

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>Mr. Konstantine Vardzelashvili, Acting Head of Democratization, ODIHR, Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Ms. Michele LeVoy, Director, 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>Mr. Neil Bruton, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI), 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>Mr. Sérgio Ferreira, ASTI, on the mechanism regularising school-going children and their parents and recent developments in regularisation 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, 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 the mechanism to regularise workers, and temporary regularisation of all people pending application in the context of COVID-19</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>This session will showcase good practices, which create an enabling environment for undocumented migrants to regularize their situation. These include the various measures introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p>
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:15	<p>Session III: Monitoring, innovating and responding to particular situations</p> <p>Ms. Ainara Dorremochea Fernández, Assistant Director General of Legal Regime, Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migrations of Spain, on the Spanish 'arraigo'-system and the recent reform targeting (former) unaccompanied children</p> <p>Ms. Ludovica Banfi, EU Fundamental Rights Agency, on how the provision and design of permits can contribute to preventing and addressing labour exploitation of undocumented workers</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>This session will focus on the flexible and innovative approaches to regularization and ways of monitoring the results of the measures. In addition, we will explore special permits for victims of crime such as labour exploitation.</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</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR</p> <p>Final remarks</p> <p>Ms. Alice Szczepanikova, ODIHR and Ms. Michele LeVoy, PICUM</p>