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## **Conference Services**

Please find attached the presentation by Mr. Steve Arnott, Expert, European Commission, delivered to the Session V (*Awareness raising and economic integration in countries of destination*), of the 13<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic Forum, Prague, 23 -27 May 2005.

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'Awareness raising and economic integration in countries of destination'

Supporting the social and vocational integration of migrants and asylum seekers

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Supporting the social and vocational integration of migrants and asylum seekers

Policy context

- European Employment Strategy
- European Strategy for Social Inclusion
- Directives on Racial Equality and Equality in Employment
- Green Paper on Managing Economic Migration
- European Structural Funds



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Policy measures

- Access to employment
- Recognising existing skills and qualifications
- Job guidance and counselling
- Civic education
- Fighting discrimination and racism



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The EQUAL Community Initiative is supported by the European Social Fund and tests new ways to tackle discrimination and inequality in the labour market

Operating in all Member States

Investing €3 billion between 2000-2008



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Supporting the social and vocational integration of migrants and asylum seekers

Results from EQUAL in combating discrimination in the workplace

- Making the business case
- Developing new tools to raise employer awareness
- Engaging the social partners



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Results from EQUAL regarding access to employment, training and information

- New types of employment services
- Training tailored to individual needs
- Information and support



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Results from EQUAL regarding media, diversity and discrimination

- Making news reporting more representative
- Developing new forms of training
- Providing opportunities for young people
- Co-operating transnationally



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