

EUCARE WORKERS' NETWORK FOR A HUMANE RECEPTION OF NEWCOMERS AND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS

18 March 2019 18h00-20h30
European Parliament, Room ASP 3H-1

The event brings together MEPs and EPSU's network of workers charged with the reception and inclusion of migrants or asylum-seekers. These workers are facing insufficient human and material resources, lack of training, interpreters, intercultural mediators and, increasingly, hostility from their own governments. Laws that criminalise migrants and those that help them undermine workers' commitment to do their job well and in dignity, for themselves and for migrant and refugee-seeking persons. Restrictions of migrants' rights including access to quality public services threaten the future of many jobs and the guarantee of long-term inclusion of newcomers. As migration dominates the EU elections, this event will bring visibility to these workers and discuss the way forward for a welcoming Europe.

Agenda

18h00 Registration

18h30 For a solidarity-based, humane migration and asylum policy in the EU

*Chair and welcoming address, **Sergio Cofferati**, S&D*

Ernest Urtasun, Greens/EFA

Pepe Fernández, CCOO-FSC General Secretary, Spain

Serena Sorrentino, General Secretary FP-CGIL, Italy

19h10 Discussion with the floor

19h30 Improving working conditions in services dealing with reception of newcomers

*Chair **Paloma López Bermejo**, GUE*

Ibrahim Bashar, employee at Services Immigration Centre for the municipalities of Comacchio, Ferrara, Ostellato, Italy

Victoria Fernández Zubieta, Sociologist, Spain: lessons from workers' experience

Laura Sanz, employee, Children's centre, Canary Islands, Spain

Deborah Rota, Social assistant, Social Services, Cassano D'Adda, Italy

Brunella Maglione, officer at ImmigrationCentre of Pisa Prefecture

20h00 Discussion with the floor

20h20 Conclusions

Jan Willem Goudriaan, EPSU General Secretary

20h30 Closing and drinks/sandwiches

*With the participation of MEPs **Andrea Cozzolino**, **Elena Gentile**, **Elly Schlein**, **Cécile Kashetu Kyenge** and more workers from migration/asylum services*