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The European Women's Lobby in partnership with migrant women organisation from all Europe

Invite you to a seminar on

Incorporating Gender in Integration Policies: the Way Forward

Date: December 1, 2008
From 8.30 am to 13.00 pm

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Brussels

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVE

The Council of Europe and the European Commission have both made recommendations to Member states on the need to incorporate a gender perspective in integration and migration policies:

- The Recommendation 1732 (2006) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe states that Member States should “*gender mainstream all [their] work concerning migration in Europe*”. Both Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1732 (2006) and Resolution 1478 (2006) on the Integration of immigrant women in Europe emphasize the need to pay particular attention to ensure the specific needs of women migrants are taken into account and distinguished from men in line.
- The European Commission’s Communication on “A Common Agenda for Integration: Framework for the Integration of third-Country Nationals in the European Union”, COM (2005) 389 final recommends that “*a gender perspective (is) incorporated into all relevant actions, as well as specific attention to the situation of migrant youth and children*”.

However, despite these commitments, EWL and its partners organizations have seen that the rights and concerns of immigrant women in the measures promoting the integration of immigrants in the EU and more generally in the development of a European immigration policy are not taken into account when integration policies are put into place.

The aim of the seminar is to bring together high-level decision-makers (such as Members of the European Parliament, high-ranking European Commission officials and representatives from international organizations) and representatives from migrant women’s organizations to share their perspectives on how integration policies can incorporate a gender perspective. It will also look at the specific example of employment, a crucial area for migrant women’s integration.

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PROGRAMME

8:30: Registration of participants

9:00 – 10:30

Incorporating gender in integration policies: the way forward

Facilitation and introductory speech: **Ms Brigitte Triems**, EWL President

Speakers:

Ms Iwona Piorko, DG JLS, EC

French Presidency representative (tbc)

Mr Giusto Catania, MEP (tbc)

Ms Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, MEP (tbc)

Pr. Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University

Ms Virginia Wangare, European Network of Migrant Women

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee/tea break

10:45 - 13:00

Providing effective support to facilitate migrant women’s access to the labour market

Facilitation and introductory speech: **Ms. Brenda King**, President of the Specialised Section "Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship" of the European Economic and Social Committee

Speakers:

Mr Xavier Prats-Monné, Director, DG employment and Social Affairs, EC

Ms Jean Lambert, MEP (tbc)

Ms Alwiye Xuseyn and Ms Nusha Yonkova, Akidwa and Immigrant Council in Ireland, Ireland

Ms Fe Jusay, RESPECT network

Ms Parvin Ali, Fatima Women’s Network, United Kingdom

Ms Gloria Moreno-Fontes, ILO (tbc)

Mr Jean-Pierre Garson, OCDE (tbc)

French and English interpretation will be provided

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, rue de la loi 107,
Brussels**

From Brussels Airport

Take the airport bus from the airport (floor -3) till the last stop “Rond Point Schuman”. Go down rue de la loi on the left side till you reach the hotel.

From Bruxelles Midi train station

Take the metro line 2 direction Simonis, change at Arts Loi to line 1A direction Hermann Debroux or 1 B direction Stockel. Get off at Schuman (2nd stop), then go down rue de la Loi on the left side till you reach the hotel.