

Migration

24 November 2016, 12:00-13:00

This session had been cancelled from the official programme, due to the low number of interested participants, as many European RCE colleagues were absent from the conference. Nevertheless, during the informal session organized on-site, several RCE members participated in the discussion.

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Key Discussion Points

1) Concept Position Paper

Ros Wade and Pinar Guner had been developing a position paper, which gives good insight into the complex situation of refugees. Migration was no longer considered an issue relevant to one region or continent, but rather a globally pressing one with many causes such as terrorism, Climate Change, as well as economic and social circumstances.

2) Initiatives worldwide.

As a consequence of the multitude of causes, the character of migration flows also differs considerably. It was well understood that quite some immigration countries have already developed, or tried to develop, policies to react on the massive inflow of refugees. Also in Europe, RCEs had developed projects to help migrants and try to create solutions. During the meeting it was considered advisable to take stock of these policies and publish them online.

3) Policy Development

An essential element of migration policies was considered to be influencing public opinion and the policy making process. This could be done by publishing relevant articles in newspapers and social media.

Actions Points

- 1) Position Paper to be published
- 2) Taking stock of policies on migration
- 3) Policy development