

National Conference of the European Migration Network
“The Role of Municipalities in the Integration of Refugees”

23 March 2017

Hotel Mercure, Žabotova 2, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The timings of contributions are preliminary.

- 9.00 – 9.30** **Registration and refreshment**
- 9.30 – 9.40** **Opening of the conference and welcoming of the participants**
Zuzana Vatráľová, Head of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Office in the Slovak Republic
- 9.40 – 10.00** **The role of the EU in refugee integration at local level: funding instruments and policies**
Grzegorz Gajewski, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission
- 10.00 – 12.30** **Panel discussion: Refugee integration by European municipalities in practice**
Mattias Sjölundh, Martin Söderström, Åre municipality, Sweden
Pavel Čejka, Bzenec municipality, Czech Republic
- Coffee break**
Thomas Müller, Nuremberg municipality, Germany
Ursula Eltayeb, Vienna municipality, Austria
- Discussion**
- 12.30 – 13.30** **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 16.00** **Panel discussion: Current state of play in refugee integration at local level in Slovakia**
Mária Hanzlíková, Department of Foreigner Migration and Integration, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic
Petra Achbergerová, Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic
Milan Muška, Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia (ZMOS)
- Coffee break**
Daša Vranka Knošková, OZ Marginal
Michaela Pobudová, initiative Who will help? (Kto pomôže?)
Elena Gallová Kriglerová, Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture (CVEK)
- Discussion**
- 16.00** **Closing remarks**
Zuzana Vatráľová, Head of IOM Office in the Slovak Republic

Please note that the English and Slovak interpreting will be provided during the whole event.