

National Conference of the European Migration Network
“The Role of Municipalities in the Integration of Refugees”

23 March 2017

Hotel Mercure, Žabotova 2, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration and refreshment**

9.30 – 9.40 **Opening of the conference and welcoming of the participants**

Zuzana Vatráľová, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Office in the Slovak Republic

Bernard Prielcel, Migration Office, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic

9.40 – 10.00 **The role of the EU in refugee integration at local level: funding instruments and policies**

Grzegorz Gajewski, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission

10.00 – 12.30 **Panel discussion: Refugee integration by European municipalities in practice**

Mattias Sjölundh, Martin Söderström, Åre municipality, Sweden

Pavel Čejka, Bzenec municipality, Czech Republic

Coffee break

Thomas Müller, Nuremberg municipality, Germany

Ursula Eltayeb, Vienna municipality, Austria

Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 16.00 **Panel discussion: Current state of play in refugee integration at local level in Slovakia**

Mária Hanzlíková, Department of Foreigner Migration and Integration, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

Petra Achbergerová, Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic

Milan Muška, Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia (ZMOS)

Coffee break

Tomáš Bauer, ADRA Slovakia / OZ Marginal

Michaela Pobudová, initiative Who will help? (Kto pomôže?)

Elena Gallová Kriglerová, Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture (CVEK)

Discussion

16.00 **Closing remarks**

Zuzana Vatráľová, IOM Office in the Slovak Republic

Please note that the English and Slovak interpreting will be provided during the whole event.