SIDE EVENT
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Temporary Migration and Workers’ Rights: Irreconcilable Differences?
Comparing EU-Asia Experiences and Perspectives

Geneva
13 June 2016 (15h00 – 17h00)
RATIONALE & SCOPE

This Policy Meeting aims at examining the challenges of new modalities of temporary labour migration to workers’ rights and international labour standards. It aims at comparing and exchanging experiences and public policy perspectives between Asian countries and the European Union. By doing so it will facilitate an enhanced dialogue and mutual understanding on the dilemmas of temporary mobilities to the inclusion, rights and protection of temporary migrant workers and their families.

The following questions will be discussed during the event:

- What do new modalities and regulations of temporary migration mean for international human rights instruments and standards covering workers’ rights and standards?
- What are the challenges towards full adherence to the realization of workers' rights in the current context of large movements of migrants and refugees?
- How can all workers – including migrant workers, and especially those with irregular status - be included without losing what has been established in human rights instruments on labour?

The Policy Meeting falls within the scope of the EURA-NET research project (“Transnational Migration in Transition: Transformative Characteristics of temporary Mobility of People”). EURA-NET has sought to attain an understanding of temporary migration between European and Asian countries. Temporary migrants included in the study are highly skilled and low skilled workers, students, migrants’ family members, lifestyle migrants, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants. The project has investigated what it means to be a temporary migrant and how policy-makers and other stakeholders view the phenomenon. Empirical research was conducted in China, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey and Ukraine.
Registration

15:00 – 17:00: Temporary Migration and Workers’ Rights: Irreconcilable Differences?

**Chair:** William Gois (Migrant Forum in Asia)

**Speakers:**

Sergio Carrera (CEPS) and Mari Korpela (University of Tampere), EURA-NET Research Findings

**Discussants:**

François Crépeau (UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants)

Marie-José Tayah (ILO)

Marije Van Kempen (UNHCR)

*Open Discussion*

**Concluding Remarks:** Michele Levoy (PICUM)
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