



# MIGRATION NETWORK MEETING 2024

10-11 October, Athens, Greece

## AGENDA



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# SHAPING MIGRATION NARRATIVES FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION



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*Iras 8 & Despos Sechou 37, Athens, 117 43, Greece*

We are pleased to welcome you to our Migration Network Meeting organised in cooperation with our member [Apostoli](#).

Apostoli is a non-profit organization supporting refugees and migrants in Greece through accommodation, integration, and non-formal education. It runs creative activity centers and vocational training programs, and partners internationally to deliver emergency aid in the Greek islands. Driven by Christian principles, Apostoli provides comprehensive support to vulnerable groups to enhance their living conditions and integration.

Migration and asylum remain as one of the main concerns for Europeans. During the last 4 years, the migration debate has been ruled by opposing perspectives on the recently adopted New Pact on Migration and Asylum. This pact contains the revised policies and regulations governing migration, asylum, integration and border management.

Public dialogue has been shaped by a crisis narrative surrounding migration, which has exacerbated negative stereotypes and biases, leading to the polarisation of our societies and creating tensions between hosting communities and newcomers. The former poses a significant obstacle for the sustainable integration and inclusion of migrants and refugees.





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This year's network meeting will be dedicated to the topic of the role of social services providers in shaping the migration narratives for inclusive societies. During our Migration Network Meeting, we will discuss

- the role of non-profit service providers and diaconal organisations in shaping migration narratives,
- the challenges and opportunities for effective community-building and inclusion
- advocacy campaigns to bring communities together and create inclusive and welcoming societies.

In addressing these issues, the meeting will serve as a key platform to reinforce the existing network of faith-based organisations working for and with migrants and refugees. Additionally, it will facilitate aligning our advocacy efforts at EU level with your national realities.

# AGENDA | THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2024

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.15	Welcome and opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome by host and devotional</li><li>• Presentation of the agenda</li><li>• Introduction of participants</li></ul>
10.15 – 11:30	<b>Social Europe Academy - Capacity Building workshop on the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum</b>  Torsten Moritz, Secretary General, The Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME)
11:30-12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00-13:00	<b>Presentation by host - Apostoli</b>  Vassi Leontari, Director, Programmes and International Cooperation Department, Apostoli Alvaro Vaitsis, Project Manager, Apostoli
13.00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Good practice sharing: Community building initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Inclusion of refugee women through sports - Real Racing Santander Football Club, Nueva Vida (Spain)</li><li>• Evangelical Lutheran Diaconia in Slovakia (Slovakia)</li><li>• Proyecto Contigo, Diaconia España (Spain)</li></ul> <i>Discussion with members</i>
15.30-17:30	<b>Study visit: “Lela Karagianni”, Children’s Creative Center</b> The centre is located at <i>Lelas Karagianni 1 and Stavropoulou 11252</i> in the area of Kypseli, where 90% of school-age children are refugees and migrants. Estimated bus departure at 15:30 from Apostoli’s premises and scheduled return approximately at 17:30.
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>

# AGENDA | FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2024

9.30 – 11.00	<p><b>Good practice sharing - Influencing narratives and advocacy campaigns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BEFORE &amp; AFTER: From Life to Life, Diakonie ČCE (Czech Republic)</li><li>• Misión (im)posible, Nueva Vida (Spain)</li><li>• Eurodiaconia member TBC</li></ul> <p><i>Discussion with members</i></p>
11.00-11:40	<p><b>Social Europe Academy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EU Policy and EU Funding update</li><li>• Labour market integration of TCN women. Overview of Eurodiaconia membership services and best practice example (2024) / Story-telling campaign</li></ul>
11:40-12:00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
12:00-14:00	<p><b>Co-creating recommendations &amp; future priorities of the Migration Network</b></p> <p><i>(Facilitated by Eurodiaconia)</i></p>
14:00-15:00	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>



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