



## Diversity, Migration and Integration Interest Group Meeting (DMIIG)

King Baudouin Foundation, Brussels, 24 – 25 November 2009

### Agenda

#### *Migrant Integration: Bridging the gap between the local, national and European levels*

**Meeting Venue:** King Baudouin Foundation, 21 rue Brederode, B-1000 Bruxelles

**Aim of the meeting:** explore the role of foundations in addressing the link between integration at the local, national and European levels and delve into concrete opportunities for involvement.

#### Tuesday 24 November

Time	
10.00 – 10.30	<p><b>Welcome</b> and introductory comments</p> <p>Françoise Pissart, King Baudouin Foundation Phoebe Griffith and Ayesha Saran, Barrow Cadbury Trust</p>
10.30 – 11.30	<p><b>The European Context on integration</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to present an overview of European policy context which affects integration of migrants at the European, national and/or local level. Participants will engage with EU officials/experts to discuss the possible development of these policies and the role for foundations in this framework.</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <p>Anaïs Faure-Atger, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) Pierluigi Brombo, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Iwona Piorko, European Commission, DG Justice Freedom and Security</p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p><b>Foundation's work in bridging local, national and EU context – small group discussions</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to explore in small thematic groups how foundations are helping to bridge the gap between the realities of integration at the local, national and European levels, including challenges, successes and lessons learned. Participants will divide into thematic groups to discuss approaches and draw conclusions from practices that can be transferred. Each discussion will be lead off by an illustrative example from the field.</p> <p><u>Working groups:</u></p> <p><i>A. Influencing EU policy on integration</i> – Discussion lead off by Juliet Prager, European Programme for Integration and Migration</p> <p><i>B. Advocating for evidence-based policy</i> – Discussion lead off by Ann Isabelle Von Lingen, Open Society Institute</p> <p><i>C. Acting locally – impacting globally</i> – Discussion lead off by Ana Bustamante de Prado and Patricia Blanco Giner, Fundación “la Caixa”</p>

13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	<p><b>Foundation's work in bridging local, national and EU context cont'd – plenary</b></p> <p>Report back from small group discussions with particular emphasis on effective approaches identified and lessons learned</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 18.00	<p><b>The European integration agenda – trends, challenges and gaps</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to illustrate through the presentation of experts' accounts, the complexities of working at the EU level on a localised issue such as integration. To involve experts to share experiences/suggestions of working at the local, national and EU level and where each of these levels is more appropriate in the context of migrant integration.</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <p>Martin Watson, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) – <i>on how to include refugees into the integration agenda (EU, national, local)</i></p> <p>Eve Geddie, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) – <i>on advocating for inclusion of undocumented migrants</i></p> <p>Wolfgang Bosswick, International Migration, Integration &amp; Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) – <i>on providing evidence to policy</i></p> <p>Dirk Gebhardt, EUROCITIES – <i>on linking the local to the national and EU levels</i></p>
18:00	Adjournment for the day
19:00	Dinner at <i>Ars Vinorum</i> - Rue de la ReINETTE, 6 - 1000 Bruxelles

### Wednesday 25 November

Time	
9.00 – 12.00	<p><b>DMIIG business and strategy meeting</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> to deliberate on the future of the DMIIG, including strategy and work programme.*</p>
12:00	Adjournment for the day

\* Separate agenda provided