

International Network Forum on  
**MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT  
AND THE ROLE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS**

Thematic Network Forum 1

**Identifying common issues and  
challenges of Migrant Entrepreneurship  
Support and the role of entrepreneurial skills**

**20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Danube University Krems, Austria (Room SE 2.4)**



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# AGENDA

9:30	Registration and Networking Breakfast	
9:45	Welcome and Introduction to the MAGNET project	Anna Faustmann (Danube University Krems)
10:00	“Policy Guidelines for Facilitating Migrant Entrepreneurship: Lessons from Good Practices”	Richard Bolwijn/Fulvia Farinelli (UNCTAD)
10:30	“Characteristics of migrant entrepreneurship”	Gudrun Biffi (Danube University Krems)
11:00	“Contextual Factors for the Development of Entrepreneurial Competencies”	Tina Gruber-Mücke (FH Krems)
11:15	Discussion	
11:45	Coffee break	
12:15	“Challenges and key success factors of Migrant Entrepreneurship – an Austrian experience“	
12:45	“Challenges of Migrant Entrepreneurship support”	Doris Kaiserreiner (ZSI, MEnt project)
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	Parallel working groups on specific challenges and success factors in migrant entrepreneurship. Needs, success factors and challenges will be discussed.	
	a) Regulatory framework (policy, economic and legal environment)	Evgeni Evgeniev (VUZF), Katerina Lalia (IATAP)
	b) Education and skills (including language, financial literacy and other managerial skills)	Magdalena Filipova-Rivers (IATAP), Isabella Skrivanek (DUK)
	c) Innovation (migrant entrepreneurship as driver for growth and development)	Frederic Kastner (TERN), Sobhi Khatib (DL)
	d) Finance (access to property and financial capital)	Ewa Bankowska (MFC), Detelina Smilkova (VUZF)
	e) Social capital and networks (awareness and access to networking opportunities)	Anna Faustmann (DUK), Luisa Seiler (SINGA)
15:30	Coffee break	
16:00	Final plenary session and conclusions	
17:00	End of conference, networking, get-together	

Please register before 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 by following this link,

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# ABOUT

The MAGNET project aims to create a network of organisations active in the field of migrant entrepreneurship, as well as interested public and private actors. MAGNET will seek to promote the creation, further development and broad dissemination of existing support schemes for migrant entrepreneurs.

Despite a general consensus and excitement surrounding the possibilities that migrant entrepreneurship offers for both migrant integration and host communities, there is a growing body of evidence that migrant entrepreneurs require a different set of support systems to successfully set up and run their businesses in a changing society with dynamic economic and labour market situations. Transnational and regional efforts to share information, experience and expertise on migrant entrepreneurship support are crucial to better tackling the challenges associated with labour market integration of an intensifying wave of migrants. MAGNET will furthermore move forward the implementation of strategic objectives at EU-level as well as promote innovation in the field of migrant entrepreneurship support.

# OBJECTIVES

## **Migrant Entrepreneurship Academy**

Develop and pilot-test a train-the-trainer peer-learning programme for people, organizations and other parties active in the field of migrant entrepreneurship support at higher level

## **NETWORKING**

Broad and holistic networking activities in the migrant entrepreneurship support field, both on regional and transnational level

## **OPEN TOOLKIT**

Develop an Open Toolkit for Migrant Entrepreneurship Support on the basis of good-practice analysis and improvement.

## **ONLINE PLATFORM**

Develop an online-platform in order to guarantee open access to the Open Toolkit for Migrant Entrepreneurship Support.

# THE PARTNERS

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