

**CALL-conference "EU-labour-mobility – A gift or a burden?"  
26 – 28 October 2015, Brussels**

**Recommendations of the participants**

From 26 to 28 October the CALL-network held its conference on EU labour mobility in Brussels. For this conference CALL cooperated with the Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) and Eurodiaconia. Both organisations have a long-term experience and extensive expertise on the issue of labour migration.<sup>1</sup>

The conference was organised in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), a consultative body of the European Union, representing the social partners and civil society organisations. At its premises the final debate on EU labour mobility took place. Speakers present were Mr Francisco Pérez Flores, representative of the European Commission, Ms Joó Kinga, representative of the European Economic and Social Committee, Mr Jos Kester, representative of the incoming Dutch EU-Presidency and Prof Dr Sorin Selaru, representative of the Romanian-Orthodox Church to the European Union.

The participants of the conference<sup>2</sup> concluded with recommendations to the churches and to the European Union:

The participants recommend to the *churches* in Europe to:

- proactively support the right to move freely and securely within the EU;
- communicate the potentials and challenges of labour mobility, e. g. highlighting the ongoing exploitation of seasonal workers;
- help to familiarise mobile workers with their legal EU and national rights;
- support campaigns for regulations which protect or expand the rights of mobile workers;
- urge their governments to implement and communicate the existing EU policies on labour mobility, making them effective.

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<sup>1</sup> For CCME: <http://www.ccme.be/areas-of-work/labour-migration/>;

For Eurodiaconia: <http://www.eurodiaconia.org/category/themes/poverty-and-social-exclusion/migration/>.

<sup>2</sup> 23 persons from all over Europe and various CEC member churches.

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The participants recommend to the *European Union* to:

- propose a fair and transparent simplification of EU legislation on mobility so that people can access their rights;
- provide more EU funds to build up social infrastructure for mobile workers;
- establish EU minimum standards for emergency support (bed, bread, bath);
- promote common procedures for job applications;
- increase the competency of employment agencies on EU labour mobility;
- fight national restrictions for migrants to find work;
- prioritise social cohesion in order to guarantee comparable living standards in all EU Member States;
- ensure that EU statistics are an honest presentation of data.

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