



Steps towards equal opportunities for migrant elders across Europe Workshop on 13 October 2009 in Brussels

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, and the European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities cordially invite you to participate in the workshop

Steps towards equal opportunities for migrant elders across Europe on Tuesday, 13 October, 10 a.m. till 4.30 p.m.

**in the Permanent Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European
Union in Brussels**

Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels.

The main aim of the workshop will be to discuss how equal opportunities by mutual integration, active ageing and empowerment as well as the improvement of the quality of life of migrant elders across Europe can be promoted.

After the presentation of the main results of the EU-funded Project "Active Ageing of Migrant Elders across Europe" (AAMEE, www.aamee.eu) and a report of the demographic facts and perspectives of migrant elders in Europe, the state of art and the perspective either in the field of research on migrant elders and in the field of voluntary work in various societies across Europe will be reviewed.

In the panel discussion, we aim to identify sustainable European perspectives concerning equal opportunities for migrant elders across Europe.

Speakers are representatives of the European Parliament, the European Commission - Directorate General of Employment and Social Affairs, Directorate General on Justice, Freedom and Security, Directorate General Education and Culture -, the Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, the Permanent Representation of North Rhine Westphalia to the European Union in Brussels, European researchers, voluntary organisations and a representative from the upcoming Presidency of the Council of European Union.

The conference languages will be German and English (simultaneous translation).

Please let us know about your participation till 7 October 2009. Please send your registration with the form to info@aamee.eu.

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Program of workshop in Brussels
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Conference languages: German and English

Moderation: Ms Dr. Vera Gerling, GER-ON Consult & Research, Dortmund

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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Opening |
| 10:30 – 10:35 | Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Hans H. Stein, Permanent Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union in Brussels, Director |
| 10:35 – 11:00 | The project Active Ageing of Migrant Elders across Europe (AAMEE)- the most essential results <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Dr. Christof Eichert, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Head of Department "Integration und Generation" |
| New Strategies in Europe for Migrant Elders | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Migrant Elders in Europe- demographic facts and perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Ralf Jacob, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment (DG EMPL), Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Head of Unit "Social and Demographic Analysis" |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | The perspective of the European Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Member of the Intergroup on Ageing |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch |

13:00 – 13:45

European research, research gaps and perspectives for further research

- Mr Prof. Dr. Klaus Schriewer, Universidad de Murcia, Spain - Present research on Migrant Elders

in cooperation with

- Ms Prof. Dr. Anna Krasteva, Centre for migration studies (CERMES), New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria, - Research gaps and perspectives for further research

Active ageing, mutual integration, empowerment - strategies for equal opportunities?

Part 1

13:45 – 14:30

Perspectives for the mutual integration- role of voluntary work

- Mr Kenan Küçük, Multicultural Forum e.V., Germany, Managing Director- Good practice of voluntary work across Europe

in cooperation with

- Ms Glenda Watt, City of Edinburgh Council, Scotland, U.K, Strategy Manager "A City for All Ages- Edinburgh's Plan for Older People, member of the advisory board of AAMEE- Recommendations for voluntary work with Migrant Elders in Europe

14.30 - 14.45

Coffee break

Part 2:

14:45 – 16:00

Discussion: How to promote equal opportunities by active ageing, mutual integration and empowerment

Moderation: Mr Prof. Dr. John Eade, Executive Director of CRONEM (Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism), Surrey and Roehampton Universities, UK

Aim: find out and specify perspectives in Europe which have been initiated by "Active Ageing of Migrant Elders across Europe" (AAMEE) concerning equal opportunities and which go far beyond the AAMEE-project, recognizing that migrants in voluntary organisations and voluntary organisations for migrants play an essential role.

- Mr Carlos Garcia de Cortazar, Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Consejero Coordinador de Trabajo e Inmigración
- Ms Iwona Piórko, European Commission, Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security (DG JLS), Policy Officer, Unit "Immigration and Integration"
- Ms Marta Maria Ferreira Lourenco, European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture (DG EAC), Head of Unit "Education of Adults"

- Mr Walter Leitermann, German Association of Cities and Towns, Head of the Brussels Office
- Mr Dr. Christof Eichert, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Head of Department "Integration und Generation"
- Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) (NN)

Summary moderation

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 **End of workshop**

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