

# Programme

## Europe Bottom-Up Migration Conference

Athens, May 10-12, 2022



**EPLO**  
European Public Law  
Organization



University of West Attica  
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## Day 1, May 10 - Empowering The Empowerers

The Europe Bottom-Up Migration Working Group, founded in 2021, is delighted to have the opportunity to invite you to its first plenary network meeting. Together, we will share our experience and set the agenda for future networking and action.

### 11:00 **WELCOME** Mission, vision, purpose

What we're expecting to share at, and take away from, this conference

**Karoline Gil, Pieter Boeder, Theo Fouskas, Yonus Muhammadi**

IFA, Europe Bottom-Up, UNIWA, Greek Forum of Refugees

### 11:30 **The impact of crises on public health**

The impact of crises on migrants' and refugees' health

**Apostolos Veizis**

Intersos Hellas

### 12:00 **Demystifying migration myths**

Social discourse on the impact of migrants and refugees

**George Koulierakis**

Associate Professor of Public Health, UNIWA

### 12:30 **Integration of migrants and refugees at local level**

Challenges and good practices

**Theodoros Fouskas**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Migration and Public Health, UNIWA

### 13:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

### 14:00 **WORKSHOP** Migrant-led advocacy and capacity building

Setting the agenda: How to make things better at the EU level?

**Yagoub Kibeida, Yonus Muhammadi**

Mosaico, Greek Forum of Refugees

### 16:00 **HELLO EVERYONE** Welcome drinks

## Day 2, May 11 - Europe: From Consent To Consensus

Changed times call for new forms of unity, political dialogue and bottom-up action. Today, we will address policy-making in Europe, inclusion through dialogue and partnership, new ways of effectively building capacity and supporting engagement and, last but not least, good governance with a special focus on the municipalities.

### 11:00 **KEYNOTE** The EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

Current issues and debates: Why this is so important

**Angeliki Dimitriadi**

Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)

### 11:30 **WORKSHOP** Ending the breach of law

Resources, strategy, tactics

**Giota Massouridou**

European Democratic Lawyers (EDA)

### 13:00 **KEYNOTE** The Network for Dialogue in theory

Presentation of the latest Network for Dialogue Policy Briefs

**Aleksandra Djurić Milovanović**

Network for Dialogue

### 13:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

### 14:30 **PANEL** The Network for Dialogue in practice

Greek Network for Dialogue member organisations share their experience, case studies and field examples.

Moderation: Aleksandra Djurić

**Synyparxis, Art Bridges, Zataar**

### 15:30 **WORKSHOP** We need to talk

What the world needs today are great teams: Discussing the Network for Dialogue policy recommendations and their use.

**Elena Karagianni, Aleksandra Djurić**

## Day 3, May 12 - A Response To The Ukraine Crisis

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created the worst humanitarian crisis in Europe since the second world war. Now, the overriding imperative is to stop the violence and support its citizens and refugees. How can we best help empower the empowerers, organisations that are working to mitigate the devastating impact of this war?

### 11:00 KEYNOTE The Ukraine war: Déjà vu?

Responding to the crisis while keeping sight of the big picture

**Karl Kopp**

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### 11:30 The Ukrainian communities' response to the crisis

The diaspora network's engagement is making the impossible possible

**Oleksandra Novikova**

Department of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

### 12:00 Towards a shared narrative

The vital role of migrant organisations in building resilient communities

**Christos Lazaridis**

Greek Forum of Refugees

### 12:30 KEYNOTE Ukraine: A shared vision and a common future

This war poses fundamental questions about Ukraine's European future

**Karoline Gil**

Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen IFA

### 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

### 14:00 KEYNOTE Cities, the key to any successful inclusion strategy

The crucial role of some municipalities as a particularly impressive example of European responsibility 'bottom up'

**Lefteris Papagiannakis**

Greek Council of Refugees

## About the Europe Bottom-Up Migration Working Group

The mission of Europe Bottom-Up is to strengthen the participation and the shared responsibility of European citizens, their communities and their organisations. Founded in 2021, the Europe Bottom-Up Migration Working Group aims to develop, practise and promote new democratic participative formats, creating synergy and impact across boundaries.

### 15:00 DEBRIEFING Putting everything together

A quick inventory: What have we learnt together in the last 3 days?

How will this affect our knowledge, our attitude, our future behaviour?

Last but not least: What will be next and how shall we organise it?

### 16:00 OPEN SPACE

Open Space with politicians and other civil society stakeholders:

Plenary presentation of essential conference results to a select audience

**Aleksandra Djurić, Christos Lazaridis, Karoline Gil, Pieter Boeder**

### 18:00 THE END

Goodbye and hopefully auf wiedersehen in Berlin!

**Keep the date: November 9, 2022**

### Last but not least: THANK YOU

**A big thanks to Alessia Fiumi at EPLo and to the Europe Bottom-Up team at Stiftung Zukunft Berlin for making this possible**

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## Location

### 1st Europe Bottom-Up Migration Conference

European Public Law Organization (EPLo) building

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