2nd German-Belgian Conference

Strengthening the Integration Nexus

Integration, Religion and Education

13–14 January 2011

Agenda

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Thursday, 13 January 2011

12h30 *Bertelsmann Representation, Unter den Linden 1, Berlin*	Arrival of Participants / Light Lunch
13h30	**Welcome and Introduction** Prof. Dr. Reinhard Bettzuege, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Belgium Liz Mohn, Vice-Chair of the Executive Board of the Bertelsmann Stiftung; Chair of the Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft
14h00	**Session 1** **Integration and Politics** *The Current Political Debate on Integration in Germany* Wolfgang Bosbach (CDU), Member of the German Bundestag; Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag Günter Piening, Commissioner for Integration and Migration of the Senate of Berlin *The Current Political Debate on Integration in Belgium* Prof. Dr. Patrick Loobuyck, Assistant Professor, Centre Pieter Gillis, University of Antwerp; Guest Professor, University of Ghent *Discussion*
15h30	Coffee Break

16h00
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Session 2
Integration and Religion

Christian and Muslim Religiosity in Germany: Key Findings of the Religion Monitor of the Bertelsmann Stiftung

Dr. Ferdinand Mirbach, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Panel Debate: Understanding Different Religions and their Role in the Process of Integration

Dr. Lale Akgün, Freelance Writer; former Member of the German Bundestag (SPD)

Prof. Dr. Jan De Groof, President of the European Association for Education Law and Policy; Professor of Public Law and Education Law, College of Europe, Bruges, and University of Tilburg, Belgium / The Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Peter Graf, Professor emeritus for Intercultural Education, University of Osnabrück

Dr. habil. Sabine Riedel, Senior Research Fellow, Research Division Global Issues, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Rik Torfs, Belgian Senator; Professor of Canon Law, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

Discussion

17h30

End of Sessions

19h30
Belgian Embassy, Jägerstraße 52-53, Berlin

Buffet Reception hosted by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Federal Republic of Germany

Welcome Address by

Mark Geleyn, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Federal Republic of Germany

Prioritizing Integration in an Age of Mobility

Dinner Speech by

Dr. Ole Schröder, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior

Friday, 14 January 2011

9h00 *Bertelsmann Representation, Unter den Linden 1, Berlin*	**Session 3** **Integration and Education** *What Makes Education a Motor for Integration? A European Comparison* Dr. Maurice Crul, International Coordinator of the TIES project, University of Amsterdam *German Perspectives on Integration and Education* Prof. Dr. Rita Süssmuth, Former President of the German Bundestag Prof. Dr. Wolfram Weiße, Director, Academy of World Religions Hamburg, University of Hamburg, Germany *Discussion*
10h30	Coffee Break
11h00	*Belgian Perspectives on Integration and Education* Philip Heylen, Vice mayor for culture and tourism of the city of Antwerp Karin Heremans, Director of the Royal Atheneum of Antwerp *Discussion*
12h15	**Lunch Buffet**
13h00	Bus Transfer from the Bertelsmann Representation to the “Campus Ruetli” Project Site in Berlin

13h30 *Campus Rütli-CR²* *Rütlistraße, Berlin*	**"Integration in Real Time":** **Site Visit of the "Campus Ruetli" Project in Berlin**
14h45	*Last Input on Site at the Project* **Integration in the City – Challenges and Chances** Dr. Franziska Giffey, District Councillor for Education, School, Culture, and Sports of Berlin-Neukölln
15h15	*Closing Statement on Site at the Project* Thomas Fischer, Executive Director, Brussels Office, Bertelsmann Stiftung
15h30	**End of the Event** Bus Transfer *(back to the Bertelsmann Representation, Unter den Linden 1)*