



International Conference & Presentation of the Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX III)

## **Migration - Integration - Social Mobility**

### **Politics of Incorporation in Europe and North America**

**Berlin, 17 - 18 March 2011**

**Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation**

The successful integration of migrants and members of ethnic minority groups in the multicultural societies of Europe and North America is heavily dependent on the extent to which they are offered opportunities for social participation and paths to upward social mobility. While countries which attract a large number of immigrants are commonly confronted with similar challenges, including increasing ethnic and religious diversification, demographic change and declining growth rates and shares in the world market, their political, social and economic responses are often very different.

The third edition of the benchmark study “Migrant Integration Policy Index” (MIPEX III) compares the strategies of 31 countries of immigration in order to highlight drivers as well as barriers to social mobility and participation. The study examines the integration policies of the 27 EU Member States as well as Norway, Switzerland, Canada and the USA. On the basis of over 200 policy Policy Areas the Index draws a comprehensive and multi-dimensional picture of the opportunities migrants have to participate in society.

Alongside the British Council and the Migration Policy Group, who led the coordination of the study, the Index is supported by 37 international organisations from 31 countries. The results of the international comparative study MIPEX will be presented to an international public in spring 2011. In the framework of an international conference organised in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Foundation, the British Council, the Migration Policy Group and further institutions from the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland, experts will discuss the central results of the study.

## PROGRAMME

### **Day 1      Thursday, 17 March 2011**

09:30 h      Arrival / Registration/ Coffee

10:30 h      *Opening remarks*

**Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**John Whitehead**, Director, British Council, Berlin

**Jan Niessen**, Director, Migration Policy Group, Brussels

11:00 h      *Keynote speech*

#### **Social Mobility and Migrants' Individual and Social Progression**

**Prof. Alistair Ross**, Institute for Policy Studies in Education, London  
Metropolitan University

11:30 h      *Keynote speech*

#### **Mobility Aspirations vs. Structural Barriers**

**Prof. Han Entzinger**, Migration and Integration Studies, Erasmus University  
Rotterdam

12:00 h      *Follow-up discussion*

**Prof. Alistair Ross**, Institute for Policy Studies, London Metropolitan University

**Prof. Han Entzinger**, Migration and Integration Studies, Erasmus University  
Rotterdam

**Prof. Rita Süßmuth**, Former President of the German Bundestag, Berlin

**Dr. Naika Foroutan**, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University  
Berlin

**Chair: Ralf Fücks**, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

13:00 h      Lunch

14:00 h      *Research Presentation*

#### **Outcomes of the Migrant Integration Policy Index 2010 (MIPEX III)**

**Thomas Huddleston**, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Group, Brussels

*Follow-up discussion*

15:00 h

## Breakout Sessions

- *How do MIPEX III results relate to the national and/or European policies in the areas of Education, Labour Market and Citizenship?*
- *Which common policy trends can be identified between certain Member States of the EU?*
- *How do national and/or European policies in these areas affect the inclusion and social mobility of minorities and immigrants?*

Policy Area 1

### Access to Education

*Commentaries*

**Barry van Driel**, International Director for Teacher Training and Curriculum Development, Anne Frank House, Amsterdam

**Dr. Maurice Crul**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Amsterdam

**Prof. Barbara John**, Coordinator for Language Training at the Berlin Ministry of Education

**Chair: Prof. Alistair Ross**, Institute for Policy Studies in Education, London Metropolitan University

Policy Area 2

### Access to Labour Market

*Commentaries*

**Prof. Heinz Fassmann**, Department of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Vienna

**Dr. Yvonne Riaño**, Transnational Studies, University of Neuchâtel

**Jean Langers**, CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg

**Chair: Dr. Max Steinhardt**, Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Hamburg

Policy Area 3

### Access to Citizenship

*Commentaries*

**David Reichel**, Research Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Vienna

**Dr. Ines Michalowski**, Social Science Research Center, Berlin

**Kenan Araz**, Head, Campaign Office Citizenship, Bochum

**Dr. Ulrich Raiser**, Office of the Commissioner of the Senate of Berlin for Integration and Migration

**Chair: Serge Kollwelter**, Association for the Support of Immigrant Workers (ASTI), Luxembourg

17:00 h

Break

17:30 h

**Plenary Discussion** (among PA 1, PA 2 and PA 3)

18:00 h

**Poetry & Performance**

**Levi Tafari**, UK

19:00 h

Reception

**Day 2**      **Friday, 18 March 2011**

09:30 h      Arrival/Coffee

10:00 h      *Opening*

**Mekonnen Mesghena**, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

10:15 h      **Outlining the Gap: Major Trends in European Migration and Integration Policy (MIPEX III)**

**Jan Niessen**, Director, Migration Policy Group, Brussels

10:35 h      **Socio-Economic Participation: Labour Market Integration**

**Georges LeMaitre**, Principal Administrator, International Migration Division, OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Paris

11:05 h      **Political Incorporation: Social Cohesion and Citizenship**

**Memet Kilic**, MP, Speaker, Migration and Integration Policies, Alliance 90 / The Greens, Pforzheim

11:30 h      **Breakout Sessions**

- *How do MIPEX III results relate to the national and/or European policies in the areas of Political Participation, Anti-discrimination and Refugee Protection?*
- *Which common policy trends can be identified between certain Member States of the EU?*
- *How do national and/or European policies in these areas affect the inclusion and social mobility of minorities and immigrants?*

Policy Area 4

**Political Participation**

*Commentaries*

**Dr. Laure Michon**, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Amsterdam

**Dr. Tim Reeskens**, Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, University of Leuven

**Dr. Karen Schönwälder**, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen

**Chair: Dimitria Clayton**, Department of International Cooperation, State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

Policy Area 5

**Politics of Anti-discrimination and Diversity**

*Commentaries*

**Thien Uyen Do**, Migration Policy Group, Brussels

**Egbert Holthuis**, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission, Brussels

**Dr. Karin Koenig**, City of Vienna

**Dr. Andreas Hieronymus**, Institute for Migration and Racism Research, Hamburg

**Chair: Bashy Quraishy**, European Network Against Racism / European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion, Frederiksberg

Policy Area 6

## **Policies on Human Rights and Refugees**

*Commentaries*

**Karl Kopp**, ProAsyl, Frankfurt/Main

**Doris Peschke**, Secretary General, Churches'

Commission for Migrants in Europe, Brussels

**Selma Muhic-Dizdarevic**, Department of Civil Society Studies, Charles University, Prague

**Zemikael Habte-Mariam**, European Refugee Advocacy Organisation, London

**Chair: Frank Ubachs**, Executive Director, Hague Process on Refugees and Migration

13:15 h Lunch

14:15 h **Plenary Discussion** (among PA 4, PA 5 and PA 6)

14:45 h *Panel Discussion*

### **State Policies: Catalysts or Barriers to Individual Achievement?**

#### **Effective Structural Changes for Better Social Mobility**

- *Which structural barriers need to be overcome immediately to achieve more inclusion and social mobility?*
- *Which policy measures reinforce individual aspirations and social progress?*
- *Which best-practice policies and structural changes in Europe promote social cohesion, political incorporation and economic success?*
- *What lessons can be learned from MIPEX III?*

**Memet Kilic**, MP, Speaker, Migration and Integration Policies, Alliance 90 / The Greens, Pforzheim

**Prof. Barbara John**, Former Commissioner for Migration and Integration of the Berlin Senate / Coordinator for Language Training at the Berlin Ministry of Education

**Seda Rass-Turgut**, Head, KAUSA Programme at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Bonn

**Georges LeMaitre**, Principal Administrator, International Migration Division, OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Paris

**Chair: Mekonnen Mesghena**, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

16:15 h *Closing Remarks*

### **Perspectives on Equal Opportunity and Social Mobility in Europe**

**Eros Sana**, Vice President, Web Journal *bastamag.net* / President, Observatory of Environmental Migrations, Paris

16:45 h Closure

**Exhibition:** OPENcities