



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
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JUSTICE FREEDOM AND SECURITY

## **Minutes of the Third Irish Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 29 May 2008

**Location:** Immigrant Council of Ireland, 2 St Andrew Street, Dublin 2

### **Participants**

- Fidele Mutwarasibo – Immigrant Council of Ireland
- Denise Charlton – Immigrant Council of Ireland
- Dug Cubie – International Organisation for Migration (IOM Dublin)
- Ann Moroney – Access Ireland
- Ann Gilton – Training and Employment Authority (FAS)
- Anita Toolan – Office of the Minister for Integration
- Anthony Pringle – International Organisation for Migration (IOM Dublin)
- Terry McCabe – Blanchardstown Area Partnership
- Diane Nurse – Health Service Executive
- Geralyn McGary – Citizens Information Board
- Sharon McGuigan – Spiritan Asylum Services Initiative - SPIRASI
- Dr Claire Healy – Country Researcher / ACIDI, I.P.

### **Apologies**

- Gerry Mangan – Office for Social Inclusion
- Sr. Breege Keenan – Vincentian Refugee Centre
- Sr. Joan Roddy – Refugee and Migrant Project of the Irish Bishops' Conference
- Gerry Folan – Dublin City Council
- Prashant Shukla – Ireland India Council

### **Irish Partner:**



**I. TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION:**

- One-Stop-Shop Country Report, Ireland

**II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

- Introductions
- Minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting
- Final draft of the One-Stop-Shop country Report (Ireland)
- Next Steps
- Any Other Business
- Next meeting

**III. MAIN OUTCOMES AND CONCLUSIONS**

- Overview of the final draft report given by Dr Claire Healy (author)
- Suggestions and comments taken from the floor
- The potential impacts of the economic slow down should be highlighted in the report: recent increase (100%) in the demand for the voluntary repatriation services offered by IOM; the migrants' information needs might shift from migration rights to unemployment benefits, health issues, taxes, etc.
- CIB noted a significant increase in numbers of migrants accessing the services of the Citizens Information Centre in the last number of years – sometimes in unusual locations.
- Rapid demographic changes noted in some areas – this should be taken on board in service provision (20% of the population in Blanchardstown are foreign-born and in one particular location Tyrrelstown 57% of the owner occupiers of houses are foreign nationals)
- Widely acknowledged that it is difficult to get the true picture of migration into Ireland hence in developing a statistical model we need to have flexibility
- Any development in the One-Stop-Shop model should build up on existing services and should be geared towards mainstreaming. A virtual one-stop-shop has the potential to complement existing services
- Members of the advisory committee were advised that the final comments on the country report were to be submitted to the researcher by the following Monday due to time constraints
- The Office of Minister for Integration are looking at the One-stop-shop model
- The website of the One-Stop-shop initiative to go live next week
- Diane Nurse will be attending the one-stop-shop transitional seminar to be held in June (Athens - Germany)
- Gerry Folan will be attending the one-stop-shop seminar to be held in July (Berlin – Germany)

**IV. AGENDA FOR NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- IOM Composite Report (Comparative Report for the 6 countries involved)
- Next Steps
- Launch of the Final Report