

The First European Conference: "New face for Europe. Migrant Elders across Europe - from Challenges to Opportunities", from 30 September - 02 October 2008 in Bonn, Germany

Agenda

30 September, 2008 at 7.00pm

Reception for all participants by the City of Bonn, at the Altes Rathaus (Old City Hall), Marktplatz, D-53111 Bonn.

01 October, 2008 - first conference day

Location: World Conference Centre Bonn WCCB (<http://www.worldccbonn.com>).

8.00am - 9.30am: registration / welcome service

9.30am - 12.00am: opening speeches

Moderation:

Ms. Verica Spasovska, executive of the editorial department for Middle, Southern and South Eastern Europe, Deutsche Welle (media partner of the AAMÉE- project).

Welcome:

Ms. Bärbel Dieckmann, Lady Mayor of the City of Bonn, Germany, "*address of welcome*".

Speakers:

Mr. Armin Laschet, Minister for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI), Düsseldorf, Germany, "*Europas Neues Gesicht. Ältere Menschen mit Zuwanderungsgeschichte in Europa – von Herausforderungen zu Chancen*" ("*New face for Europe. Migrant Elders across Europe - from Challenges to Opportunities*").

Mr. Gerhard Stahl, Secretary General of the Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium, "*Ältere Angehörige ethnischer Minderheiten und Migranten in Europa – Herausforderungen und Chancen*" ("*Elder members of ethnic minorities and migrants in Europe - Challenges and Opportunities*").

Mr. Thomas Mann, Member of the European Parliament/ Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Brussels, Belgium, "*Ältere Menschen mit Zuwanderungsgeschichte in Europa*" ("*Migrant Elders in Europe*").

Mr. Jérôme Vignon, Director of the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, "*Chancen, Zugangsmöglichkeiten und Solidarität in einer alternden Gesellschaft - Blick auf ältere Migranten*" ("*Chances, opportunities and solidarity in an aging society - A look at elder migrants*").

Subsequently:

Panel discussion as a European Dialogue:
"Active Ageing - equal opportunities for migrant elders"

Participants:

Herr Armin Laschet, Minister for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI), Düsseldorf, Germany.

Herr Gerhard Stahl, Secretary General of the Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium.

Herr Thomas Mann, Member of the European Parliament / Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Brussels, Belgium.

Herr Jérôme Vignon, Director of the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium.

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Ms. Verica Spasovska, Deutsche Welle (media partner of the AAMEE project).

12.00pm - 1.00pm: lunch break

1.30pm - 3.15pm: discussion forums

The key topics of the nine forums have been highlighted by academic specialists as well as by professionals working in the various fields of interest. Each forum was initialised by an academic / political keynote speech. It was followed by the presentation of good practice examples from different EU member states. All forums have been moderated by international moderators.

Forum 1 (1.30pm - 3.15pm):

Political and social participation of migrant elders

In many EU member states, minority ethnic and migrant elders have undetected potential regarding their engagement in volunteer activities and social participation. It is necessary to make these potentials clear and visible and to test out new forms of cross-cultural and intergenerational participation. A special focus will be laid on organisations of and for ethnic minorities and their engagement in volunteer activities. Furthermore, the political participation of migrant elders and their participation in associations and other bodies and committees will be discussed.

Moderation:

Mr. Markus Held, director of the European Volunteer Centre (CEV), Brussels, Belgium.

Introduction:

Mr. Thomas Mann, Member of the European Parliament / Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Brussels, Belgium.

Speeches:

Ms. Claire Ball, National Development and Policy Officer BME Elders, Age Concern BME Elders Forum, London, England, *“Supporting the Engagement of Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Older People - experience from England”*.

Ms. Dr. Katalin Haraszti, Vice Head of Department at the Office of Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights of Hungary, Budapest, Hungary, *“Elderly migrants in the practice of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights in Hungary”*.

Ms. Zsofia Tornoczi, coordinator of the transnational project "Think Future - Volunteer Together", National Volunteer Centre, Budapest, Hungary, *“Think future, volunteer together - ENEA project: 12/2007 - 12/2009”*.

Rapporteur:

Ms. Mgr. Barbora Novotna, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic.

Forum 2 (1.30pm - 3.15pm):**Quality housing concepts for migrant elders**

Most elders wish to stay in their flats and houses as long as possible, regardless whether their background is indigenous or that of a minority ethnic group. A wide range of products and services can be offered to support this wish: outpatient care and support services, advice on barrier-free or barrier-reduced home adaptations, care and repair, response services, advice concerning new forms of housing (such as flat sharing communities or intergenerational housing projects) or household-related services such as cleaning, repairing and delivering services, meals on wheels etc. However, there are special needs of minority ethnic elders, which are often not fully met and accounted for. In Germany, care for migrant elders is due to tighter family bonds more often facilitated for by their families than care for indigenous elders. The present relatively low demand for culturally sensitive care therefore accounts for the small proportion of facilities which cater to the specific needs of migrant elders. Due to the future changes in employment patterns the younger generation`s ability to care for these elders will change. Thus the demand for culturally sensitive inpatient and outpatient care etc. will rise in the future. Possible solutions could be the development of housing models which are tailored to the needs of migrant elders.

Moderation:

Ms. Roswitha Sinz, Verband der Wohnungswirtschaft Rheinland Westfalen e.V. (Association of the Housing Industry Rhineland Westphalia), Düsseldorf, Germany.

Introduction:

Mr. Burghard Schneider, director of the Verband der Wohnungswirtschaft Rheinland Westfalen e.V. (Association of the Housing Industry Rhineland Westphalia), Düsseldorf, Germany, *„Wohnqualität für ältere Migranten“ (“Quality housing for migrant elders”)*.

Speeches:

Ms. Rohini Sharma Joshi, Housing Equal Opps Manager, Trust Housing Association, Edinburgh, Scotland, *“Quality Housing Concepts for Migrant Elders”*.

Mr. Leslie Laniyan, Federation of Black Housing Organisations, London, England,

“Quality Housing & Culturally Specific Services for Migrant Elders in the UK”.

Ms. Saloua Berdai, coordinator of Team Care, minority centre de8, Antwerp, Belgium, *“Intercultural Care for Elderly People. A guide to provision of suitable services for elderly migrants”*

Rapporteur:

Ms. Glenda Watt, Strategy Manager, Edinburgh's Joint Plan for Older People, The City of Edinburgh Council, Scotland

Forum 3 (1.30pm - 3.15pm):

The diverse migrant elders' community - impact and chances

The various population movements within the EU which are related to population ageing are partially observed but not yet fully researched with all of their social, political and economic implications. All forms of migration create challenges as well as chances. International migration in the EU context includes people who are coming from other parts of the world and people which are moving within the EU. These diverse movements raise diverse strategy issues for both exporting and receiving territories. The experience and situation of migrating communities and individuals vary considerably. Some elders experience migration through the changes which are going on around them while never having moved themselves.

Moderation:

Mr. PD Dr. habil. Peter Schimany, Forschungskontakte / Wissenschaftlicher Beirat, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (research contacts / scientific advisory board, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees), Nürnberg, Germany.

Introduction:

Mr. Dr. Paolo Ruspini, Senior Researcher at the Faculty of Communication Sciences, University of Lugano, Switzerland, *“Migration typologies and immigration policies across the European continent – which place for migrant elders?”*.

Speeches:

Ms. Alexia Scarlett, Head of the Policy and Programme Unit, International Organization for Migration, Regional Liaison and Coordination Office to the European Union, Brussels, Belgium, *“Migration of Elders – IOM Perspectives”*.

Ms. Tanya Stoyanova, manager of the international projects department at the International University College and International Management Institute, Dobrich, Bulgaria, *“MOBIAGE: European Mobility Resource Centres For Active Aging Of People Living Outside Their Country”*.

Mr. Prof. Dr. Vicente Rodriguez, Centre of Human and Social Sciences, Spanish Council for Scientific Research, Madrid, Spain, *“Older European migrating to Spain: research challenges”*.

Rapporteur:

Mr. John Byrne, director of the Mid-East Regional Authority, Wicklow, Ireland.

Forum 4 (1.30pm - 3.15pm):

Culturally sensitive health and care

Many migrant elders often have an information deficit regarding existing examples of outpatient or inpatient treatment. Therefore and due to the the just slightly visible demand for culturally sensitive health and care only few facilities have opened up to the needs of migrant elders. In the near future care for elder migrants is unlikely to be exclusively and sufficiently being able to be provided by the family support system, and the demand for alternative outpatient, institutional or hospital treatment options is set to increase. (Mainly Islamic) migrant elders prefer carers of their own sex. The training of carers needs culturally sensitive adjustment so that the changing needs of both those in need of care and their relatives who act as carers can be accommodated with adequate support networks available.

Moderation:

Mr. Reinhard Pohlmann, divisional head for senior´s issues, Sozialamt (Social Assistance Office) of the City of Dortmund, Germany.

Introduction:

Ms. Dr. Elke Olbermann, Forschungsgesellschaft für Gerontologie e.V., Institut für Gerontologie, Technische Universität (Research Association for Gerontology, Institute for Gerontology, Technical University) Dortmund, Germany, *“Zur gesundheitlichen Situation und pflegerischen Versorgung älterer zugewanderter Menschen“* (“The health situation and health care of elder migrants”).

Speeches:

Ms. Birgit Goris, project officer OVALLO, Brusselse Welzijns- en Gezondheidsraad, Overleg Platform Allochtone Ouderen (OVALLO, Brussels Well-Being and Health Council, Consultation Platform Older Migrants), Belgium, *“Consultation Platform Older Migrants”*.

Ms. Dragica Baric-Büdel, desk officer for intercultural assistance to the elderly, AWO - Arbeiterwohlfahrt Bundesverband (National Labour Welfare Association), Bonn, Germany, *“Forum for a culture sensitive care for the elderly”*.

Ms. Anna L. Vey, desk officer for cross-sectional tasks of migration issues, team 44 - migration and integration, DRK Generalsekretariat (The German Red Cross General Secretariat), Berlin, Germany.

Mr. Ramazan Salman, Executive Director of the Ethno-Medizinischen Zentrums e.V. (Ethno-Medical Centre), Hannover, Germany.

Rapporteur:

Ms. Sari Takala, School of Public Health, University of Tampere, Finland.

Forum 5 (1.30pm - 3.15pm):

Integration & communication - ICT for migrant elders

At least in Germany , there are only a few projects which focus on migrant elders` demand for information and communication technologies, although the use of these technologies offers good solutions for enhancing participation, integration and the improvement of access to health or care services etc. for elder migrants. Information

and communication technologies affect all areas of life such as housing, care, communication and integration.

Moderation:

Mr. Dr. Markus Warnke, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI), Düsseldorf, Germany.

Introduction:

Mr. Stefano Kluzer, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Seville, Spain, *"ICT for migrant elders: future prospects and current opportunities"*.

Speeches:

Ms. Birgit Kampmann, Kompetenzzentrum Technik-Diversity-Chancengleichheit e.V. (Competence Centre Technology-Diversity-Equal Opportunities), Bielefeld, Germany *"Online Competence for Female and Male Migrants in Germany. Results of the Survey"*.

Ms. Dr. Marie Mense, Communication, THS Wohnen GmbH, Webcam Project "Sophia", Gelsenkirchen, Germany, *"Working with and for Older Immigrants: ICT Pilot Project for Building Bridges to the Country of Origin"*.

Rapporteur:

Mr. Dr. Ajit K. Halder, co-ordinator of the learning centre of the Indian Senior Citizens Centre, Manchester, England.

3.15pm - 4.00pm: coffee break

4.00pm - 5.45pm: discussion forums - session 2

Forum 6 (4.00pm - 5.45pm):

Life long learning & leisure time

More and more theatre and music groups and other cultural offers are being created by and for minority ethnic elders. The emergence of these groups express the cultural needs of migrant elders. The first experiences made have proven that such offers can bring about mutual benefit for the receiving societies and the migrants themselves. In this field, the competences and resources of minority ethnic elders can be made efficient and be supported in very strong and sustainable ways. Training for theatre and museum pedagogics needs to focus more on working with migrant elders.

Moderation:

Mr. Baha Güngör, director of the Turkish programme of Deutsche Welle Radio, Bonn, Germany.

Speeches:

Mr. Wesley Grant, Forum Manager, BME Elders Focus Group, Leeds, England, *"BME Elders: Lifelong Learning and Leisure Time"*.

Ms. Dr. Christa Müller, director of the Stiftung Interkultur (Foundation Interculture), Munich, Germany, *“Intercultural Gardens – Urban Places for Subsistence Production and Diversity”*.

Ms. Neena Agarwal, manager of the welfare organisation Milan Ltd., Edinburgh, Scotland, *Milan Presentation on Minority Ethnic and Migrant Elders across Europe”*.

Ms. Nancy Jouwe, programme director Kosmopolis platform, Utrecht, Netherlands, *“Migrant elders in the Netherlands: working from an intercultural and intergenerational perspective”*.

Rapporteur:

Mr. Dr. Christof Eichert, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI), Düsseldorf, Germany.

Forum 7 (04.00pm - 05.45pm):

Migrant elders - research in Europe

Considering the great differences between the various groups of migrant elders, it is important to encourage studies focusing on the needs, competences and potentials of these different groups. There is also a need to analyse the various population movements mentioned above and the interaction between ageing and migration looking at both drivers and trends. In addition, gender specific studies are required. The conference therefore can be used as a springboard and basis in order to initiate a European research network on migrant elders. Compiling a provisional list of research gaps should be a key output of this forum. This list could then form the basis of future research projects which could be taken forward through EU research programmes or other routes.

Moderation:

Mr. Dr. Josef Hilbert, director of the Forschungsschwerpunkt Gesundheitswirtschaft und Lebensqualität am Institut Arbeit und Technik (research focal point health economy and quality of life at the Institute Work and Technics), Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

Introduction:

Mr. Dr. Sándor Illés, Demographic Research Institute, Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO), Budapest, Hungary, *“Elderly migration – state of arts in Europe”*.

Speeches:

Ms. Prof. Anna Krasteva, director of the Centre for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies, Department of Political Sciences, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria, *“Ethnic and migrant elders: Research in Bulgaria”*.

Mr. Dr. Michael Janoschka, Centre of Human and Social Sciences, Spanish Council for Scientific Research, Madrid, Spain, *“Participation of elderly transnational migrants in local politics and urban development. Expressions of European citizenship practice?”*.

Mr. Chan Choenni, Senior Consultant, Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM), The Hague, Netherlands, *“Minority Elders in the*

Netherlands".

Mr. Dr. Wolfgang Seifert, Landesamt für Datenverarbeitung und Statistik Nordrhein-Westfalen (North Rhine-Westphalian Regional Authority for Data Processings and Statistics), Düsseldorf, Germany (tbc), *"Migrant elders in the EU - Population and data sources"*.

Rapporteur:

Ms. Dr. Vera Gerling, GER-ON Consult & Research, Dortmund, Germany.

Forum 8 (04.00pm - 05.45pm):

Ethnomarketing

Among marketing professionals, ethnic marketing is gaining more and more importance. Up to date the third sector can not profit sufficiently from this development. However, the target groups of minority ethnic elders need specific forms of marketing, as it is often reported that many of them can only be contacted with some difficulty via traditional forms of communication such as flyers or announcements /adds in the newspapers. For NGOs, local authorities and actors in the health and care services there is a growing need to analyse how events, services and products for minority ethnic elders can be successfully promoted.

Moderation:

Mr. Halit Celikbudak, chief editor, the German branch of Hürriyet A.S., Mörfelden-Walldorf, Germany.

Introduction:

Mr. Dr. Matthias Kulinna, consultant for ethnomarketing and social economy, TürkeiFokus, Leopoldshöhe, Germany *"Introduction Ethnomarketing"*.

Speeches:

Mr. Bülent Arslan, executive of the Institut für Interkulturelle Management- und Politikberatung (Institute for Intercultural Management and Policy Advice, imap), Leverkusen, Germany, *"New face for Europe"*.

Ms. Evrim Özay, transcultural work on integration, City of Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, *"Modellprojekt: Integration älterer Migrantinnen und Migranten - Schaffung neuer, integrationsfördernder Strukturen zur Verbesserung der Lebenssituation"* (*"Pilot project: integration of migrants elders - Establishment of new structures that are promoting integration in order to improve the life situation"*).

Mr. Jean Christophe Deprès, director of SOPI Communication, Paris, France, *"Migrant elders in France"*.

Rapporteur:

Ms. Sabina Hrovatin, Senior Advisor, Head of Refugee and Alien Integration Section, Ministry of the Interior, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Forum 9 (04.00pm - 05.45pm):

Migrant elders - gender matters?

Often, older female migrants are in better physical and mental shape than their male counterparts. Unlike the tendency among older male migrants, women are more successful in cultivating important social contacts. The incorporation of gender specific approaches and projects into the development of offers and services can be very important for their success. It is interesting to find out whether among older migrants, too, women are the ones who have the decisive influence in the choice of consumer goods, household and care services etc. in order to be able to adapt and optimize services and products accordingly.

Moderation:

Ms. Barbara Gessler, representative of the European Commission in Bonn, Germany.

Speeches:

Mr. Em. Prof. Robert Cliquet, Senior Advisor, Population and Social Policy Consultants, Brussels, Belgium, "*Migrant elders - Gender matters?*".

Ms. Meltem Baskaya, Kompetenz-Zentrum Interkulturelle Öffnung in der Altenpflege (Competence Centre Intercultural Opening of Elderly Care), Berlin, Germany, "*Ältere Migranten und Geschlechterrollen*" ("*Elder Migrants and gender roles*").

Rapporteur:

Mr. Prof. John Eade, Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (CRONEM), University of Surrey, Guildford / Roehampton University, England.

From 07.00pm onwards: cultural evening programme

guided tour of the exhibition "Rome and the Barbarians - Europe during the Migration Period", location: Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Museumsmeile, Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 4, D-53113 Bonn; funded by the Stiftung Internationale Begegnung der Sparkasse in Bonn (Foundation International Encounters of the Savings Bank in Bonn), Germany.

From 07.00pm onwards: meeting of the European Regions

by the Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI) on invitation of the Deutsche Welle; location: Deutsche Welle, Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 3, D-53113 Bonn, Germany.

02 October, 2008 - second conference day

Location: World Conference Centre WCCB (<http://www.worldccbonn.com>).

8.30am - 9.15am: welcome service

9.15am - 9.20am: introduction to the second conference day

Moderation:

Mr. Baha Günçör, executive of the Turkish programme, Deutsche Welle-Radio, Bonn, Germany.

9.20am - 9.40am: speech

Ms. Gabriela Zabalúa-Goddard, Vice President of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and editor of the spanish-speaking AARP magazine Segunda Juventud, Washington D.C., USA, "*Engaging Older Migrant Populations – Experiences from the U.S.*".

9.40am - 11.15am: recommendations for Europe- results of the forums

Forum 1: political and social participation of migrant elders.

Forum 2: quality housing concepts for migrant elders.

Forum 3: the diverse migrant elders' community - impact and chances.

Forum 4: culturally sensitive health and care.

Forum 5: integration & communication - ICT for migrant elders.

Forum 6: life long learning & leisure time.

Forum 7: migrant elders - research in Europe.

Forum 8: ethnomarketing.

Forum 9: migrant elders - gender matters?

11.15am - 11.45am: coffee break

11.45am - 12.00pm: speech

Ms. Dr. Marilies Flemming, former Austrian Federal Minister, Vice President of the European Senior Citizens' Union (ESCU), Austrian Senior Citizens' Union, Vienna, Austria, "*The social and political integration of migrant elders: a common initiative in Europe*".

12.00pm - 12.45: good practice award ceremonies I and II

Good Practice Award I

(non-profit associations, migrant's organisations, charitable institutions and societies, foundations) presented by

Mr. Ernst Gerlach, executive of the NRW.BANK, (sponsor of the AAMEE project).

Good Practice Award II

(local and regional authorities, municipalities, social services departments, housing associations, co-operative societies and NGOs) presented by

Mr. Mayor Roland Schäfer, president of the Nordrhein-Westfälischer Städte- und Gemeindebund (North Rhine - Westphalian City and Municipality Federation), (partner of the AAMEE project).

12:45 - 13:30: presentation of the first version of the memorandum "Active Ageing of Migrant Elders across Europe"

by Mr. Dr. Christof Eichert, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and

Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MGFFI), Düsseldorf, Germany. A first draft of the memorandum "Migrant Elders across Europe - from Challenges to Opportunities" is designed to sensitise EU member states, regions, cities, NGOs and other stakeholders at the European level to the new age profile of migrant elders and hence to the cultural, social and economic opportunities inherent in the this process. Part of the memorandum is focussing on the development of principles addressing these issues. The final memorandum will be published at the end of the project in autumn 2009.

13:30: end of conference / farewell service

The conference language was English. Translations into German were accommodated for in the plenum.