Closing Conference
Piloting skills mobility: Lessons learned from the MATCH project and the way forward

MATCH
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Manos Conference Centre
Chaussée de Charleroi 135
1060 Brussels
17 November 2022 | 09:00-17:30

AGENDA

09:00-09:30 *Registration of in-person participants & connection of online participants*

09:30-10:00 *Welcoming Remarks*

Johannes Luchner
Deputy Director General of DG Home, European Commision

Ben Butters
CEO, Eurochambres

Marise Habib
Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration, Country Office Belgium and Luxembourg

10:00-11:00 *Setting the scene – Building Sustainable and Long-Lasting EU Talent/Skills Mobility Partnerships between EU Member States and Third Countries*

The views from the European Commission:
Anita Vella
Head of Unit Legal Migration and Integration, DG HOME, European Commission

The views from the countries of origin:
Mr. Ibrahima Cissé
Head of cabinet and technical adviser, Ministry in charge of Senegalese citizens abroad

Dr. Sunday Onazi
Head, International Labour Migration Division, Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment

Moderated Q&A session with the audience
Paola Alvarez
Regional Thematic Specialist, International Organization for Migration, Regional Office for the European Economic Area, the European Union and NATO

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:05 *Putting Skills Mobility into Practice*

Keynote presentation: The main outcomes and lessons learned from the MATCH project
Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet
Project Manager, International Organization for Migration, Country Office Belgium & Luxembourg

Panel Discussion: Unpacking the lessons from the MATCH project with the implementing partners: stakeholder involvement and labour market needs
Davy Maes
Knowledge & advice / Human capital, Voka

Myrthe van der Gaast
Africa Insights Desk Manager, Netherlands-African Business Council

Ukamaka Osigwe
National Program Office, International Organization for Migration, Mission Nigeria

Valeria Falaschi

Acting Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration, Country Office Senegal

Moderated Q&A session with the audience

Tesseltje De Lange

Professor of European Migration Law, Director of the Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University

13:05-14:20	*Lunch Break*

14:20-15:50	*Beyond MATCH: How to build successful Skills Mobility Partnerships from the private sector perspective?*

The role of employers: the EU perspective

Anna Gaïk

General Manager, Accent jobs Belgium

Wim Adriaens

Managing Director, Flanders' Public Employment Service (VDAB)

Roberto Strocco

Head of Projects and Local Development Area, Unioncamere Piemonte

Natascha Nagels

General Manager, Link2Europe

Sourcing and attracting African Talents (hybrid panel)

Cédric Filet

CEO, Aldelia

Oluwajoba Oloba

Co-Founder, The NEST Innovation Technology Park, Nigeria

Abiodun Dominic Odunuga

International Business Development Consultant, Co-Founder, Friends of Nigeria (FON) Europe

Moderated Q&A session with the audience

Christophe Van Hemelryck

Policy Officer, European Migration Network

15:50-16:10	*Closing Remarks*

Paola Alvarez

Regional Thematic Specialist, International Organization for Migration, Regional Office for the European Economic Area, the European Union and NATO

Birgit Arens

Senior Project Officer, Eurochambres

16:10-17:30	*Networking Cocktail*

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Thursday, November 17th, 09:00-17:30

How to reach the venue

Public Transport:
- Trams 92 and 97 to Faider

The following parking area is available nearby:
- BePark - Parking Charleroi

Accommodation in Brussels

For conference participants who arrive the preceding day, Manos Hotel is offering rooms at a rate of 159€/day, excluding city tax. The form for booking a room at this hotel is available here.

There are several hotels with varying prices in walking distance of the conference centre:
Hotel NH Brussels Stéphanie
Penta Hotel Brussels
Jam Hotel Brussels
Hotel Agenda Louise

Participants are free to choose and book the hotel that suits them best.