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“Exchange of information and best practices on irregular migration and smuggling of migrants linked to cross-border organised crime”

Workshop on National and International Legislation on Illegal Migration and Smuggling of Migrants
20-21 September 2007, Brussels, Belgium

**AGENDA**

**20 September 2007**

**Venue:** Résidence Palace, Conference room of the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC), Rue de la Loi 155, Block C2 (8th floor) 1040 Brussels

9:30-10:00  *Registration*

10:00-10:15  Welcome by Mr. Bernd Hemingway, Regional Representative, International Organization for Migration, Brussels

10:15-10:30  Project introduction and workshop objectives, Ms. Jaana Sipilä, ARGO Project Coordinator, International Organization for Migration, Brussels

10:30-11:00  Recent developments in the EU’s common immigration policy and the policy of the European Commission on illegal migration, Michael Konther, Policy Officer, European Commission DG JLS

11:00-11:30  *Coffee break*

11:30-12:00  Overview of good practices in implementation of legislation on illegal migration and smuggling of migrants, Mr. Pier Rossi-Longhi, Technical Cooperation Centre for Europe and Central Asia, International Organization for Migration, Vienna

12:00-12:15  Questions and answers

12:15-13:30  *Lunch*
13:30- 15:00 Presentations and panel discussion on national legislation on irregular/illegal migration in the selected EU Member States – Belgium, Latvia, Poland and Slovakia

- Mr. Geert Verbauwhede, Attaché, Immigration Office, Belgium
- Ms. Sanda Kundrate, Deputy Head of Persons' Status Control Department, Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, Latvia
- Mrs. Paulina Jurkowska, Assistant, Section of Readmissions and Dublin Proceedings, Department for Aliens, Border Guard Headquarters, Poland
- Mjr. Mgr. Martina Šimovičová, National Unit for Combating Illegal Migration, Ministry of the Interior, Slovak Republic

15.00 Coffee served during the working groups

15:00-16:30 Working groups, Part I

A) Good practice norms and actions to be applied at the national level in addressing irregular migration

B) Good practices in cross border cooperation and information sharing in addressing irregular migration

16:30-17:00 Summary of conclusions and closing of day 1

19.00- Self-paid dinner at the Restaurant Lune De Miel (15 Rue Jules Van Praet, Brussels)

21 September 2007

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9:30-10:00 Migration and Health – Aspects of health in border management, Ms. Roumyana Benedict, Senior Migration Health Manager, International Organization for Migration, Brussels

10:00- 10:15 Questions and answers

10:15-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:15 Working groups A and B, Part II

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:15 Presentation of the working group recommendations

14:15-14:30 Closing of the workshop by Mr. Bernd Hemingway, Regional Representative, International Organization for Migration, Brussels

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