INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
RACCOMBAT – INTEGRATION OF FOREIGNERS AND PREVENTION OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND INTOLERANCE

15 May 2019
Coop Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria

Agenda

9:00  Arrival and registration of participants

9:30  Opening
Mathijs le Rutte, UNHCR Representative in Bulgaria
Dr Maria Yordanova, Senior Fellow, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

9:45  RACCOMBAT: Preventing and Combatting Racism and Xenophobia through Social Orientation of Non-Nationals – main conclusions of the initiative, guidelines on incorporating tolerance and mutual respect in language tuition and social orientation of foreigners
Miriana Ilcheva, Senior Analyst, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

10:10 Panel 1: Integration and social orientation of foreigners – a challenge for state and NGO stakeholders on central and local level
Introduction: Dr Isabella Meier, Researcher, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Graz, Austria
Vladimir Milev, Project Coordinator, Bulgarian Council for Refugees and Migrants
Athina Konstantinou, Social Scientist, Athens Development and Destination Management Agency, Accommodation and Services for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of internal protection, Greece
Els de Wacker, Head of Social Orientation Department, Atlas Antwerp, Belgium

Discussion
Moderator: Dr Maria Yordanova, Senior Fellow, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

11:20 Coffee Break

11:40 Panel 2: Integration, fundamental rights and preventing racism, xenophobia and intolerance
Introduction: Prof Dirk Vanheule, Sanne van de Pol, Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies, University of Antwerp, Belgium
Robert Bosiger, Project Manager, Weichenstellwerk Graz, Austria
Angelina Kaneva, Protection & Fundraising, Caritas Sofia
Fabrice Ciaccia, Project Manager, CRI Charleroi, Belgium

Discussion
Moderator: Miriana Ilcheva, Senior Analyst, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

13:00 Lunch
Panel 3: Integration support to foreigners
Introduction: Agnese Lace, Senior Policy Analyst, PROVIDUS, Latvia
Florina Dragulin, Refugee Caseworker, Jesuit Refugee Service, Romania
Ilze Dümla, Project Manager, Society Integration Foundation Latvia
Yoana Argirova, Social Worker, Refugee-Migrant Service, Bulgarian Red Cross

Discussion
Moderator: Miriana Ilicheva, Senior Analyst, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

15:10 Coffee Break

Panel 4: Specific actions to support migrant integration
Introduction: Annie Camarioti, International Projects Co-ordinator, Center for European Constitutional Law, Greece, Gabriela Ionescu, International Projects Expert, psychologist, Pro Refugiu, Romania
Milena Karakanova, Co-ordinator, Bread houses Sofia, Bulgaria
Miroslava Georgieva, Project Co-ordinator, Tulip Foundation, Bulgaria
Panayot Chaftarov, Project Co-ordinator, Multi Kulti Collective, Bulgaria

Discussion
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16:40 The road ahead: conclusions and recommendations
Emiliya Bratanova van Harten, Integration Associate, UNHCR Bulgaria
Miriana Ilicheva, Senior Analyst, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

17:00 Closing of the event