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MIGRATION, STOCKHOLM AND BEYOND: **Seminar**

The follow up of the 2009 Stockholm Programme on Migration Governance; the Need for further Steps

On December 9th and 10th 2013, the Migration Policy Department of the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice plans to organize a two-day seminar in The Hague with policy makers and academia to discuss and share research results and policy challenges relating to the Stockholm migration chapters. The purpose is to build bridges between academia and policy makers to provide useful input for the Stockholm follow-up programme.

Subjects

The seminar shall focus on the migration and asylum related aspects of the Stockholm Programme, such as (but not exclusively): Trafficking, Migration and Development, External dimension, Effective border control, Visa policy, Readmission Agreements, Migration and development (synergy; the comprehensive partnership with the countries of origin and of transit), Full exercise of the right to free movement (EU citizens; Long-term residents); Control of illegal immigration; Ensuring that illegal immigrants return to their countries of origin or to a country of transit; Asylum, The construction of a Europe of asylum. Also institutional aspects (role Council, Commission, EP, EASO in migration governance) as well as decision-making, reporting and such like will be scheduled.

Background

In 2009 the Stockholm Programme was adopted. The Stockholm Programme set out the European Union's priorities for the area of justice, freedom and security for the period 2010-14. Building on the achievements of its predecessors, the Tampere and Hague programmes, it aimed at meeting future challenges and further strengthen the area of justice, freedom and security with actions focusing on the interests and needs of citizens. In 2014 the various stakeholders will meet to discuss a possible follow-up programme for the period 2015-2019.

Participants

Representatives of EU member states

The conference is open to a representative of the EU permanent representation in Brussels and to a policy expert of a migration policy department in the capital.

Researchers/academia involved

Researchers/academia are invited to present views, research results and newly written papers. Especially persons about to finish their Ph.D. or persons that have finished their Ph.D. not too long ago are welcome. Those active in the field of law, and above all in sociology, social demography, demography, history, anthropology, economy, governance etc. etc. are most welcome.

Submission Proposals

Researchers and academics are invited to submit proposals for presentation of concluded research and/or forthcoming research (papers)/reviews/synthesis studies - within the conference theme and subjects (above) before October 1st, 2013. Contributions should be submitted to migrationconference@minvenj.nl in the form of two pages A4 (short description; synopsis, valorization). In October all researchers/academics will be informed as to who will be invited to attend and present. A more definitive programme will also be provided then.

Seminar programme and Venue

The December 2013 seminar will have up to 150 participants. Presentations/research results will be presented in a booklet; in small groups (10-15 participants) academics and policy experts will discuss on the basis of the policy challenges and available research; Chatham House rules apply.

On Monday afternoon (December 9th), starting at 1300hrs, the programme will be supply-driven, i.e. based on concluded or ongoing research. Academics will then present their research.

Monday evening all are invited to a conference dinner (with a speech by the Netherlands Director General for Asylum and Migration).

The Netherlands Minister for Migration, Mr F. Teeven, will open the second day. His speech will be followed by a keynote speech and panel with leading experts from various think tanks, followed by demand-driven workshops (based on questions and proposals submitted by government policy makers).

On Tuesday afternoon conclusions will be formulated -Summary of the Chair- and shared with the civil servants involved and academics alike.

The Conference will be closed in time for the participants to catch an early evening airplane or train back home. The conference will be held on the premises of the Ministry of Security and Justice in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The formal invitation to the conference will be disseminated in October.

Questions

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