

EMN Educational Seminar
„Irregular Migration – Borders and Human Rights“

25 – 27 August 2015
Hotel Mercure, Žabotova 2, Bratislava, Slovakia

Seminar topics:

Irregular migration and its current challenges in the world, EU and Slovakia • Smuggling and other forms of irregular migration • Fight against irregular migration • Dealing with situation of irregular migrants and protection of their rights • Intermingling of forced and irregular migration

25 August (Tuesday):

- 8.30 – 9.00** **Registration**
- 9.00 – 9.30** **Opening of the seminar and welcoming of the participants**
Zuzana Vatrálová, Head of IOM Office in the Slovak Republic
Bernard Prielcel, Director of Migration Office, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Chair of the Managing Committee for Migration and Foreigners' Integration
- 9.30 – 10.15** **Irregular migration in global context and current challenges**
Livia Styp-Rekowska, Senior Regional Immigration and Border Management Specialist, IOM Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Vienna
- 10.15 – 10.45** **Coffee break**
- 10.45 – 12.15** **Human rights and protection of migrants in the context of the current Mediterranean crisis**
Roger Zetter, Emeritus Professor of Refugee Studies, University of Oxford
- 12.15 – 13.15** **Lunch**
- 13.15 – 14.00** **Unauthorised maritime migration in different parts of the world with focus on the Mediterranean Sea**
Elizabeth Collett, Director of Migration Policy Institute Europe, Brussels
- 14.00 – 15.00** **Nobody deserves to die out at sea - Saving lives in the Mediterranean**
Martin Xuereb, Director of the Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS), Malta
- 15.00 – 15.30** **Coffee break**
- 15.30 – 16.45** **Latest phenomena and Frontex activities at the EU external borders**
Pawel Suchanek, Change and Product Manager to the Director of Operations Division, Frontex, Warsaw
- 16.45 – 17.30** **External border controls in the Slovak Republic**
Roman Hronec, Senior Specialist at the Border Police and Frontex Unit, Bureau of Border and Aliens Police of the Police Force Presidium, Bratislava

20.00 – 22.00 **Film Screening: The Good Lie (Kino Lumière, Špitálska 4, Bratislava)**

Slovak premiere of the film *The Good Lie* (2014, 1h 46min., English with Slovak subtitles, <http://www.thegoodliemovie.com/>), by Philippe Falardeau, about the "Lost Boys of Sudan". Free public event (tickets will be available at Kino Lumière **one hour before the screening**).

A group of young refugees orphaned by the civil war in Sudan that began in 1983 are given the chance to resettle in the United States from a Kenyan refugee camp where they have lived for 13 years. After arriving in Kansas City, Missouri, their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives. The film stars Reese Witherspoon alongside Sudanese actors, many of whom were also refugees.



26 August (Wednesday):

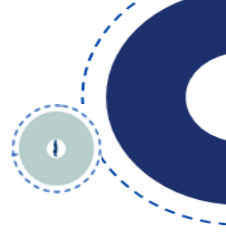
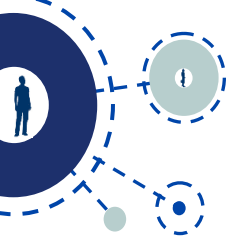
- 8.30 – 9.30** **What do we know about migrant decision-making in relation to irregular migration opportunities and risks?**
Jacob Townsend, CEO of Farsight, Brussels
- 9.30 – 10.15** **Migrant smuggling as one of the forms of irregular migration**
Livia Styp-Rekowska, Senior Regional Immigration and Border Management Specialist, IOM Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Vienna
- 10.15 – 10.45** **Coffee break**
- 10.45 – 11.15** **EU's European Agenda on Migration and migrant smuggling policy**
Marcin Antoni Pruss, Policy Officer, Irregular Migration and Return Policy Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels
- 11.15 – 12.00** **Migrant smuggling and its forms in the context of the Slovak Republic**
Kamil Pinček, Deputy Director of the National Unit to Combat Irregular Migration, Bureau of Border and Aliens Police of the Police Force Presidium, Bratislava
- 12.00 – 13.00** **Lunch**
- 13.00 – 13.45** **Criminalisation of migrants in an irregular situation and of persons engaging with them**
Adriano Silvestri, Head of Section Asylum, Migration and Borders, Freedoms and Justice Department, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna
- 13.45 – 15.00** **Human rights of irregular migrants in Europe: Access to services and justice mechanisms. Prevention of irregularity.**
Kadri Soova, Advocacy Officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), Brussels
- 15.00 – 15.30** **Coffee break**
- 15.30 – 17.00** **Regularisation of irregular migrants in Europe and its impacts**
Albert Kraler, Researcher and Programme Manager, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Vienna

19.00 – 21.00 **EMN Discussion Evening: Europe or Die? (KC Dunaj, Nedbalova 3, Bratislava)**

When risking one's life is the only chance to save it. Discussion about the situation at the EU external borders and in the Mediterranean Sea with:

- **Livia Styp-Rekowska**, expert of the IOM Regional Office in Vienna with a long-term experience in immigration and border management in Europe, Africa and Asia,
- **Miriam Fassbender**, documentarist and author of the book "2850 kilometres" and of the film "Foreign".

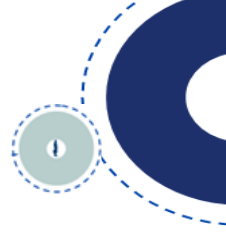
The discussion will be preceded by screening of an episode from documentary series "Europe or Die" (VICE News, 2015, 28 min., <https://news.vice.com/show/europe-or-die>, English subtitles). Free public event to be held in English.



27 August (Thursday):

- 8.30 – 9.30** **Detained youth: Fate of young migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees in Libya today**
Asmita Naik, Independent Consultant
- 9.30 – 10.00** **EU's return policy**
Marcin Antoni Pruss, Policy Officer, Irregular Migration and Return Policy Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels
- 10.00 – 10.30** **Coffee break**
- 10.30 – 11.00** **European Migration Network outputs on irregular migration, detention, return and reintegration**
Salvatore Petronella, Managing Consultant, ICF International (EMN Service Provider), Brussels
- 11.00 – 12.00** **Migration trends and current global and EU policies: Focus on assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR)**
Pascal Reyntjens, Chief of Mission of the IOM Country Office in Belgium and Luxembourg
- 12.00 – 12.30** **Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme (AVRR) in Slovakia**
Zuzana Vatrál'ová, Head of IOM Office in the Slovak Republic
- 12.30 – 13.00** **Concluding remarks and handing over certificates of participation**
- 13.00** **Lunch**

Please note that the English and Slovak interpreting will be provided during the whole event except for the evening discussion (conducted in English).



PROFILE OF THE EMN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:

The EMN educational seminar's overall objective is to provide professionals working in the state institutions, non-governmental sector, research bodies or other relevant organisations with comprehensive and up-to-date information on migration issues and thus contribute to policymaking process in Slovakia. The seminar also aims to create a unique learning platform about migration in Slovakia and foster networking, experience sharing and discussions among (inter)national experts and participants.

Every edition of the EMN educational seminar deals with specific migration related areas. The first 2012 educational seminar entitled [Migration Globally and Locally](#) introduced various aspects of migration: migration as a global phenomenon, migration policy of the Slovak Republic in the global and EU context, labour migration worldwide and ability of the Slovak Republic to respond to labour market needs through migration, migration and development, forced migration and irregular migration. In 2013, [Labour Migration Opportunities and Challenges](#) seminar focused on labour migration management, the status of labour migrants on the labour market, risk factors of labour migration and human trafficking. The last educational seminar on [Forced Migration – Causes and Possible Solutions](#) dealt with causes of contemporary displacement and current situation with regard to forced migration, asylum and other forms of international protection globally and in the EU, resettlement as a vital tool of international protection, and refugee hotspots in the Mediterranean region.

The EMN educational seminar also reaches out to the public through EMN discussion evenings which as an accompanying programme of the seminar combine a documentary screening and moderated discussion with experts in the particular field. Since 2012, the following evenings have been organised: [Are we at Home Here?](#) (2012) about migrant integration in Slovakia and Czech Republic, [The Tree Workers Case](#) (2013) about labour exploitation and human trafficking, and [People Forced to Flee](#) (2014) about the forced migration, refugees and assistance to them.

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

Each year, the seminar welcomes participants coming from different professional backgrounds. This year's seminar is attended by 69 participants including:

- 46 representatives of state and public administration
- 5 representatives of non-governmental organisations
- 13 representatives of academia
- 2 representatives of foreign embassies in Slovakia
- representative of media
- relocation consultant
- law clerk