**Invitation: What will European migration and asylum policies look like in 2024?**

*The European Migration Network Finland, the Odysseus Academic Network and the European Policy Centre (EPC) are organizing a two-day conference at Finlandia Hall 24th and 25th October in connection with the Finnish EU Presidency. The conference gathers together international organisations, scholars and policymakers to look at the development of asylum and migration policies in the European Union in view of the next five-year programme for the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (2020–2024).*

Tampere Council Conclusions, adopted by the European Council in October 1999 under the Finnish Presidency, launched a new migration and asylum policy after the Treaty of Amsterdam. Since then, the European Council has adopted several five-year programs (The Hague in 2004, Stockholm in 2009 and guidelines in 2014). Now, 20 years later history will be made again in Finland as international migration and asylum experts gather in Helsinki to discuss the different fields of European Union migration policy.

Media will have an exceptional opportunity to interview several high-level speakers such as Director General of the IOM **Antonio Vitorino**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees **Filippo Grandi,** Executive Director of EASO **Nina Gregori** and ICMPD Director General **Michael Spindelegger** at our media briefings organized on 24th and 25th October in the Finlandia Hall.

**Press briefing Oct. 24th at 10.00 (30 minutes, venue: Terrace Hall), theme: Towards a new programme (2020-2024) for EU migration and asylum policies**

**Speakers**

Maria Ohisalo, Minister of the Interior for Finland

Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Antonio Vitorino, Director General, International Organisation for Migration;

Michael Spindelegger, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development;

Paavo Lipponen, former Prime Minister of Finland

**Press briefing, Oct. 25th at 10.00 (30 minutes, venue Aurora Hall), theme: Towards a new programme (2020-2024) for EU migration and asylum policies**

**Speakers**

Mari Kiviniemi, Managing Director of the Finnish Commerce Federation, former Deputy Secretary-General of OECD and former Prime Minister of Finland

Demetri Papademetriou, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Co-Founder and President Emeritus of the Migration Policy Institute

Jean-Louis De Brouwer, Director of the European Affairs Programme of the Egmont Institute

The briefing on the 24th of October will take place in the Terrace Hall and on the 25th in the Aurora Hall. The media center is located in the Aino Lounge at the Finlandia Hall. It provides working space for journalists during the whole event. Please stop by if you have anything to ask, need to charge a battery or just want to have a cup of coffee and catch up with colleagues. Notice that due to security reasons we kindly ask all journalists to pre-register by Oct. 23rd by email: emn@osg.fi or by phone 0400 630 063.

Seminar programme and info: <https://e.eventos.fi/events/migri/emn-conference-24-25-october-2019/home>

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