

International conference on migrant labour market integration in European cities

Exchange on successful strategies and challenges

2 May 2022 – 10:00-15:00, online conference (Zoom)

The project "[European Berlin](#)" by *Minor Projektkontor für Bildung und Forschung* has been analysing and promoting the situation of EU citizens on the Berlin labour market for several years. As part of the [nationwide European Week](#), "European Berlin" organises a digital international conference on the labour market integration of migrants in European cities and thereby provides a platform

- to facilitate an exchange between labour market actors from different European cities;
- to consolidate the European dimension of current issues of labour migration and labour market participation, i. e. questions of emigration, immigration and return migration as well as various strategies of labour market integration of highly skilled and low-skilled migrants;
- to discuss similarities and differences in experiences with migrant labour market integration at city level.

The conference will be held in German and English (simultaneous interpretation).

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Programme

Conference host: Dr. Anne von Oswald, *Minor*

10:00 – 10:15	Event opening Katja Kipping, <i>Berlin senator for Integration, Labour and Social Affairs</i> Dr. Christian Pfeffer-Hoffmann, <i>CEO Minor</i>
10:15 – 11:00	Keynote: Obstacles and strategies of migrant labour market integration in European cities Lars Ludolph, <i>OECD – Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:30	Panel I: Strategies to promote the labour market integration of low-skilled migrants <i>Exchange on best practice and city strategies with a focus on migrants/refugees with lesser qualifications and/or in precarious employment situations.</i> Panel talk and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Berlin</u>: Mihaela-Violeta Vochin – “<i>Neu in Berlin</i>“, Agnieszka Skwarek – “<i>Fem.OS</i>“, “<i>Migrationsberatung 4.0</i>“, <i>Minor</i> • <u>Gothenburg</u>: Louise Stiernström – <i>Developing Manager International Affairs</i>, Tina Naga – Project Manager “<i>LANDA</i>“, Sofia Olsson Quist – Project Manager “<i>Work life and Health Northeast</i>“ • <u>Ghent</u>: Yannick Thuy – <i>Department of work & activation of the city of Ghent</i>, Wendy Neyrinck – <i>ESF jobteam Gent</i> • <u>Amsterdam</u>: Maaïke Wit – <i>Municipality of Amsterdam, Department of Work, Participation and Income</i>, Nesrien Abu Ghazaleh – Project Manager “<i>Soft skills @work</i>“, <i>House of Skills</i> Questions from the audience
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break

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13:30 – 14:45 | **Panel II: Strategies to promote the labour market integration of skilled and highly skilled migrants on the European labour market**

Exchange on best practice and city strategies with a focus on (highly) skilled migrants/refugees and general support for migrants in their access into the labour market.

Panel talk and discussion:

- Berlin: Dr. Yasemin Haack – *Agentur für Arbeit Berlin Süd (Berlin Employment agency)* / Anna Stahl-Czechowska – *“Network Integration through Qualification (IQ)”*
- Munich: Andrada Catranici – *Service Center for the development of foreign qualifications, City of Munich/Migranet*
- Vienna: Tülay Tuncel – *“Startup and Grow”, Vienna Business Agency*
- Bilbao/Bizkaia Region: Carmen Mendez de Castro – *Head of Relocation & Dual Career, Bizkaia Talent*

Questions from the audience

14:45 – 15:00 | **Conclusion and outlook**

Kirsten Bagusch-Sauermann – Berlin Senate, Department for Integration, Labour and Social Affairs, Head of Unit "Labour Policy and Regulatory Issues in Vocational Education and Training"

Dr. Christian Pfeffer-Hoffmann, CEO Minor

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