



Conference-Debate Program

Lifelong Learning for All in the Face of Societal Challenges: Human Rights, Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion in a Diverse Society

Organised by: CMAtlv in partnership with Caritas Europa

Date: May 27, 2025 – 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM CEST

Languages: French and English (simultaneous interpretation)

Registration: [contact@cmatl.org] (mailto:contact@cmatl.org)

Location: Online

Audience: General public, policymakers, journalists, CMAtlv and Caritas colleagues, NGOs, and other stakeholders interested in the topic of the Conference-Debate

Program

3:00 PM – 3:46 PM: Opening and Introductory Remarks

- 3:00 – 3:05: **Pat McCANN**, moderator, CMAtlv member –
- Introduction and agenda overview
- 3:05 – 3:13: **Alexandre GINOYER**, President of CMAtlv –
- Presentation of CMAtlv, its role within the Council of Europe, and its link to lifelong learning
- 3:13 – 3:23: **Gerhard ERMISCHER**, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe – Council of Europe
- Action Plan on Migration and Refugees 2026–2029 and the role of civil society
- 3:23 – 3:38: **Peter VERHAEGHE**, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer – CARITAS Europa (15 min)
- The Revised European Social Charter and its role in the strategy to combat poverty; its relevance to the Council of Europe Action Plan on Migration and Refugees
- 3:38 – 3:46: **Shirin AZADPOUR**, Vice-President of CMAtlv (8 min)
- Rationale behind the theme of this Conference-Debate (Pillar 4 of the Council of Europe Action Plan).
Real-world challenges to achieving inclusive integration; tools for directly involving refugees and vulnerable populations in social cohesion projects.

Societal policies to foster cohesion while respecting the rights and duties of all community members.

Thematic Presentations 3:46 PM – 4:21 PM**

- 3:46 – 3:53: **Henrique Lopes**, international public health expert (Portugal), CMAtlv member
 - The key role of learning in promoting population health (7 min)
- 3:53 – 4:01: **Zoé DUTOT**, Project Manager, AMIR European Project, Forum Réfugiés, France
 - Developing intercultural skills as a driver for social cohesion (8 min)
- 4:01 – 4:11: **Jean ROCHET**, legal expert, Vice-President of CMAtlv
 - Overview of the European Social Charter and the role of the European Committee of Social Rights
Practical implementation of the Charter in member states
- 4:11 – 4:21:** **Maria KANELLOPOULOU**, Programme Officer at Caritas Hellas (Greece)
Balancing respect for individual rights with duties to society; exchanging cultural values while respecting free will
Fundamental rights and fighting discrimination: housing, health, education

Public Exchange 4:21 PM – 5:06 PM

Moderation: Pat McCANN

- Collecting audience questions (microphone/chat), launching key questions to spark discussion
- Responses from speakers and proposals

Summary and Closing 5:06 PM – 5:26 PM

- Summary by the moderator and speakers
- Key recommendations and priorities
- Replay available on YouTube, brochures to be shared

Closing Remarks 5:26 PM – 5:30 PM**

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