

## FINAL CONFERENCE LABOUR-INT

### “Labour Market Integration of Migrants – A Multi-Stakeholder Approach”

**Friday, 14 December 2018, 9:00 - 17:00**  
Auditorium ITUH, Boulevard Roi Albert II 5, 1210  
Brussels, Belgium

### Background

The upsurge of migration flows to Europe, consisting particularly of people seeking international protection, has made the need for effective and targeted integration policies ever more urgent. In the [Action Plan for Integration of Third Country Nationals](#) launched in June 2016 the European Commission pledged for more mainstreamed as well as targeted actions to support the integration in training, employment and society in general of recently arrived third country nationals.

In this context, the European Economic and Social Partners (ETUC, BUSINESS EUROPE, CEEP, SMEunited and EUROCHAMBRES) highlighted their readiness to support actions that will help to boost the labour market integration of migrants: at the Tripartite Social Summit of March 2016 they presented a [Joint Statement on the Refugee Crisis](#) underlining their commitment and willingness to work with governments and other stakeholders to design and develop policies to support integration.

The “LABOUR-INT: Labour Market Integration of Migrants: A multi-stakeholder approach” project represents a first concrete contribution in this direction<sup>1</sup>. LABOUR-INT was built on the cooperation, commitment and dialogue of economic and social partners as key labour market actors which was materialised in the signature of the [European Partnership for Integration](#) in December 2017. The Partnership lays down key principles and commitments to support and strengthen opportunities for migrants to integrate into the European labour market.

### Objectives

The conference aims at sharing the results of the two-year LABOUR-INT project, through which CEEP, ETUC and EUROCHAMBRES – together with the involvement and support of several national, European and International organisations have been advocating for a multi-stakeholder approach in setting up inclusive integration paths of migrants in the European labour market. The event will also give participants an overview of the current European migration context and of migrant’s labour market integration, including the presentation of the various national pilot actions that were deployed throughout the implementation of the project.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.labour-int.eu](http://www.labour-int.eu)

## PROGRAMME

**8.30 – 9.00**      **Registration**

**9.00 – 9.30**      **Welcome of participants and introductory remarks**

- Rudy De Leeuw, President, ETUC
- Valeria RONZITTI, General Secretary, CEEP
- Arnaldo ABRUZZINI, CEO, EUROCHAMBRES

**Labour Market Integration of Migrants: Setting the scene**

Chair: Carlotta ASTORI, Project Officer, CEEP

**9.30 – 10.00**      **Partnership for integration: State of play of the EC-EU economic and social partners**

- Laura CORRADO, Head of Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

**10.00 – 10.30**      **LABOUR-INT: EU economic and social partners' initiatives for labour market integration of migrants**

- **Presenting of objectives, tasks and results of the project & LABOUR-INT video**, Mercedes MILETTI, Project Officer, ETUC

**10.30 – 10.45**      **Open discussion and Q&A**

**10.45 – 11.15**      Coffee break

**Presentation of the LABOUR-INT Pilot Actions**

Chair: Marco CILENTO, Senior Advisor, ETUC

**11.15 – 12.15**      **Recipes for a successful migrants' labour market integration**

- **A full-fledged labour integration path for asylum-seekers in Milan Italian pilot action** - Maurizio BOVE, ANOLF Milano, Paolo MIRANDA, FISASCAT Cisl Milano Metropoli
- **A skills and training needs assessment in Wallonia Belgian pilot action** – Didier PIRONET, CEPAG

**12.15 – 12.30**      **Open discussion and Q&A**

**12.30 – 14.00**      Lunch break



**14.00 – 14.45 Recipes for a successful migrants' labour market integration**

Chair: Birgit ARENS, Senior Project Officer, EUROCHAMBRES

- **Preparing the workplace**  
German pilot action 1 - Daniel WEBER, DGB Bildungswerk
- **A self-assessment online tool**  
German pilot action 2 - Matthias BINDER, AgenturQ

**14.45 – 15.00 Open discussion and Q&A**

**15.00 – 15.15** Coffee break

**15.15 – 16.15 Round table: EU successful labour market integration practices**

Chair: Cinzia SECHI, Senior Advisor, ETUC

- **Engaging with employers in hiring refugees**, Jenny BISTOYONG, UNHCR Division for Resilience and Solutions, Geneva
- **From reception to work**, Vania NEDELTCHEVA, Migrant Point EKA, Athens Labour Unions' Organisation/UnionMigrantNet
- **Fast track Initiative for Newly Arrived Migrants in Sweden**, Jeanette GRENFORS, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions SALAR
- **Cities integrating refugees and migrants through work**, Salvatore SOFIA, EUROCITIES
- **Recipe book for integration**, David GNES, Caritas Europa

**16.15 – 16.30 Open discussion and Q&A**

**Conclusions and the way forward**

**16.30 – 16.45** - Liina CARR, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

**17.00** End of the day



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