



Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research

International Conference

*European Commission, Charlemagne Building, 170 Rue de la Loi, Brussels
4-5 February, 2016*

4 February

Charlemagne Building, Sicco Mansholt room

8.00 – 8.55

Registration and welcome coffee

Opening Session

9.00 – 9.20

Introduction: *Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

Keynote: *Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research and Innovation*

Session 1: Research and innovation for evidence based policy

Moderator, Geoff Meade, Journalist

9.20 – 10.30

Policy Review: Migration – Facing realities and maximising opportunities

Keynote: *Prof Russell King, University of Sussex*

Discussion on policy-relevant results from several European projects on migration focusing on: the two-way interaction between policies and flows; the nexus between migration and development; the challenges of migrants' integration.

Discussants: *Antoine Savary, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission; Camilla Hagström, Head of Sector, DG International Cooperation and Development, European Commission*

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 12.00

Looking back: How could research have better anticipated the current migration crisis?

Keynote: *Prof Bridget Anderson, University of Oxford*

Discussion: To what extent did research on migration foresee the conditions and determinants of the current flow of migrants and refugees? Could the crisis have been anticipated and better managed?

Discussants: *Dr Aija Lulle, University of Latvia and University of Sussex; Prof Henk van Houtum, Radboud University*

12.00 – 13.15

Looking forward: future migration trends and research needs for Europe

Keynote: *Prof François Héran, Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED)*

Discussion: In light of future migration trends, what are the short, medium and long-term research needs in the field of migration, e.g. international migration flows, migration flows in the EU's neighbourhood in particular; integration (labour market, societal, culturally)? How can the EU and Member States accommodate these needs?

Discussants: *Federico Soda, Director, Coordination Office for the Mediterranean, International Organisation for Migration (IOM); Dr Sergio Carrera, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)*

13.15 – 14:30

Lunch break

Session 2: Research and Innovation in support of refugees

Moderator, Geoff Meade

14:30 – 14:55

Research and innovation on refugee situations

Keynote: *Ewen Macleod, Head of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*

14:55 – 15.00

The European Commission "Science4Refugees" initiative

Peter Dröll, Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

15.00 – 15.45

Voices from refugees and migrants with a scientific background – What are the real needs?

Panel discussion with:

- *Dr Mouhannad Malek, The Babraham Institute Cambridge*
- *Husein Alhamada, PhD Student, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)*
- *Suad Al Darra, Research Software Engineer, Fujitsu Ireland*

15:45 – 16:30

Research institutions and organisations: The way forward to integration of refugee researchers

Panel discussion with:

- *Alea López de San Román, Policy Officer, League of European Research Universities (LERU)*
- *Inge Knudsen, Director, Coimbra Group's Brussels Office*
- *Dr Anette Pieper, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*
- *Prof Riccardo Pozzo, National Research Council of Italy (CNR)*

16:30 – 16:45

Coffee break

16:45 – 17:15

Labour market access for third country researchers

- *Borbala Szigeti, Policy Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission*
- *Michail Kosmidis, Head of Migration Policy Unit, Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction, Greece*
- *Maria Vincenza Desiderio, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute (MPI Europe)*

- 17:15 – 18:00 **Show-casing initiatives from across Europe**
- *Prof Carmen Bachmann, University of Leipzig*
 - *Anna Schmauder, Research Assistant, Open University Heidelberg*
 - *Elke Dall, Head of Department, Centre for Social Innovation Vienna (ZSI)*
 - *Dr Mike Hardman, VP, IMI Collaborations, AstraZeneca, UK*
 - *Bodo Richter, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission*
- 18:00 – 18:15 **Closing remarks**
Rapporteur, Prof Christina Boswell, University of Edinburgh
- 18:30 – 20.00 **Networking cocktail**
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5 February

Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi room

8.00 – 8.55 *Registration and welcome coffee*

9.00 – 11.00

Session 3: Integration and Societal Impacts of Migration

Chair: *Elisabeth Lipiatou, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

Keynote: Challenges and opportunities of migrants' integration in light of recent flows,
Em Prof Rinus Penninx, University of Amsterdam

Themed interventions followed by a panel discussion:

- Labour market impacts of migration and fiscal outcomes
Dr Peter Huber, Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)
- Socio-cultural challenges of migrants' integration
Prof Anna Triandafyllidou, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI)
- Politicisation of migration in Europe
Prof Gianni D'Amato, Université de Neuchâtel
- Digital technology for the integration of migrants
Prof Myria Georgiou, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Panel discussion facilitated by *Moderator, Geoff Meade*

11.00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.15

Session 4: Health and Migration

Chair: *Dr María Luisa Vázquez, Head of Health Policy Research Unit, Consortium for Health and Social Care of Catalonia (CSC)*

Themed interventions followed by a panel discussion:

- Identifying problems and solutions for response to immediate health needs of arriving migrants for now and for the future (crisis preparedness)
Dr Apostolos Veizis, Director of Medical Operational Support Unit, Médecins sans frontières Greece

- Identifying and addressing medium- to long-term health needs of migrants
Dr Manuel Carballo, Executive Director, International Centre for Migration, Health and Development (ICMHD)
- Organising access to EU health care systems for migrants
Dr Marie Nørredam, Associate Professor, Danish Research Centre for Migration, Ethnicity and Health (MESU), University of Copenhagen

Panel discussion with additional panel members: *Prof Kate O'Donnell, University of Glasgow; Michel Pletschette, Head of Unit, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission*

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.30

Session 5: Climate Change and Migration

Chair: *Anastasios Kentarchos, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission*

Keynote: Overview of the scientific evidence and current state of play, *Prof Andrew Geddes, University of Sheffield*

Themed interventions followed by a panel discussion

- *Evidence, emerging risks, and trends: improving the quality and relevance of knowledge-base in support for action*
Dr François Gemenne, Senior Research Associate, University of Liege
- *Climate change and migration: the case of Syria*
Dr Ingrid Boas, Assistant Professor, Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University
- *International perspective and the role of research in supporting policy making and capacity building*
Dina Ionesco, Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Panel discussion facilitated by *Moderator, Geoff Meade*

16.30 – 17.00

Conference Conclusions

Key messages from the sessions
Rapporteur and Session Chairs

Conclusions
Peter Dröll, Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission