

THE EUROPEAN RESETTLEMENT
NETWORK IS AN INCLUSIVE
NETWORK THAT SUPPORTS THE
DEVELOPMENT OF RESETTLEMENT
IN EUROPE BY CONNECTING A
VARIETY OF ACTORS INVOLVED IN
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.

Network members have a shared commitment to refugee resettlement and protection, to the provision of durable solutions for refugees, and to ensuring refugees resettled to Europe receive integration support that provides them with the necessary tools to become fully participating citizens.

The membership comprises both organisations and individuals working in resettlement and integration policy and practice at different levels, in a variety of sectors, and at all stages of the resettlement process.

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European Resettlement

Consolidation and New Protection Opportunities

20-21 November 2014

BTC Conference Centre – Espace Jacqmotte (Rue Haute 138, 1000 Bruxelles)

DAY 1 Thursday, 20 November 2014

12:30-13:30 Sign in and sandwich lunch

13:30-13:45 Official Opening and Welcome by the Project Partners

Vincent Cochetel (Director, UNHCR Bureau for Europe)

Petra Hueck (Head of Office, ICMC Europe) Eugenio Ambrosi (Regional Director, IOM)

13:45-14:30 Key Note Address - Offering Access, Protection and

Solidarity in an Era of Conflict and Displacement

Matthias Oel (Head of Unit, Asylum & Relations with EASO, DG Home Affairs, European Commission)

Birgit Sippel (Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and

Democrats in the European Parliament)

Q&A

14:30-15:00 Emergency and Urgent Resettlement – A Life Saving

Measure

Chair: Vincent Cochetel (Director, UNHCR Bureau for

Europe)

Documentary screening 'Emergency Resettlement -

One family's journey to a new life'

Perspectives from a refugee family resettled on an

emergency basis to the Netherlands

Q&A

EUROPEAN RESPONSES TO THE SYRIAN REFUGEE

CRISIS

15:00-16:00 Panel Discussion - New Solidarity Mechanisms and

Alternative Legal Access Opportunities

Chair: Oskar Ekblad (Swedish Migration Board, Chair of

the UNHCR Core Group on Syrian Resettlement)

Dr. Richard Melichar (Legal expert for Immigration and

Asylum, Austrian Ministry of the Interior)

Maren Göre (Project Officer, Unit of Immigration Law,

German Federal Ministry of the Interior)

Mourad Derbak (Head of Office, French Office for the

Protection of Refugees and Stateless People)

João Vasconcelos (Legal Officer, Portuguese Refugee

Council)



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16:00-16:30 Coffee

16:30-17:45 Panel Discussion - European Responses to the Syrian

Refugee Crisis: Experiences from the Field

Chair: Walter Brill (Director of Operations, ICMC)

Annika Sandlund (UNHCR Resettlement Service)

Phil Eanes (Senior Regional Programme Coordinator,

IOM Jordan)

Florentina Chiu (ICMC Jordan)

Bassam Minzalji (Cultural facilitator, IOM)

Q&A

20:00 Informal Dinner at the Cercle des Voyageurs (Rue des

grands carmes, 18, Brussels 1000).

DAY 2 Friday, 21 November 2014

9:00-9:15 Sign in and Coffee

COOPERATION IN EUROPEAN RESETTLEMENT

9:15-9:45 Role and Achievements of the ERN and Future Focus

ERN Project coordinators (IOM, ICMC and UNHCR)

Q&A

9:45-10:45 Objectives and Future Opportunities, 2014-2020

> Chair: Christophe Jansen (Head of Unit, EU and International Affairs, Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons (CGRS))

> Marcin Pruss (Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Home Affairs)

Patricia Van de Peer (Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament) Michael Diedring (Secretary General, European Council for Refugees and Exiles)

Q&A

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Thematic Working Groups on Resettlement in

Practice - Good Practice, Common Challenges and

Areas of Future Cooperation

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss resettlement as it pertains to various key themes in the current European resettlement debate. Participants will be able to rotate through the various working groups, contributing and enriching different discussions with their experiences and perspectives.



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Working Group Themes:

- 1. Advocacy and Campaigning on Resettlement
- 2. New Resettlement Countries
- 3. Other Forms of Protection in Europe

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:00

SHARE Discussion Panel – Local and Regional Actors in Resettlement: Reception and Integration of Refugees from Syria

<u>Chair</u>: **Rachel Westerby** (Senior Policy & Programme Manager, ICMC Europe)

Carina Pachler and Miriam Schulte-Holtey (Diakonie Refugee Services, Vienna) Johanna Heil (Coordinator for Humanitarian Admissions & Resettlement, Caritas Friedland) Soyful Islam (Head of Property Development, Horton Housing, Bradford, UK)

15:00-15:30 Closing Remarks