



**Conference on Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in the Euromed  
3-4 October 2018, Novotel Athenes, Athens, Greece**

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday 3 October 2018**

**09:00 – 09:30: Registration**

**09:30 – 09:50: Opening speeches**

- **Mr José Rui Velez Caroço**, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- **Pr Spyridon Flogaitis**, Director and President of the Board of Directors of European Public Law Organization
- **Ms Lora Pappa**, President of METAdrasi-Action for Migration and Development, Greece

**09:50 – 10:00: Keynote Speech**

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**10:00 – 11:30: Panel 1: WHERE DO WE STAND?**

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**Chaired by Ms Cécile Gréboval**, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe

**Introduction to the Council of Europe standards, human rights and gender based approaches**

*Further, panellists will assess the situation of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls in the Euro-Mediterranean region to provide the basis for reflection on the main trends and key challenges regarding the protection of the population group at stake in different national and regional realities.*

- **Feminist approach to asylum procedures and integration policies in Europe** - **Ms Anna Zobnina**, Strategy & Policy Coordinator, European Network of Migrant Women
- **From paper to practices: public laws and national strategies** - **Dr Markos Karavias**, Director of the Asylum Service, Ministry of Migration Policy, Hellenic Republic
- **Movement of Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in the Middle East and North Africa: heightened concerns and vulnerabilities** - **Mr Hy Shelow**, Head of Middle East and North Africa Protection Service, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHRC)
- **Challenges of cooperation** - **H.E Mr Hamid Boukrif**, Director for Perspective, Planning and Political Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

**11:30 – 12:00: Coffee break**

### **12:00-12:20: Keynote Address - Migrant Women Association Malta**

Presentation of “*Better Future*” – Implementation of a multi-agency referral system, a successful initiative related to protection of women and girls against sexual and gender-based violence by **Ms Diana Ioana Tudorancea**.

### **12:20-12:40: Keynote Address - Hellenic Open University, DAISy Research Group**

Presentation of “*WEMIN*” – Migrant Women Empowerment and Integration, a project aiming at promoting a close interaction between women of the host and migrant societies and challenging existing narratives on migration by **Dr Lambrini Styliou**.

### **12:40-14:00: Buffet Lunch**

#### **14:00-17:10: GOOD PRACTICES SHOWCASE**

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**Facilitated by Ms Emellin de Oliveira**, Researcher, FCT, CEDIS - Research Center on Law and Society, NOVA School of Law, Portugal

*During the afternoon of the event, several organisations whose work relates to the topic at hand will briefly present their activities during thematic sessions. These will enable participants to discuss solutions for protecting and integrating migrant and refugee women and girls supported by practical examples of best practice.*

#### **14:00-14:30: INTEGRATION**

- She Matters: Empowering women to become leaders in their homes, businesses and communities, **Ms Christina Moreno**, The Netherlands
- Skills to Succeed: Refugee and migrant empowerment through professional integration, **Ms Jouda Guesmi Jouini**, Tunisia
- Xenia - women's social integration and language practice programme, **Ms Theodora Cadbury**, United Kingdom
- Stepping Stone, **Ms Matina Stamatiadou**, METAdrasi, Greece
- Green Tea: votre espace, **Ms Amel Boucetta**, Association Nationale pour la Promotion de la Santé et les Aides Humanitaires, Algeria
- Innovative capacity building to strengthen the voice of women”, **Mr Osama Aljaber**, ACTED, Jordan

#### **14:30-15:20: Free exchanges**

### **15:20-15:40: coffee break**

#### **15:40-16:15: PROTECTION**

- Takamol - The National Referral System for Women Victims of Violence, **Ms Randa Siniora**, Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling, Palestine
- Improve the lives of young brides through empowerment and education, **Mr Kadim Al-Kani**, Association of Family and Childhood Protection Society of Irbid, Jordan

- Integrated support to gender-based violence survivors, **Ms Vaia Kaltsi**, Center for Research on Women's Issues - Diotima, Greece
- Sexual and gender-based violence case management and advocacy, **Ms Özge Burak**, KADAV - Women's Solidarity Foundation, Turkey
- Gender-based violence outreach activities, **Ms Zoya Rouhana**, KAFA (Enough) Violence and Exploitation, Lebanon

#### 16:15-17:00: Free exchanges

#### 17:00-17:20: Conclusions

- **Mr Abdelkader El Khissassi**, Social and Civil Affairs' Expert, Union for the Mediterranean
- **Ms Elena Anchevska**, Research Officer-Gender Mainstreaming, European Institute for Gender Equality "Gender-sensitive measures through education for integration of newly-arrived third country nationals"
- **Mr Michalis Angelopoulos**, Vice-President of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and Mayor of Samos, Greece

#### 17:20-17:40: Testimony – FALAK

"From a refugee camp to Falak, social initiative in the heart of Amman" by **Ms Maysoon Hbaidi**, Filmmaker and creator of Falak, Jordan

### Thursday 4 October 2018

#### 09:30 – 10:00: Registration

#### 10:00 – 10:20: Keynote Address: Egyptian Feminist Union

**Introduction** to the realities of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls in Southern Mediterranean countries by **Ms Fatemah Khafagy**, President of the Egyptian Feminist Union, former Ombudsman on gender equality at the National Council for Women and member of the North-South Centre's pool of experts on women's rights.

#### 10:20 – 11:50: Panel 2: ON THE GROUND

**Chaired by Ms Lora Pappa**, President and founder of METAdrasi

#### **Introduction on the role of education and empowerment of women and girls**

*Further, panellists will discuss national, local and regional strategies for coordination and cooperation in order to effectively implement laws and policies by tackling the issue of how to foster dialogue and cooperation between women organisations, local actors, governments, international organisations, as well as the role of diaspora communities.*

- *Sharing of experience: Role of national strategy and cooperation(s) for effective implementation of laws and policies* - **Ms Romualda Fernandes**, High Commission for Migration, Portugal

- *Sharing of experience: Establishing cooperation between national and international actors* – H.E **Ms Naela Gabr**, Chairperson of the inter-ministerial committee on preventing and combating illegal migration and trafficking in persons, Egypt
- *Sharing of experience: Role of diaspora communities and transfers of competences in supporting refugees* - **Ms Salome Mbugua**, Member of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission / Head of Mission, Wezesha, Ireland
- *Sharing of experience: Action and awareness at the regional level* - **Ms Dusica Davidovic**, Member of the City Assembly of Nis, Serbia
- *Sharing of experience: Fostering solidarity*, **Ms Siham Kawar** - Member of Al-Fuhies Municipality Council and President of Jordanian Women's Village Association, Jordan

### 11:50-12:00: Testimony

*"From being a refugee girl to a volunteer"* by **Ms Aida Ibrahim**, METAdrasi

### 12:00 – 12:10: Coffee break

### 12:10-12:30: Conclusions and open discussion facilitated by the Rapporteur

### 12:30-13:00: Closing speeches

- **Ms Inkeri von Hase**, Policy Specialist, Gender and Migration, UN Women
- **Prof. Maria Gavouneli**, University of Athens and Member of the Academic Board of the Academy for Transparency & Human Rights of the European Public Law Organization
- **Mr José Rui Velez Caroço**, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

**Thursday 4 October 2018 – Technopolis Athens**

**18:00-22:40: Side-Event "Arts, Culture and Migration"**

### 18:00-19:30: Buffet dinner and cultural performance

### 20:00-21:20: Documentary "Strange strangers: migrant women talking about themselves"

### 21:20-22:30: Public discussion about the role of arts and culture in awareness and integration of migrants and refugees

- **Ms Zainab Fasiki**, Comics and Illustrations Artist, Morocco
- **Ms Maria Antonietta Mariani**, Ideator and curator Strane straniere, Associazione Culturale 'o quarantotto, Italy
- **Mr Mohab Saber**, Managing Director, El Madina for Performing and Digital Arts, Egypt
- **Ms Ruba Al Sharif**, Daring Hub Operational Manager, I-Dare For Sustainable Development, Jordan
- **Ms Malak Swed**, President of TAMAS-Syrian Civil Coalition, Lebanon