Migration and the European Union: Multi-Level-Governance as a Solution

Webinar
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12.00 | 13.30

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12:00 Welcome and keynote speeches
Welcome and overall moderation Peter Bussjäger, Institute of Federalism

Othmar Karas, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Mark Speich, Secretary of State for Federal, European and International Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia, Chair of Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX) of the European Committee of the Regions

12:15 Introduction to the debate
Peter Bussjäger, University of Innsbruck, Institute of Federalism

Anton Pelinka, Professor emeritus, Central European University, Budapest/Vienna

Isabelle Ioannides, Policy Analyst on EU external action, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

12:30 Panel discussion 1
Migration policy: a question of borders – asylum, economic migration and internal market

Moderator: Carmen Schmidle, Deputy Head of Unit, Press Unit, European Committee of the Regions

Michael Shotter, Director of Migration, Protection and Visa, European Commission, DG HOME

Martin Hofmann, Researcher of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Peter Webinger, Director General for Migration, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior

Gudrun Biffl, Danube-University Krems, Austria
12:55  Panel discussion 2
Integration: a task for all levels – policies, examples, limits

Moderator:
Klemen Zumer, Head of Unit for Linking the Levels, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

Béatrice Taulegne, Director for Legislative Works I, European Committee of the Regions

Verena Wisthaler, Institute for Minority Rights at EURAC, Bozen/Bolzano, Italy

Christoph Reinprecht, Institute for Sociology, University Vienna

Anita Orav, Expert on asylum policies and integration, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

13:20  Summary and Conclusions

Christian Gsodam, Head of Cabinet of the Secretary General, European Committee of the Regions
For further information:
- Opinion the European Committee of the Regions on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, rapporteur Antje Grotheer (DE/PES)(19.03.2021)
- Declaration of the CoR Bureau on the situation of migrants in Moria (09.10.2020)
- Integration of migrants in middle and small cities and in rural areas in Europe, a report commissioned by the European Committee of the Regions as part of its Cities and Regions for Integration of Migrants Initiative (22.04.2020)
- Migration und Europäische Union: Multi-Level-Governance als Lösungsansatz (Migration and the European Union: Multi-Level-Governance as a Solution), Peter Bussjäger/Christian Gsodam (Hg), New Academic Press
- Institut für Föderalismus / Institute for Federalism Webpage
- EPRS publications on migration, TD_Migration_internal_rev_final.pdf (europa.eu)
- European Parliamentary Research Service Blog | Empowering through knowledge (epthinktank.eu)

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Labour market integration of asylum-seekers and refugees, Anita Orav, EPRS