



## **Migrant Voices: Mainstreaming Diversity in Political Parties**

**12 January 2012**

### **Round Table Event**

The Migration Policy Group (MPG) is holding a round table event to present and discuss a diversity benchmarking tool for political parties.

The Round Table is hosted by the European Parliament's Intergroup on Anti-Racism and Diversity. The diversity benchmarking tool has been developed by MPG with the support of the European Programme on Integration and Migration (EPIM).

With the benchmarking tool political parties can assess the extent to which migrants' voices are successfully heard at all levels of interaction with political parties (political candidates, constituents, voters, activists, employees, and providers of goods and services).

#### **Programme**

14.00 – 14.10: Welcome by Emine Bozkurt MEP, chair of the European Parliament's Intergroup on Anti-Racism and Diversity

14.10 – 14.30: Introduction to the diversity benchmarking tool by its author, Alex Kirchberger, Migration Policy Group

14.30 – 16.45: Round table discussion moderated by Jan Niessen, Director, Migration Policy Group

The discussions will be kicked-off by

- Vicky Booth, National Diversity Officer, Liberal Democrats, UK
- Patrick Lozès, Conseil représentatif des associations noires de France
- Mekonnen Mesghena, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Germany
- Ernst Stetter, Foundation for European Progressive Studies
- Vit Novotny, Centre for European Studies

Followed by a debate in which all attendees are invited to participate

16.45 – 17.00: Concluding remarks by Emine Bozkurt and Jan Niessen