

N MALTA CONFERENCE

Intersectional Integration

Friday 24 November 2023 - 08.30-16.00 (CEST)

Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana, Malta

Agenda

RATIONALE AND AIMS

The European Commission's *Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027* stated that ensuring “effective integration and inclusion in the EU of migrants is a social and economic investment that makes European societies more cohesive, resilient and prosperous.” It went on to say that “migrants and EU citizens with a migrant background play a key role in the European economy and society. The COVID-19 crisis has made their contribution all the more evident.”

In Malta (Census, 2021), **more than one in five residents are foreign**, with 115,449 non-Maltese persons residing in Malta on Census Day – an increase of more than five times in the share of foreigners since 2011. The first national integration framework (*Integration = Belonging*, 2017) successfully navigated a polarised debate on the topic through a pragmatic approach marked by some notable successes (such as the *I Belong* programme), but also the identification of gaps that need to be addressed in the upcoming second integration strategy, such as the importance of an intersectional approach.

Whereas most debate and services have so far tended to view “migrants” as one homogeneous category, within a binary worldview (migrant or non-migrant), the time has come to shift the debate to acknowledge that “migrants” live multiple, layered identities, and draw the necessary conclusions for policy, strategy, services, and mostly everything else.

This conference is a discussion in function of understanding better this relocation of focus.

INFORMATION

- The event is by invitation only.
- The day's programme is divided in 3 panels, followed by a seated lunch.

AGENDA

Date	
08:30 – 09:00 09:00 – 09:15	<p>Registration and Welcome Coffee</p> <p>Welcoming remarks Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg Parliamentary Secretary for Reforms and Equality MHSR</p> <p>Opening speech Joyce Dimech, Permanent Secretary, MHSR</p> <p>Introductory remarks John Testa, Senior Manager PDPI MHSR, EMN Malta Coordinator</p>
09:15 – 10:15	<p>Panel I Who we really are... a conversation on intersectional <u>Identities</u></p> <p>Moderator: Oyinkansola Oladipupo, Psychologist, Trauma Expert</p> <p>Saleh Ahmed Mamme - Manager I, Human Rights Directorate, MHSR</p> <p>Svetlana Radicevic - Co-leader of the Serbian Community, member of Anti-Racism Platform Steering Committee</p> <p>Carolina Canettieri – Project Co-ordinator END-RACISM-MT, Human Rights Directorate, MHSR</p> <p>Anthony Chircop – President, Eastern Regional Council</p> <p>Questions by moderator to panellists followed by moderated discussion.</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<p>Mid-morning Coffee break</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Panel II Towards intersectional approaches in policy and projects</p> <p>Moderator: Erika Borg – Senior Manager, Human Rights Directorate, MHSR</p> <p>Abigail Brooke - Manager I, Human Rights Directorate, MHSR</p> <p>Clayton Mercieca – Head, SOGIGESC Unit - Human Rights Directorate, MHSR</p> <p>Alex Tortell - Head, Integration & Anti-Racism Unit, Human Rights Directorate, MHSR</p>

	<p>André Callus - Executive (Policy and Training), National Commission for the Promotion of Equality</p> <p>Nikita Cassar – Unit Leader, Services, Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers</p> <p>Questions by moderator to panellists followed by moderated discussion</p>
12:00-12:15	Presentation by EMN Service Provider
12:15 – 13:15	<p>Panel III Intersectional approach in the Public Service</p> <p>Moderator: John Testa, Senior Manager, PDPI, MHSR</p> <p>Marika Podda Connor – Senior Practice Nurse, Migrant Health Liaison Office</p> <p>Stephanie Mizzi – Stephanie Mizzi, Senior Social Worker, Intake and Family Support Services, Agenzija Appogg</p> <p>Maronia Avellino – Unit Manager, Inclusive Services - Jobseeker Services</p> <p>Jane Farrugia Buhagiar – Education Officer, Migrant Learners' Unit</p> <p>Omar Rababah – Social Worker, Migrant Learners' Unit</p> <p>Mark Cremona - Police Inspector, Community Policing 'Region A' & Crime Prevention</p> <p>Questions by moderator to panellists followed by moderated discussion</p>
13:15 – 13:30	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Stephanie Bason – Director PDPI, MHSR</p>
13:30 – 16:00	Seated lunch