

## 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.