



Migration

Expert Forum – Liberal White Book Europe 2030

Zoom Meeting

06 November 2020, 09h30 – 14h00 (CET)

ABOUT THE EVENT

Poverty, war, climate change, political instability and lack of fundamental rights. These are just some of the reasons why, since the dawn of time, entire populations have been moving from the land where they were born in search of a better life. The phenomenon of migration affecting the European continent today is the latest in a long series of other migrations that have affected the history of humankind.

Unlike in the past, today we are privileged enough to be capable of embracing this phenomenon in an intelligent way and in accordance with well-designed policies. The evolution of fundamental rights, especially at the European level, has made it possible to achieve impressive results in terms of integration within the Union. At the same time, a primary responsibility of the recipient states is and must always be to promote the integration into the territory and society of those who have arrived from afar and need the basic tools to be able to start a new life.

Acting in a cohesive manner and with a common purpose seems to be the only possibility for the migration phenomenon to have a positive impact on the entire European community. Liberals are responsible for defining positions on this issue that, looking to the future, can overcome fears, prejudices and divisions.

This Expert Forum will have simultaneous interpretation for English, French and Italian.

EVENT SCHEDULE

09h25 Participants connect to the online Expert Forum

09h30 Welcome & Presentation of the Liberal White Book Europe 2030 project
Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

09h35 Introduction to this Expert Forum
Giulio Ercolessi, Director, Liberal Movement Association (LibMov)

09h40 Keynote Speech – *The phenomenon of migration*
Emma Bonino, Senator for Rome, +Europa

10h20 Welcome Words from the Patron
Sophia in 't Veld, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

10h30 Break

10h35 Migration and international relations: a look beyond Europe

Moderator: Roberta Bonazzi, President and Founder, European Foundation for Democracy

Short input statements:

- Michele Amedeo, Head of Centre of Thematic Expertise on Migration, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement (DG NEAR)
- Giulia Nicoloso, Project Manager, EU Crimson Project, Royal United Services Institute
- Mariano Giustino, Journalist and Turkey Correspondent for Radio Radicale
followed by a discussion among all participants

Discussion topics: Relations with third countries; external border protection; human rights and human trafficking.

11h35 Break

11h40 Migration policies at the EU and national levels

Moderator: Costanza Hermanin, Policy Leader Fellow, European University Institute

Short input statements:

- Henrik Nielsen, Head of Unit C3: Asylum, DG Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME)

- Marie-Laure Basilien-Gainche, Professor of Public Law, Centre for Constitutional Law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3
- Ruud Koopmans, Professor and Director of the Research Unit Migration, Integration and Transnationalization, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- Alessandra La Vaccara, Program Manager, Missing Migrants Program, International Commission on Missing Persons

followed by a discussion among all participants

Discussion topics: Dublin Agreement's reform; Common Borders; New Migration Agenda; Migration and Asylum policies; Safe Harbour regulation; refugees and migrants in international and EU law.

12h40 Break

12h45 Good intentions for a liberal approach in integration: what to do now?

Moderator: Yuri Guaiana, Secretary General, LGBTI Liberals of Europe

Short input statements:

- Tommaso Virgili, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center and Research Consultant, Humanists International
- Maryan Ismail, Anthropologist, Fondazione Eris
- Hisham Nofal, Atheist refugee from Egypt and human rights activist
- Johan Bourlard, Expert in radicalism, Belgian Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (Fedasil)

followed by a discussion among all participants

Discussion topics: cultural integration; individual rights; identity politics; integration in a liberal perspective.

13h45 Final talk & Conclusions

Giulio Ercolessi, Director, Liberal Movement Association (LibMov)

14h00 End of Expert Forum

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