

The European Parliament Liaison Office in Germany, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Allianz Cultural Foundation and the Freudenberg Foundation cordially invite you to the conference:

Challenge accepted?

On the way to a new EU migration policy

 **Friday, 16 November 2018**
10:00 am to 3:45 pm

 **Allianz Forum**
Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin

The buzzwords “migration” and “displacement” continue to polarize European society, and remain high on Germany’s political agenda. According to Eurobarometer surveys, the majority of Europeans desire changes in migration politics and responses to current challenges. Have the European Union and its member states truly accepted these challenges and where do they stand in the revision of present-day politics? The aim of the conference is to take a closer look at the various aspects of European migration policy in an attempt to provide solutions to current issues.

A series of three panel discussions will tackle the following topics: opportunities of legal migration, the revision of the Dublin system which has now come to its limits and the integration of new arrivals into the EU.

Representatives from the areas of politics, civil society and the sciences will come together to discuss possible solutions.

Organizational remarks

Registration: Please register prior to the event:

online: www.europarl.de/konferenz | by e-mail: veranstaltungen-berlin@ep.europa.eu

Registration closes on 14 November 2018.

Waiting times for entrance: Please note that upon admission a waiting period may occur. We therefore advise you to arrive on time (from 09:30 am onwards) and to enjoy a light snack in the building to avoid missing the opening of the event.

Security: For safety reasons admittance is only possible upon registration and presentation of a valid identification card. Where possible please refrain from bringing large bags and luggage.

Interpretation: The conference will be translated into German, English and Italian.

Livestream: On www.europarl.de/konferenz a livestream of the event will be provided. As only a limited number of viewers will be able to access the stream we advise you to personally participate in the event.

Photo and video recordings: Please note that photographs and/or other audiovisual material will be taken at the conference. By taking part in this event you grant the organizers the full rights to use the images for documentation and publicity purposes in media publications. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Further information on the conference and press contact:

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Programme



9:30 am

REGISTRATION



10:00 am

WELCOME

Frank Piplat, Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Germany
Esra Küçük, Managing Director of the Allianz Cultural Foundation
Sascha Wenzel, Managing Director of the Freudenberg Foundation



10:15 – 10:25 am

WELCOME NOTE

Michelle Müntefering, State Secretary, Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany



10:30 – 11:45 am

MIGRATION AS MOTOR FOR RENEWAL – LEGAL IMMIGRATION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Input:

Prof. Dr. Manuela Bojadžijev, Vice-Director of the Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM) at Humboldt University Berlin

Subsequent discussion:

Elmar Brok, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament
Dr. Wido Geis-Thöne, Senior Economist at the German Economic Institute
Dr. Ahmed Bugri, Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants, Malta



11:45 am – 1:00 pm

ARRIVING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION – SHAPING LOCAL INTEGRATION

Input:

Leoluca Orlando, Mayor of Palermo

Subsequent discussion:

Ferda Ataman, Spokesperson of the New German Organisations (NDO)
Romeo Franz, MEP, Hildegard Legrenne Foundation, Inclusion and Participation of Sinti and Roma in Germany



1:00 – 2:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK



2:00 – 2:15 pm

CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S MIGRATION POLICY

Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director-General on migration and home affairs in the European Commission



2:15 – 3:30 pm

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED? – ON THE WAY TO A NEW EU MIGRATION POLICY

Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director-General on migration and home affairs in the European Commission

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, MEP, Vice Chair of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in the European Parliament

Günter Burkhardt, Director of Pro Asyl

Ulrich Weinbrenner, Head of the directorate on migration, integration, refugees, European harmonisation in the Federal Ministry of Interior



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CLOSING REMARKS

Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, MEP, Vice Chair of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in the European Parliament

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