 10.15 **Impact of immigration for receiving countries in Central and Eastern Europe**

*Chair: Ewa Synowiec, Head of the European Commission Representation in Poland - tbc*

Setting the scene – overview of current and projected immigration types and trends in Central and Eastern Europe.

**Anastasia Fetsi**, Head of Thematic Expertise Development Department,  
European Training Foundation

**Commentator: Kinga Wysieńska** – Expert, The Institute of Public Affairs,  
Poland

**Discussion**

10.15 - 10.45 **Management of immigration to Central and Eastern Europe**

**Maciej Duszczyk**, Head of the Research Unit - Centre of Migration Research,  
Poland

**Commentator: Andrew Michta**, Head of the German Marshall Fund, Warsaw  
Regional Office, Poland - tbc

**Discussion**

11.15 - 12.45 **Moderated panel debate: The way forward**

*Moderator: Robert Anderson, Head of Unit, Living Conditions and Quality of Life - Eurofound*

**Jean-Louis de Brouwer**, Director, Employment, Lisbon Strategy, International Affairs - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

**Marta Cygan**, Director for Immigration and Asylum, DG Justice, Freedom and Security- European Commission - tbc

**Maarten Camps**, Director-General Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, The Netherlands

**Katrin Hirsland** – Head of Section - Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany

**Michał Boni**, Minister, Member of the Council of Ministers, Director of the Board of Strategic Advisors to the Prime Minister, Poland - tbc

#### **Discussion**

12.45

#### **Closing remarks**

**Juan Menéndez-Valdés**, Director - Eurofound

13.00

#### **Lunch and departure**