

REGULARIZATION OF MIGRANTS IN AN IRREGULAR SITUATION IN THE OSCE REGION
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, POINTS FOR DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OSCE ODIHR
the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, PICUM

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English – Spanish

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14:00 – 14:30	<p>Introductory session</p> <p>(Acting) Head of Democratization, ODIHR, Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Ms. Michele LeVoy, PICUM, Good practice elements that are important for effective regularization mechanisms and programmes</p> <p>Ms. Jyothi Kanics, ODIHR expert, Regularization of migrants in an irregular situation: recent developments and trends across the OSCE region</p>
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Session I: Strengthening and clarifying the legal and regulatory framework</p> <p>Representative of the Irish government (TBC), on the new scheme to regularize undocumented migrants</p> <p>Ms. Juliana Macedo do Nascimento, United We Dream, on the ‘DACA’ programme in the United States of America</p> <p>M. Sergio Ferrara, ASTI, on the mechanism regularising school-going children and their parents in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</p> <p>Q&A Session with participants</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR Migration Adviser</p> <p><i>The first session will shine a spotlight on the importance of strengthening the legal and policy framework, in particular to include clear and transparent criteria, regardless of whether a mechanism is based on humanitarian or other grounds such as integration or employment. It will also be an opportunity to review recent legislative and policy reform efforts that have established or clarified regularization measures including those with a specific focus on children and youth.</i></p>
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break

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15:30 – 16:15	<p>Session II: Creating an enabling environment and promoting good practices</p> <p>Ms. Paola Botta, UN OHCHR, on the legal framework and how can we build upon international human rights law to strengthen pathways.</p> <p>Ms. Marianne Halle, Centre de Contact Suisses-Immigrés, on Operation Papyrus of the Canton of Geneva in Switzerland</p> <p>Ms. Cláudia Pereira, Secretary of State for Integration and Migration of Portugal, on regularization of all migrants with a pending regularisation application in response to the COVID-19 emergency situation</p> <p>Q&A session with participants</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Carolina Lasen Diaz, Office of the Council of Europe's Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees</p> <p><i>The second session will showcase good practices, which create an enabling environment for undocumented migrants to claim their rights and to regularize their situation. Such measures include the various measures introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as special protection for victims of crime such as labour exploitation. In addition, experts will be encouraged to share good practices from cities and regions.</i></p>
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:15	<p>Session III: Monitoring, innovating and responding to particular situations</p> <p>M. Santiago Yerga Cobos, Director General of Migration at the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration (TBC), on the Spanish 'arraigo'-system and the recent reform targeting (former) unaccompanied children</p> <p>Ms. Ludovica Banfi, EU Fundamental Rights Agency, on addressing labour exploitation of undocumented workers, temporary residence and protection for victims of exploitation</p> <p>Ms. Joanna Fomina, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, on the 2012 regularization programme of long-term irregular residents</p> <p>Q&A session with participants</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Shannon Pfohman, Caritas Europa</p> <p><i>The third session will focus on the flexible and innovative approaches to regularization as well as the need and ways of monitoring the results of the measures.</i></p>
17:15 – 18:00	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Ms. Jyothi Kanics, ODIHR expert, Summary of key recommendations</p> <p>Open discussion with participants Moderator: Ms. Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR</p> <p>Ms. Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR and Ms. Michele LeVoy, PICUM, Final remarks</p>