

# European Migration Network Annual Conference Attracting and Retaining Talent in Europe

19-20 March, 2015

Venue: National Library of Latvia, 3 Mūkusalas Street, Riga

## MEDIA PROGRAMME

**Journalists are welcome to participate in all conference sessions on Thursday, 19 March.**

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Please note that only accredited media will be allowed to enter the venue. Questions on media accreditation: [mediaaccreditation@es2015.lv](mailto:mediaaccreditation@es2015.lv)

*\*Please note that Latvian time is one hour ahead of Brussels time*

## Thursday, 19 March

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| 09.00         | Media Centre opens  |
| 09.30 – 10.15 | <p>Welcoming of participants, introductory remarks</p> <p>Chairperson: Jānis Citskovskis, Deputy Head of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, Republic of Latvia</p> <p><b>Opening words: Rihards Kozlovskis, Minister of the Interior, Republic of Latvia</b></p> <p><b>Key Note speakers:</b></p> <p><b>William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General</b></p> <p><b>Belinda Pyke, Director DG Migration and Home Affairs Directorate B, Migration and Mobility</b></p>   |
| 10.15 – 12.00 | <p><b>Panel I Global challenge and competition over talent</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Anna Platonova, Regional Thematic Specialist, Labour Migration and Human Development, International Organization for Migration</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mathias Czaika, University of Oxford</p> <p>Konstantinos Pouliakas, Expert in Education and Training at the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)</p> <p>Thomas Liebig, Senior Migration Specialist at the International Migration Division of the OECD</p> <p>Ilmārs Osmanis, CEO, HansaMatrix group, Member of the Board at the Latvian Electric Engineering and Electronics Industry Association (LEtERA)</p> |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | <p>Family Photo</p> <p><b>AVAILABLE TIME FOR INTERVIEWS WITH EXPERTS</b></p>  |
| 13.00 – 14.45 | <p><b>Panel II Is the EU ready for attracting talent vis-à-vis its main competitors?</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Madeleine Sumption, Director of the Migration Observatory</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Steve J. Couch, Partner and Tax Practice Leader at the PricewaterhouseCoopers (UK)</p>   |

Ana Gazarian, CEO of Employee Mobility Solutions

Matt Hoskin, National Manager Skills & Investment for Immigration New Zealand

Marie-Josée Lemay, Director of Immigration Policy, Quebec (Ministry of Immigration, of Diversity and Inclusion of Quebec), Canada

15.15 – 17.00

**Panel III From the Global to the local: EU and national practices for attracting talent**

Chairperson: Laura Corrado, Acting Head of Unit DG Migration and Home Affairs, B1 Legal Migration and Integration

Speakers:

Jan Saver, Policy Officer of Unit DG Migration and Home Affairs, B1 Legal Migration and Integration

Elisa Hanganu, Research Associate, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

Ágnes Tóttös, Migration Expert, Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of the Interior, Hungary

Birgit Lüüs, Deputy Department Head for Migration, Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Estonia

17:00

Media Centre closes

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