



ERN+ Conference on Complementary Pathways of Admission to Europe for Refugees

Thursday 12 April 2018 (9:00 –17:00)

[Manos Conference Centre](#), Brussels

Within the framework of its current project, the European Resettlement Network (ERN) continues to support the further development of resettlement in Europe, while focussing on expanding complementary pathways of admission to the EU for those in need of international protection.

The ERN coordinating partners IOM, ICMC and UNHCR are happy to announce the **ERN+ Conference on Complementary Pathways of Admission to Europe for Refugees**, taking place in Brussels on **12 April 2018**.

The conference concludes the ERN+ Project: *Developing Innovative European Models for the Protection of Refugees and Providing Support to New Resettlement Countries*, which is co-funded by the European Union. At the event, the ERN coordinating partners will present **feasibility research and policy recommendations** with respect to the development of complementary pathways of admission to the EU for refugees. The event programme will provide for the opportunity to engage in open and targeted discussions on the three pathways that have been the main focus of this project, namely **private/community-based sponsorship, higher education scholarships** and **humanitarian admission programmes**.

Further opportunities for discussing recent developments and current trends in resettlement and complementary pathways in Europe will also be available, as well as updates on current initiatives that support complementary pathways.

The conference aims to bring together a wide range of relevant stakeholders from national, regional and local government, international organisations, civil society, think tanks, academia and refugee diaspora.



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PROGRAMME

Morning Session

8:15 – 9:00	<i>Welcome coffee and registration of participants</i>
9:00 – 9:30	Introductory Speeches: Resettlement and Complementary Pathways Chaired by Laura Palatini, <i>IOM</i>
	Eugenio Ambrosi, Regional Director, <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i> Sophie Magennis, Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, <i>Regional Representation for EU Affairs, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</i> Stephane Jaquemet, Director of Policy, <i>International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Presentation of ERN+ Project Activities and Outcomes Chaired by Sophie Magennis, <i>UNHCR</i>
	The European Resettlement Network and ERN+ Project By Jo De Backer, Resettlement Specialist, <i>IOM</i> & David Watt, ERN+ Project Coordinator, <i>UNHCR</i>
	Private/Community-based Sponsorship by Petra Hueck, Director, <i>ICMC Europe</i> & Matthieu Tardis, ERN+ Consultant
	Humanitarian Admission Programmes by Joanne van Selm, ERN+ Consultant
	Student Scholarships by Anneke Smit, ERN+ Consultant
	ERN+ Policy Paper on advancing complementary pathways in Europe by Joanne van Selm, ERN+ Consultant
	Question and answer session on the ERN+ project
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:45	EU Policy Debate on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways
	Malin Björk MEP, LIBE Committee Member, <i>European Parliament</i> Stephen Ryan, Deputy Head of Unit on Asylum, <i>DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i> Catherine Woollard, Secretary General, <i>European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)</i> Moderated by Marie De Somer, Senior Policy Analyst, <i>European Policy Centre (EPC)</i>
12:45 – 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>

Afternoon Session

13:45 – 14:45	Pathway Session I
Smaller group discussions on the three pathways of focus in the ERN+ project	<p>Participants will attend one of the following sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private/Community Sponsorship Programmes Moderated by Mark Wiggin, Chief Executive Officer, <i>Caritas Diocese of Salford</i> • Humanitarian Admission Programmes Moderated by Marcus Engler, Independent Migration Researcher and Consultant • Student Scholarship Programmes Moderated by Michelle Manks, Senior Manager, <i>World University Service of Canada (WUSC)</i>
14:45 – 15:30	Pathway Session II
	<p>Participants have the chance to attend a second repeat session on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private/Community Sponsorship Programmes • Humanitarian Admission Programmes • Student Scholarship Programmes
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 16:30	Global and EU initiatives on complementary pathways
	<p>Moderated by Hanne Beirens, Associate Director, <i>MPI Europe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (GRSI) Kate O'Malley, Senior Consultant on Resettlement Partnerships, <i>UNHCR</i>, and Mary Coulter, Counsellor on Migration, <i>Mission of Canada to the EU</i> ❖ Emerging Resettlement Countries Joint Mechanism (ERCM) Craig Murphy, Programme Manager, <i>IOM</i>, and Kate O'Malley, Senior Consultant on Resettlement Partnerships, <i>UNHCR</i> ❖ European Commission Feasibility Study on Private Sponsorship Adam Kittl, Policy Officer, <i>DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i> ❖ European Asylum Support Office (EASO) Pilot Project on Private Sponsorship Alexander Sorel, Special Advisor to EASO Head of Department of Operations, <i>EASO</i>
16:30 – 16:55	<p>Stock-taking of the day's discussion: Looking towards the Global Compact on Refugees and developments on the Union Resettlement Framework Chaired by Stephane Jaquemet, <i>ICMC</i></p>
	Moderated by Aspasia Papadopoulou, Senior Policy Officer, <i>European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)</i>
16:55 – 17:00	<p>Closing words Stephane Jaquemet, <i>ICMC</i></p>