

Joint OECD-Calouste Gulbenkian Seminar for the launch of the OECD publication

“Making Integration Work: Youth with Migrant Parents”

23 March, 15h30-17h30 (Central European Time)

OECD-wide, youth who are either themselves foreign-born or who are native-born with foreign-born parents account for nearly one in five 15 to 34-year-olds. Their population share is increasing in virtually all OECD countries and the outcomes in terms of labour market and education are often well below those of their peers who have native-born parents. Given that these young people with foreign-born parents are raised and educated in the countries to which their parents migrated, these gaps are worrying and a threat to social cohesion. Against this background, the OECD has prepared, with the support of several member countries and two foundations (Roi Baudouin Foundation and Stiftung Mercator), a publication “Making Integration Work: Youth with Migrant Parents” that summarises main lessons from the OECD’s work in this area and the experiences of OECD countries in the integration of young people with migrant parents. The publication is structured along eleven main policy lessons with supporting examples of good practice. It also provides a comprehensive comparison of the policy frameworks that govern policy strategies for the integration of young people with migrant parents in OECD countries.

The lessons are:

- Use inclusive language to refer to youth with migrant parents
- Make sure all children start school on an equal footing
- Provide flexible education pathways for youth born abroad
- Involve immigrant parents in the education process
- Reduce the concentration of disadvantaged youth with immigrant parents
- Prevent school drop-out and establish second-chance programmes
- Promote educational excellence and role modelling
- Facilitate the school-to-work transition
- Tackle discrimination and encourage diversity
- Foster social integration through sports and associations
- Encourage naturalisation

Draft Agenda

15:30 -15:40:

Welcome by OECD (Ulrik Knudsen, Deputy Secretary-General, tbc)

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

15:40 - 15:55:

Short presentation by the OECD Secretariat of key findings

15:55 - 16:30

Interactive Break-out sessions with discussions around four key topics identified in the report, in co-operation with migrant youth representatives

1. Promoting public service employment
 2. Combatting discrimination and promoting diversity
 3. Involving parents in the integration of youth with migrant parents
 4. Engaging with sports and associations
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16:30 - 16:45:

Reporting back from the parallel sessions

16:45 - 17:30

The Way Forward: Improving the integration of youth with migrant parents

Closing roundtable with high-level representatives

Cláudia Pereira Secretary of State for Integration and Migration, Portuguese EU presidency

Grunde Kreken Almeland State Secretary for Integration, Norway

Katarina Ivankovic Knežević Director for Social Affairs, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

17:30

Closing remarks by Stefano Scarpetta OECD Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs