The European Commission’s Knowledge Centre for Migration and Demography

Launch event
20 June 2016
Brussels, Berlaymont – Schuman room

Programme
09:00 - 09:30  Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 - 10:15  Opening session

Chair: Vladimír Šucha, Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President of the European Commission, Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

Christos Stylianides, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, European Commission

Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, European Commission

Peter Diez, Deputy Director Migration Policy, Ministry of Security and Justice, The Netherlands

10:15 - 10:30  Launch of the European Commission’s Knowledge Centre for migration and demography

Delilah Al Khudhairy, Director, Policy Support Coordination, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission and Alessandra Zampieri, Head of Unit Maritime Affairs, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

The launch will consist of a brief ceremony during which the Knowledge Centre will be presented and its new website shall be disclosed.

10:30 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15  Keynote

Demetrios G. Papademetriou, President of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Europe, President Emeritus of MPI
Panel discussion: Towards better management of knowledge on migration and demography for EU policymaking

The panellists shall discuss how better knowledge on migration and demography could help policymakers better design related EU policies in the short, medium and long terms. The added value of a scientific approach to systematise, maintain, update and make sense of the relevant data and knowledge will be highlighted. The following questions will be debated: How can data and knowledge about migration and demography be made more useful for policymaking? What gaps and challenges in evidence-based policymaking still exist? What is the role of partnerships, such as the flagship example of the ‘JRC-IIASA Centre of Expertise on Population and Migration’?

Moderator: James Morrison, Director, Policy Co-ordination II, Secretariat General, European Commission

Monique Pariat, Director-General, Directorate-General Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, European Commission

Pavel Kabat, Director-General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Eugenio Ambrosi, Regional Director for the European Economic Area, International Organisation for Migration

Launch of the JRC-IIASA Centre of Expertise on Population and Migration

Keynote introduction: Mariana Kotzeva, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Eurostat, European Commission

Wolfgang Lutz, Program Director World Population and Anne Goujon, Research Scholar World Population

This will comprise a presentation by IIASA of the JRC-IIASA Centre of Expertise on Population and Migration.

Closing session

Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission

Buffet lunch
JRC Mission

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