



## **REGIONAL NETWORK MEETING**

*CHALLENGE OR RESOURCE? RECENT IMMIGRANTS IN  
ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA*

*PROJECT "ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF 'NEW IMMIGRANTS' IN  
ESTONIA AND IN THE BALTIC STATES"*

*29 January 2010, Vilnius, Lithuania*

Venue: Ratonda Centrum Hotel, Vilnius (Gedimino av. 52/1)

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## **A G E N D A**

11:30 – 12:00 Registration / coffee

12:00 – 12:10 Opening

*Vida Beresnevičiūtė, Head of Centre of Ethnic Studies, Lithuanian Social Research Centre*

*Karolis Žibas, Centre of Ethnic Studies, Lithuanian Social Research Centre*

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SECTION: MIGRATION AND MIGRANT INTEGRATION: POLICY IMPLEMENTATIONS AND PROBLEMS**

12:10 – 12:30 Lithuanian Immigration Policy and Preconditions of Migrant Integration

*Vija Platačiūtė, Vytautas Magnus University*

12:30 – 12:40 Questions

12:40 – 12:50 Support for Migrant Integration: Experiences Working With European Refugee Fund and European Fund for the Integration of Third-country Nationals

*Aistė Bartkevičienė, Head of Project Management Division (ERF/EIF), The European Social Fund Agency*

12:50 – 13:00 Questions

13:00 – 13:20 Newly Arriving Immigrants: Main Problems and Trends (Project *Accessible Information – Guarantee of Successful Integration*)

*Ieva Būdvitytė, Project manager, International Organization for Migration*

13:20 – 13:40 Questions and Discussion

13:40 – 14:10 Coffee

### **2<sup>ND</sup> SECTION: REFUGEES IN LITHUANIA: PROBLEMS AND INTEGRATION EXPERIENCES**

14:10 – 14:30 Social Integration of Refugees in Lithuania: Main Problems and Trends

*Beatričė Bernotienė, Deputy director, The Refugees Reception Center in Rukla*

14:30 – 14:50 NGO's Practices Working With Asylum Seekers and Refugees

*Ghulam Rabani Rahmat, refugee consultant and social integration specialist at the Lithuanian Red Cross Society*

14:50 – 15:20 Questions and general discussion

15:20 – 15:30 Closing

*Julia Kovalenko, project coordinator, LICHR*

16:00 Lunch

*Working language: English*