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The Presidency Conference on
**Future European Union Co-operation in the Field
of Asylum, Migration and Frontiers**
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Under the Auspices of The Netherlands' Presidency of the European Union

Tuesday, 31 August

10:00 am – 22:00 pm

SHUTTLE TRANSFER

From Schiphol Airport to Amsterdam Hilton, Apollolaan 138, approx. every 30 minutes.

Delegates arriving before or after this time slot are kindly requested to take either a taxi, or a train from Schiphol Train Station to Amsterdam Zuid/WTC Station and a tram (line 5, direction Central Station) to Amsterdam Apollolaan

19:30 pm – 22:30 pm

WELCOME BUFFET

Diamond Room, Amsterdam Hilton.

Wednesday, 1 September

* Asterisk indicates pending final confirmation

09:30 am – 13:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

09:30 am – 09:40 am

WELCOME: Mr. Rob Visser, Director-General for International Affairs and Immigration, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

09:40 am – 09:50 am

OPENING STATEMENT: Dr. Demetrios G. Papademetriou, President, Migration Policy Institute

09:50 am – 10:20 am

OPENING KEY-NOTE SPEECH: Mrs. Rita Verdonk, Minister for Immigration and Integration, The Netherlands

10:20 am – 10:35 am

PRESENTATION: Mr. António Vitorino, European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs *

10:35 am – 10:45 am

QUESTION TIME

10:45 am – 11:15 am**COFFEE BREAK****11:15 am – 12:45 pm****INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS**

- **Prof. Rita Süßmuth**, Chair of the German Independent Council of Experts on Immigration and Integration
- **Dr. Demetrios G. Papademetriou**, President, Migration Policy Institute

QUESTIONS AND DEBATE**12:45 pm – 13:15 pm****PRESENTATION OF WORKSHOPS**

- **"Asylum and Refugee Protection"**
Mr. Teun van Os van den Abeelen, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Immigration Affairs, The Netherlands
- **"Regular and Irregular Migration"**
Prof. Louka Katseli, Director, OECD Development Centre
- **"European Frontiers and Security"**
Mr. Gervais Appave, Director, IOM Migration Policy and Research Programme

QUESTIONS AND DEBATE**13:15 pm – 13:30 pm****FINAL ORGANISATIONAL REMARKS****13:30 pm – 15:00 pm****LUNCH AT AMSTERDAM HILTON****15:00 pm - 16:00 pm****POSSIBILITY TO REFRESH****16:00 pm - 23:00 pm****SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

Starting 16.00 at the Amsterdam Hilton's private marina.

A multilingual guided boat tour will be made through Amsterdam's most beautiful *grachten* (canals). After having enjoyed the Capital's cultural highlights, Delegates will proceed to the late 17th century premises of the impressive *Maritime Museum*, former Head Quarters of the Dutch Admiralty.

Upon arrival at the Museum landing stage a reception will be offered by the Dutch Ministry of Justice on board of a full-scale model of the 17th century trade and war ship 'Amsterdam'. The 'Amsterdam' is a prime example of the Dutch vessels that were sent around the globe by the first multinational company ever, the United East Indies Company (VOC). Before proceeding to dinner in the Maritime Museum, Delegates are invited for a short visit offering a glimpse of major maritime historical events in Dutch history.

The bus transfer back to Amsterdam Hilton will be provided for.

Thursday, 2 September

09:30 am – 12:45 pm

MORNING WORKSHOP SESSIONS

09:30 am – 11:00 am

Workshop I Asylum and Refugee Protection, Session 1

CHAIR: Mr. Teun van Os van den Abeelen, Chair, Advisory Committee on Immigration Affairs (ACVZ), The Netherlands

Rapporteur: Dr. Jeff Crisp, Director of Policy and Research, Global Commission on International Migration

This session of the workshop will draw on the Commission Communication on the single procedure and will include a panel discussion with participants from Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands and Amnesty International. It will discuss how a single procedure can look, work, and be effective and efficient. Discussion should also focus on potential for “bottom up” practical collaboration and cooperation—implicitly leading to a discussion of exchanges of personnel etc., which may become the basis for future discussions of an asylum agency type mechanism.

Paper: Prof. Kay Hailbronner, Konstanz University, Germany

Title: Single Procedure: “The One-Stop Shop”

Paper Presentation: Prof. Jens Vested-Hansen, Århus University, Denmark

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Workshop II Regular and Irregular Migration, Session 1

CHAIR: Prof. Louka Katseli, Director, OECD Development Centre

Rapporteur: Prof. Howard Duncan, Executive Head, Metropolis Project

This session of the workshop has two aims: The first is stock-taking. Information on the size and structure of Europe’s foreign-born work force is given in the workshop paper. Issues to be addressed here are areas/sectors with high demand for foreign labour and skills, as well as gaps in labour market integration. The second aim is to discuss likely developments of Europe’s labour markets in order to assess possible shortages of labour and skills. This can lead to a discussion about future recruitment strategies: from seasonal labour in the agricultural and tourism sector to strategies for attracting highly skilled migrants.

Paper Presentation: Prof. Rainer Münz, Hamburg Institute of International Economics

Title: Migrants and the European Labour Market: Current Situation and Outlook

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09:30 am – 11:00 am**Workshop III European Frontiers and Security, Session 1**

CHAIR: Mr. Gervais Appave, Director, IOM Migration Policy and Research Programme

Rapporteur: Dr. Kim Hamilton, Director External Relations and Planning, Migration Policy Institute

This part of the workshop will discuss the challenges the Union faces in controlling unauthorized entry and the tools that will need to be developed to meet these challenges. The discussion will focus on the European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at the External Borders. In particular the emphasis will be on burden-sharing mechanisms, operational coordination, and the various issues falling within the mandate of the Agency, the legislative requirements for border control and the challenges in bringing the Member States that acceded on 1 May 2004 into Schengen.

Paper Presentation: Dr. Giuseppe Calovi

Title: Creating Secure Frontiers in a Union of 25 Member States

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Session 1, Continued****11:30 am – 12:45 am****II. Regular and Irregular Migration
Session 1, Continued****11:30 am – 12:45 am****III. European Frontiers and Security
Session 1, Continued****12:45 pm – 14:15 pm****LUNCH AT AMSTERDAM HILTON****14:15 pm – 17:00 pm****AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SESSIONS****14:15 pm – 15:30 pm****I. Asylum and Refugee Protection, Session 2**

CHAIR: Mr. Teun van Os van den Abeelen, Chair, Advisory Committee on Immigration Affairs (ACVZ), The Netherlands

Rapporteur: Dr. Jeff Crisp, Director of Policy and Research, Global Commission on International Migration

This part of the discussion will draw on the Commission Communication on Durable Solutions, dealing first with the issue of expanding the European vision of refugee protection to include, among others, more assistance and protection

efforts in regions with the most refugees. The discussion will also include issues of capacity-building for states in those regions, as well as support to UNHCR; what happens when effective protection works in the region; what happens if circumstances mean there is limited access to effective durable solutions there (i.e. return to country of origin or local integration), and secondary movements. Such movements to the EU may be for economic reasons if there *is* effective protection in the region, but could also be for asylum if the protection is not effective.

Paper Presentation: Dr. Joanne van Selm, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

Title: Access to Durable Solutions

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II. Regular and Irregular Migration, Session 2

CHAIR: Prof. Louka Katseli, Director, OECD Development Centre

Rapporteur: Prof. Howard Duncan, Executive Head, Metropolis Project

This session of workshop 2 will focus on the possibilities for managing irregular migration. Discussion will be based on a paper that treats regularisation programmes as one way of controlling illegal immigration and managing migration better, as an element together with interior enforcement, return and border control efforts, sustained efforts to formalise labour markets, and selective legal immigration. Discussion will also be informed by the recent Commission Communication on the links between legal and illegal migration.

Paper Presentation: Dr. Demetrios G. Papademetriou, President, Migration Policy Institute

Title: Managing Irregular Immigration

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III. European Frontiers and Security, Session 2

CHAIR: Mr. Gervais Appave, Director, IOM Migration Policy and Research Programme

Rapporteur: Dr. Kim Hamilton, Director External Relations and Planning, Migration Policy Institute

The second session of the workshop will focus on issues raised by the Commission's Communication on "Integrating Migration Issues in the EU's Relations with Third Countries." Issues to be discussed will include the development of common policies on return and readmission, the possibility of a European fund for return, the validity of various strategies for addressing the root causes of unauthorized migration and for securing the assistance of sending and transit countries, and the current and potential roles of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Barcelona Process in migration management.

Paper: Mr. Ferruccio Pastore, Deputy Director, Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale, Rome

Title: Co-operation with Sending and Transit Countries: Beyond Sticks and Carrots

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15:30 pm – 16:00 pm

TEA BREAK

16:00 pm – 17:00 pm

I. Asylum and Refugee Protection
Session 2, Continued

16:00 pm – 17:00 pm

II. Regular and Irregular Migration
Session 2, Continued

16:00 pm – 17:00 pm

III. European Frontiers and Security
Session 2, Continued

18:00 pm – 19:00 pm

RECEPTION AT AMSTERDAM CITY HALL

Hosted by the Mayor of Amsterdam, Mr. Job Cohen.

19:00 pm -

FREE PROGRAMME

A Flyer will be distributed featuring restaurant options in the City Hall area, and the area around the Amsterdam Hilton. You will also find some suggestions on entertainment in Amsterdam, as well as information on how to get back by public transport to Amsterdam Hilton.

Friday, September 3

09:30 am – 13:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

09:30 am – 09:40 am

OPENING STATEMENT: Dr. Demetrios G. Papademetriou, President, Migration Policy Institute

09:40 am – 10:00 am

STATEMENT: Mr. Reinier ter Kuile, Director, Immigration Policy Department, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

10:00 am – 11:00 am

RAPPORTEUR'S REPORTS

- **"Asylum and Refugee Protection"**
Dr. Jeff Crisp, Director of Policy and Research, Global Commission on International Migration

- **“Regular and Irregular Migration”**
Prof. Howard Duncan, Executive Head, Metropolis Project
- **“European Frontiers and Security”**
Mr. Gervais Appave, Director, IOM Migration Policy and Research Programme

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COFFEE BREAK

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

CLOSING SPEECHES

- **Mr. Jean-Louis de Brouwer**, Director, Immigration, Asylum and Borders, DG Justice and Home Affairs, European Commission
- **Mr. Antonis Kastrissianakis**, Director, Employment Strategy and European Social Fund Policy Development and Coordination, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission

QUESTIONS AND DEBATE

12:30 pm – 13:00 pm

CLOSING KEY-NOTE SPEECH: Mr. Jan Karlsson, Co-Chair of the Global Commission on International Migration

13:00 pm – 13:20 pm

STATEMENT: Mr. Atzo Nicolaï, Minister for European Affairs, The Netherlands

13:20 pm – 13:30 pm

CLOSING STATEMENT: Dr. Demetrios G. Papademetriou, President, Migration Policy Institute

13:30 pm – 15:00 pm

LUNCH AT AMSTERDAM HILTON

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