



EU Migration Policy Summit

Citizen Driven Innovation for Policy Design

Thursday, June 7 2018, 9AM – 6PM (optional networking dinner afterwards)
Ateliers des Tanneurs – Rue des Tanneurs 60 A, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Inspiration

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Co-creation

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A way forward

*from Citizen
Sector Solutions*

*with policy makers and
experts*

for mobility and integration

Summary

Globally, the Citizen Sector has produced a number of highly impactful, proven and scalable solutions that pave a way forward for addressing issues emerging from current migratory and refugee movements. Still, despite their strong evidence base, replicability and scalability, they are often overlooked when designing EU policies, showcasing best practice guidelines or implementing funding mechanisms.

This Summit aims to bring together social entrepreneurs, beneficiaries and EU policy makers to exchange good practices for further co-creation of policies and an improved framework for identifying and supporting successful initiatives. By bringing these key groups together, we expect new synergies for state and EU-wide policies to emerge that provide a way forward for Europe to become the welcoming, participatory and inclusive community that it aspires to be.

Organized by Ashoka's [Hello Europe](#) Initiative, the conference emerges from trends identified through a network of effective citizen sector solutions that are scaling to and across 6 EU countries through a multi-stakeholder approach. The Summit's general framing goes beyond the current EU narrative on migration and refugee situation, dealing both with legal and irregular movements and, more importantly, addressing the infrastructures needed to be set in place in order to address migrants' specific needs such as: regularization, access to housing and health care, education, employment, inclusion, integration.

Organization

Hello Europe's aim is to identify and help scale and accelerate citizen sector solutions that are proven, impact driven and replicable in key countries within the European Union. The accelerator has been tested in Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Turkey, and is now being developed in Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Sweden and Greece. For more information: hello-europe.eu / helloeurope@ashoka.org

Partners

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Highlighted Citizen Sector Solutions at the 2018 Summit



Inge Missmahl
IPSO e care
(DE/Afghanistan)

- Offers peer-to-peer psychosocial counseling to support traumatized and psychologically distressed refugees.
- Developed solution in Afghanistan, where it reaches over 110.000 individuals and is recognized by WHO.
- Has now trained almost 100 counselors in Germany and is helping to redesign policy.



David Lubell
Welcoming
International (USA)

- Supports local communities in setting up welcoming committees that lower the fears of residents regarding immigrants.
- Has implemented his approach successfully in 115 US cities.
- Has now scaled his approach to Germany together with the Bertelsmann Foundation and other partners.



Jane Leu
Upwardly Global
(USA)

- Has supported migrants to enter the labour market in the US for 15 years.
- Has successfully placed more than 3500 migrants into jobs at the largest corporates in the US.
- Is now active in Germany through a partnership with national organisations.

Outcomes

The presentations, workshops and co-creation spaces are all designed around active EU agendas on migration, mobility, integration and refugee movements. The Summit aims to advance potential solutions for EU policies and funding to better address the current challenges in the migration field in a systemic way, taking inspiration and knowledge from proven citizen sector solutions. The guidelines, recommendations and commitments formulated throughout the one-day event will contribute to the ongoing dialogue between society and policy makers in the field of mobility and inclusion.

The key objectives of the EU Migration Policy Summit are to:

1. give visibility to social innovation initiatives which provide solutions for existing needs in the field of migration;
2. provide networking opportunities for policy makers and practitioners in the field to find synergies for co-creation and implementation of available solutions;
3. develop take-aways such as policy and funding recommendations for future coordinated steps.

When? Thursday, June 7, 2018, 9:00–18:00 (optional networking dinner from 18:00 to 19:30).

Where? Ateliers des Tanneurs (Rue des Tanneurs 60 A, 1000 Brussels, Belgium) - Brussels central area.

How?

The Summit comprises a welcoming speech, two pitching sessions and two workshop sessions (in the morning and in the afternoon). The Summit will be in **English**. No interpretation is available. (If a participant requires interpretation, please mention it in the rsvp and we will try to find a solution).

Who will be there?

This invitation-only event will bring together over 150 people genuinely interested and active in the field of migration: **key EU policy makers, social entrepreneurs, representatives of national, regional and local administrations**. Using participatory and multi-stakeholder approaches, we will discuss and develop strategies for better promotion, replication and scaling of social innovation for better mobility and inclusion of migrants in the EU.

How do I register?

To show interest in attending the event, please register [here](#). Due to location constraints final participation will be confirmed by invitation.

Can I invite or recommend others?

If there are key people you think should attend, please forward this summary or a [link to our website](#). You can also send your recommendations to helloeurope@ashoka.org and we will contact them.

Workshops

Social innovations led by the citizen sector provide many solutions for addressing the challenges deriving from migration. From housing, to psycho-social counselling, including job creation, community integration and education, Ashoka's Hello Europe has sourced some of the best ideas on the continent, and is working to spread these vital solutions throughout the EU. These initiatives will be presented in the pitching session and the main topics they address will be discussed further in participatory workshops moderated by a facilitator, owned by a key stakeholder and animated by social entrepreneurs and beneficiary organizations.

Participants will choose 2 workshops (out of 5 in the morning session and 5 in the afternoon), related to key topics identified by social entrepreneurs as being of high importance when addressing the integration and inclusion of migrants in host societies. See agenda for workshop descriptions.

Main Citizen Sector Solutions Present

[More Than Shelters](#) – Daniel Kerber (Germany)

People who have fled conflict find themselves powerless in unsanitary, dangerous refugee camps. More Than Shelters involves them in creating sustainable solutions and creating dignified spaces where they can plan the next, positive phase of their lives through integrated humanitarian design.

[IPSO Context](#) – Inge Missmahl (Afghanistan/Germany)

Refugees have frequently fled difficult circumstances and carry significant trauma, exacerbated by the stress of a new country. IPSO offers a new method of mother-tongue, contextualized counselling that helps effectively process these tragedies and integrate culturally.

[Welcoming International](#) – David Lubell (USA)

They envision a world in which every community actively welcomes immigrants and refugees, and sees newcomers as essential assets and participants in their society. Working both at municipal and national levels, Welcoming International forms partnerships with different stakeholders in a community and provides them with intensive support to develop plans, programs, and policies that transform their communities into inclusive places.

ACAF/Winkomun – Abdoulaye Fall (Spain)

Refugees and migrants are often excluded from the financial structures that allow them to fully integrate into their new community. Self-financed communities (CAFs) provide newcomers with an opportunity to quickly become a resource to others and form part of a community that helps them navigate their new context more effectively.

Ubuntu Academy – Rui Marques (Portugal)

Young migrant communities are often stuck in an endless cycle of hopelessly low expectations and insufficient opportunities from generation to generation. This cycle is broken when these young leaders within the community collectively discover their voice and realize their potential to change the world around them.

Migration Ventures (Upwardly Global) – Jane Leu (USA, Germany)

In nearly every country with a large immigrant and refugee community, those arriving who are college-educated wind up unemployed or significantly underemployed – doctors drive taxis, CEOs work in kitchens. Skills are wasted, which makes adjustment, comfort, and success in a new country more difficult. Upwardly Global has broken this mind-set, by placing over 5,000 migrants and refugees from 169 countries in highly skilled, well-paying jobs in the US. They are spreading their methodologies and framework through Europe now with Migration Ventures.

Kiron – Vincent Zimmer (Germany)

Refugees find their lives interrupted in many traumatic ways. For university students arriving in their new home country, there is often a long lapse of time before they can validate their previous studies to complete their degree. Kiron covers this gap by enabling students to continue with their studies as they wait for paperwork to come in and bureaucratic processes to finalise.

Singa – Luisa Seiler (Germany)

Refugees can positively impact their new environments when they are given opportunities. Local business and entrepreneurship has always been a powerful way for refugees to take control of their own careers and integrate into community life. Singa helps connect newcomers with local folks who share similar interests and dreams to help build social capital for refugees and change society's perception.

Schlau-Schule – Michael Stenger (Germany)

The right to asylum is a humanitarian cornerstone in Germany, but its implementation is generally unsuccessful for underage asylum seekers over 16 years of age. Schlau-Schule is a private school system that is cost efficient and is proving that with the right support, young refugees can acquire the right language and vocational skills in record time to contribute in a meaningful way to society.

Draft Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration**
- 9:30 – 9:45 Perspectives**
Citizen sector solutions for migration questions
Rainer Höll, Ashoka Europe
- 9:45 – 10:00 Setting the stage: where EU policies on migration and integration are headed**
Carlos Coelho, Member of the European Parliament
- 10:00 – 10:20 Meet the social entrepreneurs! Part 1**
Social entrepreneurs from around the world will give a 5 minute presentation of how their solution contributes to better inclusion for migrants.
- 10:30 – 11:15 Coffee Break and move to workshops**
- 11:15 – 12:45 Workshops: 1st session – From the citizen sector to policy making**
5 parallel workshop sessions on the following topics
- 1. Social innovations for labour market integration**
Jane Leu (Upwardly Global/ Migration Ventures, USA & scaled to Germany)
Jimmy Antonsson (Mitt Liv, Sweden)
 - 2. Designing infrastructure for successful integration**
Daniel Kerber (More Than Shelters, Germany)
Luisa Seiler (Singa, Germany)
 - 3. Facilitating contextualized and effective solutions for mental & physical well-being of migrants**
Inge Missmahl, IPSO Context, Afghanistan/Germany
Geertrui Seneels (Solentra, Belgium)
Ramazan Salman (MiMi, Germany)
 - 4. Skills recognition for migration inclusion**
Vincent Zimmer (Kiron, Germany)
Pascaline Servan-Schreiber (University of the People, US)
 - 5. Youth Leadership: skills for 1st & 2nd generation migrants - models that work**
Rui Marques (Ubuntu Academy, Portuga)
Michael Stenger (Schlau Schule, Germany)
- 12:45 – 13:30 Standing Networking Lunch**

During lunch participants may use the opportunity to interact with stakeholders belonging to different sectors: welfare organizations, social entrepreneurs, foundations, academia, policymakers, local and regional authorities, businesses and to check out the walking gallery showcasing posters of the initiatives rolled.

- 13:30 – 14:30** **How Citizen Sector Initiatives become Policy – 3 models**
 Citizen sector solutions often provide innovative and effective ways to address the socio-economic inclusion of migrants worldwide, but their work doesn't stop with creating an organisation: systemic change requires scaling to affect the entire system, policy included. This plenary session shows three models of how citizen sector solutions have affected and helped improve policy at national and global levels.
David Lubell, Welcoming International (USA) – From local to national: how welcoming culture influenced federal policy
Pedro Calado, High Commissioner for Migration – From a multi-stakeholder approach: Integral Governance to create a cross-ministerial office
Daniel Kerber, More Than Shelters (Germany) – From a small pilot: Designing pilots to be adopted by large cooperation organizations
- 14:30 – 15:00** **Coffee Break**
- 15:00 – 15:30** **Meet the entrepreneurs Part 2**
- 15:30 – 17:00** **Workshops: afternoon / Making Policies Happen**
4 parallel workshop sessions on the following topics
- 5. Models for integration: overcoming dependency through active contribution**
 Abdoulaye Fall (Winkomun / ACAF, Spain)
 Luisa Seiler (Singa, Germany)
- 6. Tools for scaling social innovation across borders**
 Laura Catana (Ashoka, Romania)
 Vincent Zimmer (Kiron, Germany)
- 7. Involving multiple actors to design more effective policy solutions**
 David Lubell (Welcoming International, USA/Germany)
 Rui Marques (Ubuntu Academy / Gobernanza Integral, Portugal)
- 8. From policy to practice: How can citizen solutions organize to meet policy goals**
 Jane Leu (Upwardly Global / Migration Ventures, USA / Germany)
 Rainer Höll (Hello Europe, Germany)
- 9. Potential open space (tbc)**
- 17:00 – 18:00** **Summary and Outlook**
What is the new Framework of Change for migration in Europe?
Some key stakeholders of the workshops will present their recommendations and the coordinated steps forward will be selected.
Matthias Oel, Director in DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
Representative of the US Mission to the EU
Kenny Clewett, Director of Hello Europe
- 18:00 – 19:30** **Networking Dinner & final walking gallery**

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