INTERNATIONAL MAYORS’ CONFERENCE N-O-W IN ATHENS, GREECE
21-23 July 2016

The N-O-W Conference in Vienna in January 2016 dealt with the situation of the refugees and the communities along the refugee route - starting in the neighbouring countries - Lebanon and Jordan, continuing with the points of transition – Turkey, Greece, Italy - and finally (?) arriving in Austria, Germany or Sweden striving for asylum and integration. Since then the situation has changed substantially - but has it improved? The upcoming N-O-W Conference in Athens from 21 – 23 July 2016 will examine the EU-Turkey-Deal and the effects and consequences of its implementation for the refugees, the communities, Greece, Turkey and the European Union. Mayors from Turkey, Greece and Italy, NGO-representatives, Members of the European Parliament, experts, refugees and Gerald Knaus, head of the European Stability Initiative (ESI) that has originally worked out the EU-Turkey Agreement proposal will discuss the current situation as well as propositions for sustainable solutions for the future.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, 21 July 2016
Arrival of participants according to flight schedules, Transfer and Hotel check-in
Hotel: Hotel Metropolitan, Leoforos Syngrou 385, 175-64, Athens
20.00 h Welcome Dinner at the LA VERANDA Restaurant on the rooftop of the Hotel Metropolitan, Leoforos Syngrou 385, 175-64, Athens

Friday, 22 July 2016
Venue: Technopolis City of Athens, 100, Pireos str., 118 54 Gazi – Athens
09.00 h Registration & Opening
09.45 h Panel 1 - The EU-Turkey Agreement; Chair: Maria Eleni Koppa / Key Note: Gerald Knaus
11.30 h Coffee break
11.30 h Press conference
12.15 h Working Sessions
13.45 h Lunch
15.00 h Panel 2 – The Human Dimension; Chair: Alev Korun / Key Note: Josef Weidenholzer MEP
16.45 h Coffee break
17.00 h Working Sessions
18.30 h Coffee break
18.45 h Highlights Working sessions of the day
19.30 h Film: NOW 1, Vienna
20.30 h Dinner

Saturday, 23 July 2016
Venue: Technopolis City of Athens, 100, Pireos str., 118 54 Gazi – Athens
10.00 h Working Sessions
11.30 h Coffee break
12.00 h Panel 3 - What NOW? Chair: Hannes Swoboda / Key Note: Ioannis Mouzalas, Minister for Migration Greece
13.45 h Lunch
14.45 h Presentation of Findings of Working Sessions
15.15 h Photo Session
15.30 h Declaration
16.00 h Final notes & Farewell

The conference will be held in ENGLISH, translations from and to Greek, Turkish and Italian will be provided.