



Saksdokumenter:

Program for nordisk økumenisk nettverksmøte om migrasjon 29.-30. september 2015

## Saker i de økumeniske organisasjonene

### **Økumenisk samarbeid i Norden**

#### **Sammendrag**

Nordic ecumenial network on migration er en årlig samling av ressurspersoner i nordiske kirker om migrasjon. Samlingene er ment å bidra til at man kan harmonisere praksis i regionen i den grad det er mulig, med referanse til både kirkelige, sosiale og politiske forhold.

Det er et ønske å belyse både utfordringene og gevinstene ved migrasjon, gjennom intern samtale og gjennom aktiviteter og foredrag av eksterne aktører.

#### **Forslag til vedtak**

Mellomkirkelig råd tar Program for nordisk økumenisk nettverksmøte om migrasjon 29.-30. september 2015 til orientering.



Nordic ecumenical network on migration  
Annual gathering 2015  
29. - 30. September 2015  
Kirkens hus, Oslo Norway

### Background

Nordic ecumenical network on migration is a network of colleagues working as advisors on migration issues for Churches in the Nordic region. It is a platform for information/experiences/practices exchange which will enhance our knowledge and contribute towards a better motivation, inspiration and results in our work. There are some common elements of similarity in the countries of the region and yet also some distinctiveness. Our hope is to develop and keep updated a working method regionally harmonized yet nationally specific. We engage with both the socio-political (state-society) and ecclesial (Churches) as our main frame of reference. We work to help churches adapt to the changes and be instrumental for the society to have a better response to the challenges and benefits of migration.

### Theme: Global migration and our national/regional response

- Safe passage: EU migration policies and the global refugee situation
- Nordic region and the welfare state in the age of international migration: will migration sustain/revitalize or challenge our welfare state and egalitarian societies? Expert analysis by

### Tuesday 29th september 2015

07:00-12:00	Arrivals
12:00-13:00	Lunsj
13:00-14:30	Opening session (welcome, introduction, info)
14:30-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-16:30	Country reports
16:45-18:00	Lecture followed by discussions (professor Aud Tønnessen)
18:30-20:00	Dinner (mr.India)
20:15-20:30	Evening prayer (Oslo Cathedral)

### Wednesday 30th september 2015

8:45	Morning prayer: chapel kirkens hus
9:15-10:30	Safe passage and updates from CCME
10:30	Coffee
10:45	NOAS og ARS
12:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	Excursion (helsesenteret for papirløse; KIA)
15:00-17:00	Summary and conclusion
17:00	concluding prayer and departure

## Thematic issues for country reports and updates

- Roma inclusion issues
- Religion and asylum: issue of converts
- Sanctuary/church asylum?
- Family reunification/wider definition of family/EU directives and practices
- Reception, asylum camps, case processing and settlement/return
- Return policies and practices
- Labor migrants and mobility/export of welfare benefits
- Right wing extremism and radicalization
- Nordic folk churches and religious diversity
- The situation of Christians in the Middle East and our responsibility
- Issues emerging from EU relations with Russia
- Migrant churches issues: facilities, relations/network, language, training/theological formation
- The rights of undocumented people: basic health, human rights,
- Migration management systems of the various countries and advocacy/resource organizations
- EU migration policies and updates from CCME
  - EU justice and home affairs council (June 2015)

## Sideline themes

- The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda will be held from 25 to 27 September 2015, in New York and convened as a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly and
- European year of development (<https://europa.eu/eyd2015/en/content/about-2015> )
- 8<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Migration and Development, Istanbul, Turkey  
<http://www.gfmd.org/>