

**Report¹ from EMN Cluster Meeting on
The Practical Side of the Migration- Development Nexus
Oslo 19 June 2012
Organised by NO EMN NCP**

The *Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI)* was the venue for this meeting. The agenda and a list of participants are attached to this note. The presentations made during the meeting can be found on the NO EMN NCP website:

<http://www.samfunnsforskning.no/ISF/Prosjektsider/European-Migration-Network-Norway>

In his opening remarks **Øyvind Jaer**, coordinator for NO EMN NCP, first welcomed the participants, both those from other EMN NCPs and the others. A particular welcome was expressed to **Ms. Imelda Nicolas**, Commissioner for Filipinos Overseas. He then outlined the objective of the meeting, as indicated by its title, and how the Norwegian authorities' interest in the relationship between migration and development had shifted over time, and invited all participants to contribute to the exchange of experiences related to the practical side of the migration and development nexus.

In his reflections on the policy relevant lessons from the previous day's EMN Conference on *Migration and Development* **Jørgen Carling**, research director at the *Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO)* and leader of the *PREMIG (Possibilities and realities of return migration)* project, identified the following issues as having emerged from the conference:

- The need and mechanisms for consultation, cooperation and coordination of policies between those responsible for regulating migration and those responsible for promoting development
- How to make different forms of international migration effective and positive elements in promoting a country's development
- How to design and implement policies for regulating migration to ensure that they may support development goals or at least not undermine them
- Whether and how to equip those who have to return to their country of origin, voluntarily or by force, with capacities or funds that may help their re-integration and life in their community and promote development there.

Contributing to the understanding and discussion of these issues were contributions prepared in advance by the participants from the EMN NCPs in France, Ireland, Belgium, Austria and Sweden, as well as by a representative of the *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)*. The link to these presentations is given above.

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