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EMN ITALY NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Supporting legal migration for better integration and improved development of relations with third countries. Experiences and best practices in dialogue

30 October 2024 from 9:15 am to 2:00 pm (CEST)

Roma Eventi – Fontana di Trevi in Piazza della Pilotta 4, Rome.

9.15 – 10.00 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

Chair - *Mariella De Santis*, Policy Officer, Social Work Methodologist, Central Directorate for Migration Policies - Asylum, Migration Integration Fund Authority, Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

10.00 – 10.20 Institutional greetings

Prefetto Laura Lega, Head of Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

Magnus Ovilius, Head of Sector, Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

10.20 – 10.40 Skilled labour and international talent: framework at the European and national level

Jonathan Chaloff, Senior Policy Analyst, International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Prof. Francesco Maria Chelli, President of National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)

10.40 – 11.20 The Italian system – the positive impact of legal migration

Prefetto Maria Forte, Deputy Head of Department and Central Director for Migration Policies - Asylum, Integration and Migration Fund Authority, Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

Minister Plenipotentiary Luigi Maria Vignali, Director General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Valorisation of competences and talents

Stefania Congia, Director General for Immigration and Integration Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies



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Michele Mazzola, Head of III Office - Internationalization of Research, General Directorate for Internationalization and Communication, Ministry of University and Research

11.20 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 12.40 National experiences and good practices

Petra Mezzetti, PhD, Project Manager of *Mentor 2* project, Municipality of Milan

Experiences of EU Member States

Raffaella Greco Tonegutti, PhD, Lead expert Migration and Development, EMN Belgium

Diana Stefanescu, Senior Policy Advisor, Directorate for Strategy and Policy Implementation, Department for Regular Migration and Dutch Citizenship, Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service, EMN Netherlands

Ainara Dorremochea Fernández, Deputy Director-General of Legal Affairs at Spain's Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security, and Migration, EMN Spain

Intervention regarding a positive experience of the communities of the diasporas

Mani Ndongbou Bertrand H., President of the Italian Diaspora Coordination for the International Cooperation

12.40 - 12.55 Q&A

12.55 – 13.05 Closing session

Vice Prefetto Maria Corsaro, Central Directorate for Migration Policies - Asylum, Integration and Migration Fund Authority, Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

13.05 - 14.00 Light lunch



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Debriefing reserved to the national EMN experts from 14:00 to 15:30

Moderators

Mariella De Santis, EMN Italy Deputy Coordinator

Giovanni Di Dio, Sviluppo Lavoro Italia, Technical assistance at the
Ministry of Labour and Social Policy



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SPEAKERS' SHORT-BIOS

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1. **Chair** - *Mariella De Santis*, Policy Officer, Social Work Methodologist, Central Directorate for Migration Policies - Asylum, Migration Integration Fund Authority, Ministry of the Interior

Short bio:

Mariella De Santis is a policy officer at the Italian Ministry of the Interior, serving as a social worker involved in the sector of migration policies and EMN NCP. She is specialized in strategic planning, neuroscience and operates as a methodologist for institutional empowerment processes within the public system. For ten years, she taught social work methods and professional writing at the University of Milano Bicocca. She also conducted research and training interventions, writes scientific texts, and conceived the first Italian-language dictionary of Social Works, of which she is the editor.

2. *Prefetto Laura Lega*, Head of Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

Short bio:

Laura Lega has graduated with honours in law at the University La Sapienza in Rome (1983). She worked at a banking institution in Milan and later at a financial company.

In December 2010 she was appointed Prefect by the Council of Ministers.

In 2011 she was appointed Deputy Head of Department - Central Director for Human Resources at the Department for Personnel Policies of the Civil Administration and for Instrumental and Financial Resources.

In 2015 she assumed the role of Prefect of the province of Treviso. From July 2018 to November 2020, she becomes the Prefect of Florence. From November 2020 to November 2023, she is the Head of the Department of Fire service, Public Rescue and Civil Defence. From November 2023 she is Head of the Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration.

She is member of the Superior Council of Public Works.

In 2022 she was appointed as Senior Official for Italy in the NATO Resilience Committee.

She has had teaching assignments at several Italian universities and is a professor of public security and legality law at the University of Tuscia.



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3. *Magnus Ovilius*, Head of Sector, Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

Short bio:

Magnus Ovilius is Head of Sector, Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, at the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission. He is responsible for monitoring and forecasting developments in EU migration flows concerning both legal and irregular migration, as well as asylum. Additionally, he oversees contributions and support for policy-making, including through the European Migration Network (EMN), of which he is also Chair and Head. His role includes coordinating, representing, and negotiating with EU Member States and EMN observer countries.

4. *Jonathan Chaloff*, Senior Policy Analyst, International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Short bio:

Jonathan Chaloff is a Senior Policy Analyst and comparative migration policy expert at the International Migration Division of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, specialised in admission policies and management of economic migration. He has written numerous OECD book chapters and working papers. He has more than 25 years' experience on migration issues with a wide range of governments, international and non-governmental organisations. Prior to coming to the OECD in 2007, he was correspondent for Italy to the OECD's SOPEMI network from 1998 to 2006.

5. *Prof. Francesco Maria Chelli*, President of Istat - National Institute of Statistics

Short bio:

Francesco Maria Chelli has been President of Istat since May 30, 2024. He has been a Full Professor of Economic Statistics at the Department of Economic and Social Sciences of the "Giorgio Fuà" Faculty of Economics at the Marche Polytechnic University since 2006, where he also served as Director of the Department of Economic and Social Sciences and Dean of the Faculty of Economics.



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He presided over the Italian Society of Economics, Demography, and Statistics for two terms. From 2021 to 2022, he was the Director of the Department for Statistical Production at Istat, and from 2022 to 2023, he was a member of the Istat Council.

After being entrusted with legal representation and the ordinary administration of the Institute, he assumed the position of Acting President of Istat in May 2023. He is the author of over one hundred articles published in national and international scientific journals.

6. *Prefetto Maria Forte*, Deputy Head of Department and Central Director for Migration Policies - Asylum, Integration and Migration Fund Authority, Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

Short bio:

Maria Forte has held various roles throughout her career, including Director of the Office for Studies, Research, and Consultancy at the Department of Public Security, and has frequently been a member of Delegations appointed to the European Commission and the United Nations. She has worked with the Committee for the Prevention of Torture and the Human Rights Committee, addressing issues related to the protection of rights, particularly concerning immigration and public order. In 2017, she was appointed Prefect of Reggio Emilia, a position she held until 2020, before becoming Prefect of Siena. Since 2023, she has served as Deputy Head of Department and Central Director for Migration Policies for the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund Authority at the Ministry of the Interior.

7. *Minister Plenipotentiary Luigi Maria Vignali*, Director General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Short bio:

Luigi Maria Vignali, born in Rome, has been working as a diplomat since 1989. He has covered the positions of Coordinator for the Italian Representation to the European Union in Brussels, Consul General in Jeddah, Head of the Public exam Unit and Head of Coordination of the General Secretariat.

After a year spent at Finmeccanica spa, as Advisor to the CEO for International Relations, he focused on the promotion of international sports events and then worked as Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the National Anti-Corruption Authority and Independent Evaluation Body of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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At the beginning of 2016, he was appointed Central Director for Migration Issues and Visas and since 31 May 2017 he has been Director General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies.

Passionate about sports, travel, cinema, comics and music.

8. *Stefania Congia*, Director General for Immigration and Integration Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies

Short bio:

Stefania Congia was appointed General Director for Immigration and Integration Policies at the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies on April 2023. In her role, she is responsible for managing safe and legal labour migration flows, also in cooperation with Partner countries, and promoting social and labour integration for third-country nationals, paying particular attention to vulnerable groups and unaccompanied minors. She also supports the Government's strategy against labour exploitation, especially in the agriculture sector. From 2015 to 2023, Congia held senior-level roles within the Ministry, focusing on migrant integration policies and the protection of unaccompanied minors. She has extensive experience in policy design, international cooperation, and legislative reform in migration, including participation in OECD and EU working groups. She holds a degree in Political Science with a specialisation in International Law from LUISS University and has completed advanced studies in European Public Administration at the "École Nationale d'Administration (ENA)" in France. Her expertise also includes significant contributions to academic publications and public speaking engagements on migration, labour inclusion, and integration issues.

9. *Michele Mazzola*, Head of Third Office - Internationalization of Research, General Directorate for Internationalization and Communication, Ministry of University and Research

Short bio:

Michele Mazzola is currently a director at the Ministry of University and Research, where he is responsible for the Office for the Internationalization of Research. His role involves coordinating international, European, and extra-European research activities, as well as managing several calls for proposals funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) as the procedural officer. His responsibilities include participation in numerous national and international conferences, projects, and working groups, where he acts as a delegate of the Ministry. In 2024, he was appointed a member



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of the working group responsible for organizing Science and Technology during Italy's G7 presidency, and he was also part of the delegation that attended the G20 Science meetings. During 2023 and 2024, Mazzola also ensured the coordination of internationalization activities in the higher education sector, including universities and institutions of Higher Artistic, Musical, and Coreutic Education (AFAM). Mazzola has a long administrative career, which began in 2006 at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, before moving to Sapienza University of Rome, where he served as the administrative head of department. In 2023, he obtained a PhD in Philosophy, specializing in Moral Politics, from Sapienza University of Rome. His dissertation, entitled *The Decline of Sovereignty and the Cosmopolitan Perspective*, was awarded distinction by the examining committee.

10. *Petra Mezzetti*, PhD, Project Manager of Mentor 2 project, Municipality of Milan

Short bio:

Dr. Petra Mezzetti (PhD) since 2021 is the Project Manager of the EU funded project Mentor 2 - Mediterranean Training for Network Orientation to Regular Migration - lead by the Municipality of Milano, on legal and circular migration between Italy, Morocco and Tunisia. Previously she worked as Senior Researcher at CeSPI, a think tank based in Rome, where she coordinated the area of studies on migration and participated in various research projects, and as a policy analyst in international organisations (UNDP in NY and UNHCR in Geneva). She holds a PhD in Political Sociology and a master's degree in development studies.

11. *Raffaella Greco Tonegutti*, PhD, Lead expert Migration and Development, EMN Belgium

Short bio:

Dr. Raffaella Greco Tonegutti (PhD) is the Team Leader for migration and development at the Belgian Development Agency, Enabel. The Agency focuses on Labour Mobility; Diaspora engagement; Inclusion and (re)integration of returning migrant people; and durable solutions for protracted displacement. Raffaella has a background in Migration Studies, a PhD in Fundamental Rights (University of Pisa, Italy) and a MSc in international Cooperation by the Institute of Advanced Studies (University of Pavia, Italy). Before joining Enabel, Raffaella served as migration expert at the European Commission, the International Organization for Migration



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(IOM), and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

12. *Diana Stefanescu*, Senior Policy Advisor, Directorate for Strategy and Policy Implementation, Department for Regular Migration and Dutch Citizenship, Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service, EMN Netherlands

Short bio:

Diana is an expert on legal and labour migration with work experience in several EU Member States. Since May 2024, she is (co-)responsible for the labour migration and independent professionals/start-ups portfolio within the Directorate for Strategy and Policy Implementation at the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service. In this position she closely liaises with colleagues from other Dutch institutions such as the national public employment service and various Ministries to help shape and execute effective legal migration policies. Previously, Diana served as a labour mobility specialist at ICMPD's Migration Partnership Facility (MPF) in Brussels, and, among others, in the political communications department at the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. Diana holds German and Romanian nationalities and has an academic background in political and social sciences, specializing in international relations and global migration issues.

13. *Ainara Dorremochea Fernández*, Deputy Director-General of Legal Affairs at Spain's Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security, and Migration, EMN Spain

Short bio:

Ainara Dorremochea is the Deputy Director-General of Legal Affairs at Spain's Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security, and Migration. She holds a degree from the Complutense University of Madrid and began her public service career in 2007 as an Inspector in the State Administration. Over the next 12 years, she focused on international mobility and trade within the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Tourism. In 2019, Ainara started her journey with the Ministry of Migration where she plays a significant role in shaping Spain's migration policies within the European and global fora. She leads Spain's participation in EU Council negotiations on immigration, including major directives on long-term residency and single permits. She also represents Spain in forums like the OECD and the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration (IGC), where she contributes to global discussions on migration policy. Ainara was instrumental during Spain's presidency of the EU Council in 2023, successfully concluding negotiations



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on key migration directives and coordinating Spain's role in the Rabat Process, promoting international cooperation on migration management.

14. *Mani Ndongbou Bertrand H.*, President of the Italian Diaspora Coordination for International Cooperation

Short bio:

Mani Ndongbou Bertrand Honoré, born in Yaoundé, Cameroon, is a highly experienced leader; currently, he holds the position of President of the Italian Coordination of Diasporas for International Cooperation (CIDCI). Having moved to Italy at a young age, he has built a solid career in the automotive sector as a Product Manager and technical consultant for major companies like DRIVALIA SPA, while always maintaining a strong connection to his Cameroonian roots. As the head of CIDCI, an organization founded to strengthen the role of diasporas in international cooperation, Mani Ndongbou Bertrand H. works to give a voice to diaspora communities, promoting sustainable development and economic growth through cooperation between Italy and countries of origin. He deeply believes in the power of diasporas to act as bridges between cultures, particularly to challenge stereotypes about Africa, and in their role as agents of innovation and growth. Thanks to his commitment, CIDCI is becoming a model for other diasporas, with the goal of involving all Italian regions in a project of inclusive cooperation. In addition to his work with CIDCI, he is the President of the Network of Diaspora Organizations in Lazio (RODiL) and also the President of the Cameroonian Association of Rome and Lazio "CAMROL," as a sign of his deep involvement in the social and community network. His professional journey and activism make him a reference figure for the diaspora in Italy and a promoter of international cooperation based on innovation and equal opportunities.

15. *Vice Prefetto Maria Corsaro*, Deputy Director for Migration Policies - Asylum, Integration and Migration Fund Authority, Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration, Ministry of the Interior

Short bio:

At the beginning of her career, Maria Corsaro served at the Prefecture of Arezzo. After transferring to the Ministry of the Interior, within the Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration, she worked as Executive dealing with special grants for victims of terrorism and organized crime, litigation and legal representation of the administration, the annual planning of migration flows, and the implementation of One-Stop Shop within the Prefectures. Promoted to the rank of Deputy Prefect, she served at the Prefecture of Bologna. In 2007, she returned to Rome to the Department



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for Civil Liberties and Immigration where she held significant positions in the management of European funds for asylum, migration, and integration, and in migration policies. She is currently the Head of Office I for the Planning of Migration Policies. In addition, she holds teaching positions at the Higher School of the Interior Administration, within the courses for access to the Prefectural career and the qualification of Deputy Prefet, as well as in specialization courses on migration matters.

16. *Giovanni Di Dio*, Sviluppo Lavoro Italia, Technical Assistance at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies

Short bio:

Giovanni Di Dio is a Migration and Labour Integration Policy Officer employed by SviluppoLavoroItalia spa, an in-house agency that offers technical assistance for the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies - DG Immigration and Integration Policies. Over time, Mr. Di Dio has acquired extensive expertise in national and international legislation concerning inclusive and active labour policies over time. His specialization strongly emphasises the rights and support of vulnerable workers. Additionally, he has significant experience in the fields of migration and integration, often overseeing the coordination and development of specific projects at both the national and local levels.