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SHARE Network Conference Programme

'Protecting and Welcoming Refugees in Europe: responding to an unprecedented refugee crisis'

Tuesday, October 20th 2015
Committee of the Regions,
Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels 1040

8.30-9.00 *Arrival, registration & coffee*

9.00-9.15 **Welcome & introduction to the SHARE Network**
Anne Dussart (President, ICMC Europe)

9.15-10.15 **Resettlement, relocation & managing refugee arrivals in Europe: a shared responsibility for protection in a global refugee crisis**

Chair: Petra Hueck - Head of Office, ICMC Europe

- Vincent Cochetel (Director, Bureau for Europe & Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Refugee Crisis in Europe, United Nations High Commission for Refugees)
- Stephen Ryan (Deputy Head, Asylum Unit, Directorate General Migration & Home Affairs, European Commission)
- Michael Diedring (Secretary General, European Commission on Refugees & Exiles)

10.15-10.45 **'Offering Reception, Services & Welcome to Refugees in Europe': experiences, learning & recommendations from the SHARE Network**

- Rachel Westerby (Senior Policy & Programme Manager, ICMC Europe)
- Magdalena Boehm (Programme Officer, ICMC Europe)

10.45-11.15 *Coffee & short break*

11.15-12.15 **Good practice in placement, coordination & partnerships: national governments, cities & civil society**

Chair: Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe)

- Nadine Camp (Director of International Development & Advocacy, Forum Réfugiés)
- Eva Lutter (Caritas Friedland, Germany)
- Sabir Zazai (CEO, Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre, UK) & Charlotte Cooke (European Projects Manager, Migration Yorkshire, UK)
- Michaela Kauer (Office of the City of Vienna, EURO CITIES Executive Committee) & Miriam Schulte-Holtey & Dolly Abdul Karim (Diakonie Vienna)

12.15-13.15 **Showcase Panel 1: Strengthening public & political awareness of refugees**

Chair: Richard Williams (MigrationWork)

- Manfred Hagedorn (city of Dortmund)
- Sabe Soe (Burma Center Prague)
- Maciej Fagasinski (Refugee.pl Foundation, Poland)
- Mariana Stoyanova (Red Cross Bulgaria)
- Councillor Julian Roskams (Malvern Town Council, UK)
- Councillor and third Deputy Mayor Mauricio Valiente (municipality of Madrid) & Áliva Diez (Spanish Commission for Refugee Aid)

13.15-14.15 *Lunch*

14.15-15.15 Showcase Panel 2: Complementing mainstream services: a new role for volunteers, local citizens & faith-based organisations?

Chair: Belinda Gallup (Sheffield City Council)

- George Gabriel (Citizens UK)
- George Joseph (Caritas Sweden)
- Elodie Francart (Citizens Platform to Support Refugees in Brussels)
- Roberto Guaglianone (Consortio Communitas, Italy)
- David Zistl (Refugees Welcome, Austria)

15.15-15.30 *Coffee*

15.30-16.30 Fostering integration & participation in European towns & cities: a refugee-focused approach

Chair: Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe)

- Bert Kamphuis (City Alderman, municipality of Sittard-Geleen)
- Pierre Henry (France Terre d'Asile)
- Filmon Ghebrehiwot (SHARE Resettlement Ambassador) & Marijan Bilic (Counsellor, Integration Service of the city of Antwerp)
- Hilde Scheidt (Deputy Mayor, city of Aachen)

16.30-17.00 'Towards A Welcoming Europe: Mobilising Support for Future Action'

- Paulo Rocha Trindade - Administrator, CIVEX Committee, Committee of the Regions
- Cecilia Wikström - Member of the European Parliament
- Sir Peter Sutherland - President, International Catholic Migration Commission & UN Special Representative for International Migration (via pre-recorded video intervention)

17.00 Conference close

17.00 – 18.00 *Drinks Reception (Foyer 5, outside the conference room)*

