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Labour Market Integration of Migrant People in the Renewable Energy Transition *POWGEN Final Event*

Brussels, 15th of September 2026

VENUE: European Committee of the Regions (CoR) & ONLINE
Rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. Room JDE52

Registration: <https://bit.ly/POWGENConference>

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09:00 – 09:30 | Registration and welcome

09:30 – 10:00 | Institutional opening

- Opening by host institution (CoR)
- **Octavio Caraballo**, Vice-Minister of the Presidency of the Government of the Canary Islands
- **Francesco Camonita**, Policy & Project Officer at CPMR
- **Helena Sales**, Policy Officer in the unit HOME.C2 - Legal pathways and mobility, DG HOME European Commission
- **Eero Ailio**, Adviser, Energy Transition & Local Governance, DG ENERGY European Commission
- **Mireia Munté**, International Director of ABD Group

10:00 – 10:15 | Introducing POWGEN

- **Lara Rot**, Project Coordinator at ABD Group (Spain)

10:15 – 11:15 | Policy panel – Multi-level Labour market integration of migrants in the just energy transition

- **Helena Sales**, policy officer in the unit HOME.C2 - Legal pathways and mobility, European Commission
- **Joan de Lara**, Policy Officer at General Directorate for Migrations and Refuge, Government of Catalonia (Spain)
- **Sara Freitas**, Policy and Technical Adviser at APREN – Portuguese Renewable Energy Association (Portugal)
- **Mònica Plana**, Director of Inclusion and Poverty Area, ABD Group (Spain)

Moderated discussion: Veronica Vitolo, Regional Policy Officer, Regione Campania (Italy)

11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee break

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11:45 – 12:45 | POWGEN pilots showcase

- **Panel with one representative per territory**
 - **Lara Rot**, Project Coordinator at ABD Group and **Melissa Cardona**, pilot participant (Barcelona, Spain)
 - **Laura Panella**, Project Coordinator at CIDIS (Perugia, Italy)
 - **Taras Nakonehchnyi**, Labour Counselor at CIDIS (Napoli, Italy)
 - **Turker Saliji**, Project Coordinator at Pro Arbeit (Offenbach, Germany)
 - **Catarina Bento**, Project Coordinator at CRESCER (Lisbon, Portugal)

Moderated discussion: **Cristina Ramos**, Director and Project Manager at Ecoserveis (Spain)

12:45 – 13:30 | Lunch break

13:30 – 14:15 | EMPOWERGEN Guidelines for Local and Regional Authorities

- **Francesco Camonita**, Policy & Project Officer at CPMR
- **Leila Gianetto**, Researcher and Policy Analyst

14:15 – 14:40 | Replication of the POWGEN methodology in Noord-Holland – Results and experience

- **Sylvia Dekker**, Strategic Advisor at Werkom & **Carolina Deelen**, Project Coordinator at Werkom. POWGEN Pilot Replication Coordinators
- **Rosalinda Ennen-Bruijnzeel**, Policy Advisor Labour Market & Innovation, Sustainable Economy Department, Noord-Holland Province

14:40 – 15:40 | Interactive discussion – What does it take to move from pilots to policy? Role of regions and EU-level support

- **Federica Giardina**, Project Officer at MedCities (Spain)
- **Catello Formisano**, Head of Unit at Campania Region (Italy)
- **Emilio Rabasco Jimenez**, Director at FAMSI (Spain)
- **Amira Bieber**, European Project Management at Pro Arbeit (Germany)
- **Mohammed Mustafá**, Project Manager and Coordinator of the Migration Hub at ALDA (EU level)

Moderated discussion: **Francesco Camonita**, Policy & Project Officer at CPMR

15:40 – 16:00 | Conclusions and way forward

- **Anila Noor**, CEO at New Women Connectors (NWC)
- **Marine Faber Perrio**, Chief Operations Officer and Senior Communications Expert at the Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy (IEECP)

Day 2 (16/9) - CPMR Task Force on Migration Affairs meeting (Invitation only)

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