



International Conference

YOUTH IN EUROPE – BETTER EUROPE

The Role of Youth Organizations for Better Inclusion of Refugees in Education, Labour market and Society

November 2-4, 2017, Sofia

Thursday, November 2, 2017

up to 16.00 h Arrival of participants and check-in

19.00 h Dinner and welcome remarks

Dr. Helene Kortländer, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung,
Office Bulgaria

Ilina Mutafchieva, President, National Youth Forum

Liliya Elenkova, National Youth Card Association

Friday, November 3, 2017

08.30-09.00 h Registration

09.00-09.45 h **Opening session**

Moderation: **Liliya Elenkova**, National Youth Card Association

Iliyana Yotova, Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)

Krassen Kralev, Minister of Youth and Sports (tbc)

Maya Manolova, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)

Manel Sanchez, Director, EYCA

9.45-10.15 h

Report "The Inclusion of Refugees in Education, Labour market and Society"

Moderation: **Liliya Elenkova**, National Youth Card Association
Rapporteur: **Lora Lyubenova**, researcher

10.15-11.30 h

High level plenary

European policy for social inclusion of young refugees in education, labour market and society.

European policies for social inclusion; European Solidarity Corps; Ho hate speech campaign - negative influence of hate speech and follow up of the campaign; human rights; social rights; youth participation in the decision making process; young refugees employment; coordination between institutions.

Moderation: **Stefan Georgiev**, Institute for Social Integration

Rui Gomez, Head of Education and Training, Youth department, Council of Europe (tbc)

Natasha Bartaud, Spokesperson's Service, Coordinating Spokesperson, European Commission

Maria Arena, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Elly Schlein, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Julie Ward, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Nick Sore, Adolescent and Youth Advisor at UNHCR (tbc)

Carina Autengruber, Vice President, European Youth Forum

11.30-12.00 h

Coffee break

12.00-13.15 h

National policy for inclusion of refugees in education, labour market and society.

National policy, national programs and national activities; good examples of inclusion on national level; think global and act local; barriers and legislative restrictions; coordination between institutions; no hate speech implementation.

Moderation: **Stefan Georgiev**, Institute for Social Integration

Catarina Marcelino, Secretary of State for Citizenship and

Equality, Portugal (tbc)

Evin Incin, Programme Manager, Olof Palme International Center, Sweden

Maria Pisani, Department of Youth & Community Studies, University of Malta

Seyi Akiwowo, London Councillor, UK

Paul Kortländer, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Germany (tbc)

Mariyana Stoyanova, Red cross, Refugee – Migrant Service

13.15-14.30 h Lunch

14.30-15.45 h **The role of youth organizations for better inclusion of refugees in education, labour market and society on local, national and european level**

Different practices in different EU countries, the common perspective, sharing good possibilities of common interaction, should the national legislation change? How we will continue looking for EU perspective and stay together and not closing borders? No hate speech campaigns.

Moderation: **Stefan Georgiev**, Institute for Social Integration

Maria Pisani, President, National Youth Council of Italy

Sabrina Konzok, President, European Youth Coordination Committee, IFRC

Felix Deist, UN Youth Germany

Rozalina Nedkova, UN Youth Bulgaria

Garabed Chadoian, Vice President, IUSY

15.45-16.15 h Coffee break

16.15-17.30 h **Working groups 1 & 2 - Social inclusion**

The role of the organisations in the process of inclusion; social rights and opportunities for young refugees; how to avoid exploitation and social dumping.

Facilitation: **N.N.**, N.N.

N.N., N.N.

Atanaska Todorova, Chief expert, Confederation of the Independent Trade Unions in Bulgaria (tbc)

Dimitar Manolov, President, Confederation of Labour "Podkrepa" (tbc)

N.N., Bulgarian Refugee Agency (tbc)

Stana Iliev, UNHCR Bulgaria (tbc)

Bistra Ivanova, Multi Kulti Colective

19.00 h

Dinner

Saturday, November 4, 2017

09.00-10.15 h

Working group 3 - Youth organizations: Local Policy

Different activities on local level for inclusion of minorities, youth projects, local municipality programs, different forms of public dialogue, sharing good practices.

Facilitation: **N.N.**, N.N.

Nikolas Christofi, National Youth council of Cyprus, SG

Mircho Hristov, European Youth Capital Network

N.N., Sofia Municipality

Hristo Bozhilov, Kuklen Munisipality (tbc)

10.15-10.45 h

Coffee break

10.45-12.00 h

Working group 4 - Youth organizations: National Policy

Youth activities on local and national level; the participation in decision making process on local and national level; problems and obstacles, community attitude and support, fighting the extreme right.

Facilitation: **N.N.**, N.N.

Hugo Carvalho, President, National Youth Council of Portugal (tbc)

Rosaline Marbinah, Vice- President, NYC of Sweden (tbc)

Georg Feiner, NYC of Austria

Tobias Koch, President, NYC of Germany /DNK/ (tbc)

Darko Kaevski, Director, Agency of Youth and Sport, Macedonia (tbc)

12.00-13.00 h Presentation of the working groups outcomes and conclusions

13.00-14.00 h Lunch