Thematic network
Integration and Diversity
Meeting document

Paris, France
28 February – 1st March 2013
Pre-draft agenda
Thursday 28 February

14.00 Meeting in front of the *Palais de la Porte dorée*

14.15 Start of the guided tour of the permanent exhibition of the National House of Immigration History (*Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration*)

15.45 Debate on: **Non-EU immigrants: what participation in local life?** (right to vote, active citizenship, volunteering…)

  - **Claudine Bouygues**, Paris City Council, deputy mayor in charge of Integration
  - **Raed Arafat**, Secretary of State at the Romanian Ministry of Health, founder of the *SMURD* Emergencies service *tbc*
  - **Ronald Lucardie**, president of EUNOMAD (European Network on Migrations and Development) *tbc*
  - **Luis Rios Miguel**, president of the Migrants and European Citizenship Platform
  - Members of CEMR Integration and Diversity Thematic network or Committee on Governance and Citizenship *tbc*

17.15 End of debates

20.00 Activity organised jointly with Paris City Council or other nearby municipality or association active in this field

Friday 1st March

9.30 Welcome

10.00 Debate on: **The European Union and the local and regional authorities: what cooperation on the field of the Integration of migrants?**

  - **Dirk Ostendorf**, Deputy-mayor of Werne (RGRE) *tbc*
  - **Claude Moraes**, MEP (UK, S&D) *tbc*
  - **Pelin Gündeş Bakır**, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, rapporteur on « Integration of migrants : is Europe failing ? » *tbc*
  - **Leila El Fahimi**, European Commission, DG Home Affairs, in charge of legal immigration, integration, asylum within Cecilia Malmström’s cabinet *tbc*
  - **Ayse Özbabacan**, coordinator of the CLIP network *tbc*
  - **Ana Feder**, Eurocities, responsible for the Migrations and Integration field *tbc*
  - Members of CEMR Integration and Diversity Thematic network *tbc*

12.00 Lunch

13.30 Debate on: **Migration policies in the European Union: do local and regional authorities have a say?**

  - **Jacques Toubon**, president of the *Cité nationale de l’histoire de l’immigration*‘s advisory board, former French Minister of Justice and
Culture, former member of France’s National Assembly, former mayor of Paris’ 13th arrondissement

- Wolfgang Schuster, President of CEMR
- Simon Busuttil, MEP (Malta, EPP) tbc
- Marie-Christine Vergiat, MEP (France, United Left) tbc
- Christopher Chope, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, rapporteur on « Arrival of migrants to Italian coastal areas » (UK) tbc
- Peter Bosch, European Commission, DG Home Affairs, in charge of irregular immigration, return policy/readmissions, migrations and development within Cecilia Malmström’s cabinet tbc
- Maurizio Busatti, International Organization for Migration, Director for France tbc
- Members of CEMR Integration and Diversity Thematic network

15.30 Debate between the permanent members of the network on its role, positioning and functioning

17.00 End of debate

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