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## SHARE Network Conference Programme

### 'Protecting and Welcoming Refugees in Europe: responding to an unprecedented refugee crisis'

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Committee of the Regions,  
Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels 1040

8.30-9.00 *Arrival, registration & coffee*

**9.00-9.15** **Welcome & introduction to the SHARE Network**  
Anne Dussart (President, ICMC Europe)

**9.15-10.15** **Resettlement, relocation & managing refugee arrivals in Europe: a shared responsibility for protection in a global refugee crisis**

*Chair: Petra Hueck - Head of Office, ICMC Europe*

- Vincent Cochetel (Director, Bureau for Europe & Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Refugee Crisis in Europe, United Nations High Commission for Refugees)
- Stephen Ryan (Deputy Head, Asylum Unit, Directorate General Migration & Home Affairs, European Commission)
- Michael Diedring (Secretary General, European Commission on Refugees & Exiles)

**10.15-10.45** **'Offering Reception, Services & Welcome to Refugees in Europe': experiences, learning & recommendations from the SHARE Network**

- Rachel Westerby (Senior Policy & Programme Manager, ICMC Europe)

10.45-11.15 *Coffee & short break*

**11.15-12.15** **Good practice in placement, coordination & partnerships: national governments, cities & civil society**

*Chair: Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe)*

- Nadine Camp (Director of International Development & Advocacy, Forum Réfugiés)
- Eva Lutter (Caritas Friedland, Germany)
- Sabir Zazai (CEO, Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre, UK) & Charlotte Cooke (European Projects Manager, Migration Yorkshire, UK)
- Michaela Kauer (Office of the City of Vienna, EUROCITIES Executive Committee) & Miriam Schulte-Holtey & Dolly Abdul Karim (Diakonie Vienna)

**12.15-13.15** **Showcase Panel 1: Strengthening public & political awareness of refugees**

*Chair: Richard Williams (MigrationWork)*

- Manfred Hagedorn (city of Dortmund)
- Sabe Soe (Burma Center Prague)
- Maciej Fagasinski (Refugee.pl Foundation, Poland)
- Mariana Stoyanova (Red Cross Bulgaria)
- Councillor Julian Roskams (Malvern Town Council, UK)
- Councillor and third Deputy Mayor Mauricio Valiente (municipality of Madrid) & Áliva Diez (Spanish Commission for Refugee Aid)

13.15-14.15      *Lunch*

**14.15-15.15      Showcase Panel 2: Complementing mainstream services: a new role for volunteers, local citizens & faith-based organisations?**

*Chair: Belinda Gallup (Sheffield City Council)*

- George Gabriel (Citizens UK)
- George Joseph (Caritas Sweden)
- Elodie Francart (Citizens Platform to Support Refugees in Brussels)
- Irene Porsch (Caritas Diocese Cologne)
- Roberto Guaglianone (Consortio Communitas, Italy)
- David Zistl (Refugees Welcome, Austria)

15.15-15.30      *Coffee*

**15.30-16.15      Fostering integration & participation in European towns & cities: a refugee-focused approach**

*Chair: Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe)*

- Filmon Ghebrehiwot (SHARE Resettlement Ambassador) & Marijan Bilic (Case Manager, Integration Service of the city of Antwerp)
- Bert Kamphuis (City Alderman, municipality of Sittard-Geleen)
- Hilde Scheidt (Deputy Mayor, city of Aachen)
- Pierre Henry (France Terre d'Asile)

Respondent: Péter Niedermüller, MEP - 'How can the European Union support long-term refugee integration?'

**16.15-16.45      Keynote address: 'Toward A Welcoming Europe'**

- Sir Peter Sutherland - President, International Catholic Migration Commission & UN Special Representative for International Migration (via videolink)
- Cecilia Wikström, MEP

**16.45-17.00      Closing Remarks**

