



Integration of newcomers in France

How do French integration laws compare with those in other European countries?

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The seminar is organised following the publication of the results of the Migrant Integration Policy Index, MIPEX, a joint study by the British Council and the Migration Policy Group, Brussels. MIPEX is a European project which brings together organisations, research institutes and associations throughout Europe with the financial support of the INTI programme of the European Commission.

The project aims to compare current laws to integrate migrants in 28 European and non-European countries, covering six key policy areas: labour market access, family reunion, long-term residence, political participation, access to nationality and anti-discrimination.

MIPEX uses over 140 policy indicators to create a rich, multi-dimensional picture of migrants' opportunities to participate in European societies. It quantifies integration policy in each country comparing the current legislations against the highest level European standards.

The objective of this seminar is to present France's ranking in relation to other countries in MIPEX, and to shed some light on the context that created this result. The seminar will compare France with some of its European neighbours.

MIPEX is available for download in French and English at this address :
<http://www.integrationindex.eu/>

More information on the French seminar :
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/fr/france-society-mipex.htm>



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Programme

10.30 Coffee and registration

Chair : Dawn Long, Deputy Director, British Council France

11.00 – Welcome and Introduction

- Paul de Quincey, Director, British Council France
- Khedidja Bourcart, Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of Integration and Signatory of Index 2007
- François Héran, Director, INED – French National Institute for Demographic Studies

11.30 – What does MIPEX measure?

Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group, Brussels

11.45 – France within the twenty-eight: just average

Virginie Guiraudon, CERAPS (centre de recherches administratives politiques et sociales), University of Lille, France

12.15 - Questions

12.30 - Lunch

14h – Round tables on MIPEX themes

Chair: Antoine Math (Institut de Recherche Economique et Sociale, IRES), France

Round Table 1 – Country Access and Conditions of Stay

- Xavier Thierry, Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques, INED, France – Developments in France and European trends (10 minutes)
- Claire Rodier/ Nathalie Ferré, Groupe d'Information et de Soutien des Immigrés (GISTI), France – Country and labour access (10 minutes)
- Albert Kraler, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Austria – Access to territory (10 minutes)



Discussion

15h – 15h15 - Break

Chair : Christian Joppke, American University of Paris

Round Table 2 – Participation of Migrants and Access to Rights

- Maryline Bèque, Direction de la Recherche, des Etudes, de l’Evaluation et de la Statistique (DREES), Ministry of Health, France – Integration of migrants in France (10 minutes)
- Marco Martiniello, Centre d’Etude de l’Ethnicité et des Migrations (CEDEM), University of Liège, Belgium – Integration and political participation (10 minutes)
- Bernardo Sousa, Director, High Commission to Immigration, Portugal – Access to citizenship (10 minutes)

Discussion

16h15 – Conclusion

Patrick Simon (INED), France