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Policy Workshop & Dinner Reception

"Return migration after the 2004 enlargement of the European Union: arguments for a reconfiguration of European policies"

at the European Parliament and East-Poland House, Brussels

The project "Re-Turn - Regions benefitting from return migration" has been implemented since 2011 by 12 Re-Turn project partners representing 9 regions from 7 countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Slovenia). At the workshop project activities, outputs and policy recommendations including a Transnational Strategy for attracting and reintegrating return migrants and capitalizing on their development potential will be presented and discussed. The presented research results challenge the current knowledge and predominant image of return migration in Europe and call for a partial reconfiguration of EU migration policy.

More information at www.re-migrants.eu

Key Questions

1. Can East-West-Migration be considered a chance or a threat to (Central and Eastern) European regions?
2. What development potential is related to return migration (to Central and Eastern Europe)?
3. How can EU policy support the regions' benefit from return migration?

Registration

Please, confirm your attendance to jschroth@iom.int by 28. March

Programme

Part I “Policy Workshop”

European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Room A3H-1, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

12.00-13.00	Registration and informal lunch	
13.00-13.30	Opening and introduction to the topic	
	Welcome note	Mr Sergio Cofferati (Member of the EP)
	Welcome note	Ms Nuria Mignone (UNCEM Piemonte)
	Welcome note	EC – DG Regio / Employment (tba)
	Analysis of barriers for return and capitalisation of skills and experience	Mr Jan Schroth (IOM Prague)
13.30-14.30	Thematic Presentations	
	Roadmap towards diaspora engagement	Ms Anna Platonova (IOM Brussels)
	Results from the Re-Turn Project: The perspective of return migrants within the EU and approaches to support their successful return	Mr Robert Nadler (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography)
	Measures to support returning migrants: The example of the Welcome Agency in Harz Region, Germany	Mr Thomas Brammer (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Saxony-Anhalt)
	A transnational strategy for attracting and reintegrating return migrants	Mr Gábor Lados (University of Szeged)
14.30-15.00	Discussion: Return migration, territorial cohesion and EU policy	Moderation: Ms Nuria Mignone (UNCEM)

Part II “Dinner Reception”

East Poland House, Avenue de Tervueren, 48, 1040 Brussels

18.00-18.15	Registration	
18.15-18.30	Opening	
	Welcome note	Mr Grzegorz Orawiec (Marshall Office of the Swietokrzyskie Region)
	Opening of the buffet	Ms Lucie Sládková (IOM Prague)
19.00-19.30	Dinner Speech	
	Return migration, regional development and regional policies: The Polish perspective	Mr Grzegorz Orawiec (Marshall Office of the Swietokrzyskie Region)
20:00-20:30	Opening and guided tour through the poster exhibition	Ms Nuria Mignone (UNCEM Piemonte)
20:30	Premiere of the documentary film “Re-Turn” incl. discussion with the film team	Mr Alessandro Ingaria (Film Team Geronimo Carbono)