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International conference with 150 migration experts in Vienna

Vienna, 4 October 2018 – As National Contact Point Austria in the European Migration Network (EMN), a Europe-wide research network providing information on migration and asylum, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) organizes the EMN Annual Conference 2018 on 4 - 5 October in Vienna. The event is organized in close cooperation with the European Commission and the Austrian Ministry of the Interior.

During this 2-day conference with the title “Managing Migration - from Reacting to Shaping”, participants discuss global migration trends and the role of the EU as well as the external dimension of the European migration policy, including migration diplomacy and migration management, return and sustainable reintegration of migrants as well as local protection and support of migrants and displaced persons.

In 2018, Europe stands at a crossroad with regards to its future migration policy. Major milestones on the way to establishing a sustainable migration system are about to be completed, notably the European Agenda on Migration, the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact for Migration.

The conference is opened by the Austrian Federal Minister of the Interior. In the official letter of invitation, he writes: “At this point the EU and its member states can shape the future of global migration, both in the middle and the long-term. The cooperation of countries of origin and transit is an essential component in developing new strategies.”

Other speakers at the event include Inger Støjberg, Danish Minister for Immigration and Integration, Paul Collier, Professor at the University of Oxford, and Siga Fatima Jagne, Commissioner for Social Affairs and Gender, ECOWAS Commission.

The event brings together 150 representatives of the EU, Member States and Non-EU countries as well as international organizations, NGOs and academia.

For more information, please visit www.emn.at/annualconference2018

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About the European Migration Network (EMN)

The European Migration Network (EMN) is a Europe-wide network consisting of National Contact Points (NCPs), providing information on migration and asylum. The EMN was set up in 2003 by the European Commission on behalf of the European Council in order to satisfy the need of a regular exchange of reliable information on migration and asylum related issues on a European level.

In 2003, the IOM Country Office for Austria was designated by the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior as the National Contact Point Austria in the European Migration Network.

For more information, please visit www.emn.at/en

About IOM

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

Since 1952, when Austria joined IOM as one of its first Member States, the IOM office in Vienna has worked to assist migrants and promote adequate responses to migration issues, bearing in mind the well-being of migrants and the interests of States and their societies. In particular in the wake of several crises during and immediately after the end of the Cold War era, Austria received large numbers of refugees, many of whom were subsequently resettled with the help of IOM and other agencies.

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