

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2002

16.00 – 20.00 Registration of participants

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2002

08.00 – 9.00 Registration of participants

09.00 – 10.00 Inaugural Session (open to the press)

Opening of the Conference and statement by **Mr Harri Holkeri**, President of the 55th General Assembly of the United Nations, former Prime Minister of Finland

Opening speech by **Mr Walter Schwimmer**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Election of the Chair of the Conference
Adoption of the Agenda

Musical interlude by **Hortto Kaalo**, Roma Ensemble

Statements by:

Ms Tarja Filatov, Finnish Minister of Labour

Mr Joseph Licari, Ambassador, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Mr Tadeusz Iwinski, Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography, representing the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Bernard Suaud, Chair of the Social Cohesion Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

Mr Orhan Güvenen, Chair of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)

Mr Joaquim Nunes de Almeida, European Commission

10.30 – 13.00 Working Session I

Chair: **Ms Tarja Filatov**, Finnish Minister of Labour

Theme 1 Challenges for integration policy

Introduction by the Chair

Key-note speeches:

by **Mr Thierry Detienne**, Minister of Social Affairs and Health of the Government of the Walloon Region,

by **Mr Lambros Papadimas**, Deputy Minister of the Interior of Greece

by **Mr Eduard Gnesa**, Swiss State Secretary

Statement by **Mr Assane Diop**, Executive Director, International Labour Office and

Mr Johannes Koroma, Director General, Confederation of Finnish Industry and Employers

Floor open for debate on the suggested following topics :

Managing diversity in a democratic society:

- Promoting a welcoming society and encouraging participation of migrants in social and cultural life (non-discrimination measures, language training, etc.)
- Promoting and valuing cultural diversity and identities
- Promoting the integration of migrants in the work place (equal opportunities, participation in trade-unions, workers committees, promoting human resources management in order to value competences and professional skills, etc.)

13.00 – 15.00 Luncheon hosted by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in honour of the Ministers/Heads of delegation

The Finnish Ministry of Labour will host the lunch for other participants

15.00 – 16.00 Working session I (Continued)

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 -18.00 Working Session 2

Chair: **Mr Ville Itälä**, Finnish Minister of the Interior

Theme 2 Challenges in migration management policies

Introduction by the Chair

Key-note speeches:

by **Mr Andriey Chernenko**, Deputy Minister of Interior of the Russian Federation,

by **Mr Radoslav Bozadjiev**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Bulgaria

Statements by **Mr Kamel Morjane**, United Nations Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and

by **Mr Brunson McKinley**, Director General of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM),

Floor open for debate on the suggested following topics:

Management Questions:

- Developing channels of regular migration (labour migration, family reunification, etc.)
- Dialogue and partnership between countries of origin, transit and receiving countries, including protection of the human dignity of irregular migrants
- Addressing irregular migration (illegal work, employers sanctions, information campaigns, etc.)
- Prevention and combating of smuggling and trafficking of human beings and migrants exploitation
- Protection and assistance to victims of smuggling and trafficking (particularly women and unaccompanied minors)

20.00 Buffet Dinner at the House of the Estates Hosted by Ms Tarja Filatov, Finnish Minister of Labour

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2002

09.00 - 9.05 Possible screening of the Euronews report on the conference due to be broadcasted on Monday evening

09.05 - 10.30 Working Session 2 (Continued)

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 Closing session (open to the press)

Chair: Ms Elisabeth Rehn, UN Under-Secretary-General 1998-1999, former Minister of Defence and Equality Affairs of Finland, Member of Parliament of Finland and European Parliament 1979-1996

Closing statement by the General Rapporteur, Mr Gunnar Jansson, Member of Parliament of Finland, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Adoption of the Final Declaration of the Conference

Closing remarks by the Chair of the Conference and by Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Social Cohesion at the Council of Europe

followed by
Press Conference

13.30 Luncheon hosted by the City of Helsinki at the City Hall

Informal meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly sub-Committee on Migration with European Parliament members and Finnish MPs.



Programme

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