

Radio 1812 Report 2007 Edition

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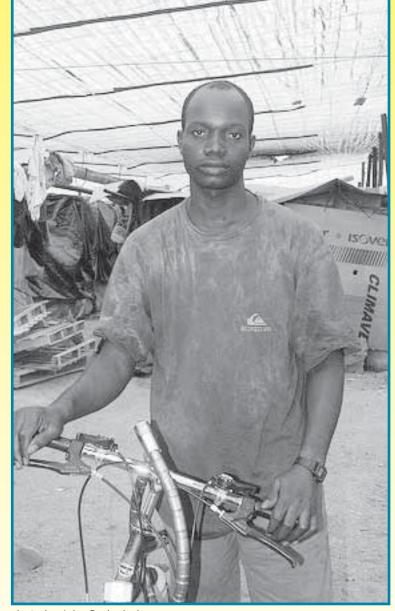


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Introduction

Since 2000, the international community has recognised the rights of migrants worldwide and celebrated their achievements on the 18th of December, International Migrants Day. Every year since then, migrant rights organisations, church groups, unions and local authorities organise activities in various countries, ranging from rallies and conferences to film festivals. Making migrants' voices heard is the common thread throughout these activities. And this is precisely what lies at the heart of Radio 1812, an initiative developed by the Belgium-based international NGO, December 18 vzw.

Launched in 2006 to celebrate International Migrants Day, Radio 1812 is a global one-day radio show connecting migrant communities worldwide, to highlight their concerns and celebrate their achievements; It aims to bring together radios from around the world over one day to produce, broadcast and share at least one programme on migration to celebrate International Migrants Day. In 2006, 54 radio stations in more than 25 countries participated in the radio event.

Following the success of the 2006 initiative, the December 18 team decided to renew the experience with the 2007 edition of Radio 1812. With over 150 radio stations from 34 countries, 68 audio files gathered so far¹ and 1800 visitors to the site on the day, the second edition of Radio 1812 was undoubtedly a success. Participation more than doubled with content produced and/or broadcasted from Australia to Ecuador in more than 15 languages from Arabic to Vietnamese².

Project Goals and Outputs

Based on the results of the 2006 edition, the December 18 team planned that the 2007 edition should aim to bring together at least 80 radios worldwide in 35 countries.

With 152 radios taking part in 34 countries the objectives of the 2007 edition were largely met. The event started early in Australia and ended on the West Coast of Latin America. Every region, from Australasia to Latin America was represented.

Regional breakdown (radio stations):

- · Africa 50
- · Asia (including Australia) 7
- · Europe 71
- · Latin America (including Mexico) 18
- · North America (excluding Mexico) 4
- . Middle East 1
- · Global (UN Radio) 1

- 1. The December 18 team is still in the process of collecting radio programmes produced on 18/12/2007 to add to the existing playlist available on www.radio1812.net.
- 2. Programmes were produced in 17 languages including Indonesian, Nepalese, Spanish, Thai, Tamil, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, French, German, Dutch, Serbian, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and English.
- 3. Working languages of the project are English. French, Spanish, Italian and Dutch
- 4. Represented countries in 2007: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spain
- 5. Represented countries in 2007: Belgium, Canada, France, Mali, DRC, Senegal, Switzerland.
- 6. As of 14 January 2007.

Total participation: 152 radio stations

In 2007, Radio 1812 has seen a greater balance in the representation of participating radios language wise. Indeed, the 2006 edition mostly brought together English speaking radios with a good representation of Flemish and Italian radios whilst French and Spanish speaking radios were in much smaller numbers. In 2007, thanks to a re-organisation of the project around languages and geographic priorities, this imbalance has been addressed³.

In 2006, 12 radios from Spanish speaking countries took part in the global event. As the result of targeted and effective outreach efforts, a total of 38 radio stations broadcasting in Spanish participated in the 2nd edition of Radio 1812. This breaks down as follows: 15 radio stations in Spain, 20 in Latin America, and 3 in non-Spanish speaking countries⁴ (Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany).

As far as French is concerned, the aim was to increase the participation at least threefold. In 2006, only 6 radios (in 6 countries) took part whilst 66 francophone radios (in 7 countries) took part⁵ in Radio 1812/2007. Participation from Francophone countries accounted for 47% of the total level of participation.

Overall to date⁶ the files produced and gathered during the International Migrants Day event were downloaded 2531 times, most of them during the week of 18 December 2007. Due to a lack of resources there are no figures available on the audience reached through the various radio programs. Some of the radio stations are community-based local stations; others have a much wider reach. This is especially the case with radios such as Radio Canada International, Radio Nacional de España, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Antena 1 (Portugal) and Radio Taiwan International. Some participating radios have their own large local networks, as was the case in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Collaboration

The 2006 pilot edition showed us that there was great interest from all radio broadcast sectors, from small grassroots community radios, to migrant radios, to online radios to national and global broadcasters. To further facilitate, sustain and expand the participation of radios in the marathon as well as to encourage collaboration between them, it was decided to organise regional workshops, bringing together radio journalists/producers and migrant organisations.

A first regional workshop was organised on 5th December 2007 in Brussels, bringing together 16 journalists from Belgium, Italy, France, Spain and the Netherlands. The approach used for the workshop was to provide a content session (on the new EU labour migration policies) and then to move into an interactive session building on the experiences of last year and moving to what will happen during the 2007 edition. A participant in Radio 1812/2006 shared her experience of organising Radio 1812 at national event by federating national and local Greek radios to the 18th December celebrations and the larger global Radio 1812 event. This account was truly inspiring because it showed how a network of migrant organisations can establish a successful collaboration with the main radio stations and use International Migrants Day as an opportunity for both celebration and action.

The workshop showed that for future editions regional workshops have the potential to consolidate and expand the participation as well as function as an opportunity to initiate new forms of collaboration.

Some concrete examples of joint initiatives in the context of the Radio 1812 global event are listed below:

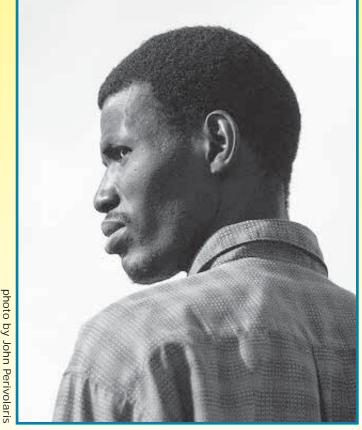
- In Greece, the Greek Forum of Migrants worked together once again with various radio stations organising a mini national radio event for 18 December 2007.
- In London, Colourful Radio and December 18 collaborated around an interview with our special guest Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights in a programme during which the latest EU policies on migration were explored and debated.
- In Flanders, Radio Centraal, Indymedia.be and KifKif jointly produced a special programme that was aired live on Radio Centraal.

7. By clicking on various parts of the map, the user could access the programmes planned by all the participating radio stations. 8. A full copy of the op-ed is available in Annex 3.

Radio 1812/2007 website

To facilitate participation from a greater range of radios and migrant groups, a new version of the Radio 1812 website was launched on 11th October 2007. The site now runs on a fully multilingual platform and is available in French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and English. Additional functionalities were added, including the possibility to promote all Radio 1812 content onto networking sites such as Facebook or RSS sites such Del.i.cious, Google, Yahoo, etc. A direct news feed on migration issues was available from the December 18 website. The Radio 1812 web audience was also able to get all new Radio 1812 content directly to their desktop through our RSS feed. Furthermore, an updated design of the site was implemented including a new world map⁷, new logos and new banners.

In response to requests from radios in 2006, the December 18 team developed short and sharp introductory briefings on key themes relating to the migration field. These put together key figures and background information as well as a rich compilation of links to sites where more in-depth information is accessible. Additionally, an update on EU migration policies and the future challenges lying ahead in the European Union was put forward through an op-ed contribution by MEP Jean Lambert⁸.



The team had set itself the objective to grow visits to the site by 25% on the day and for the whole of December 2007 in comparison with results in 2006.

The site was re-launched and promoted from 10th October 2007 and counted 61794 visits by the end of December 2007.

The site statistics for the month of December are as follows:

- Total number of visits: 29,663 (a growth of 84%)
- Total number of page views: 175,760 (a growth of 218%)
- Total number of visits on 18th December: 1866 (a growth of 5%)
- Total number of visits on 19th December: 1420 (a growth of 5%)

Whilst overall the site has attracted a lot more traffic, above the team's objectives, most of this traffic tends to reach the site ahead of International Migrants Day. This probably reflects the interest of people to discover the event, use existing audio on the site, post programmes broadcasted in the run up to the event, etc.

Finally, there has been a noticeable increase in the numbers of registered users who use the site to upload their own audio content onto the site in the run up and during the event. In 2006 fewer than 200 users registered to the Radio 1812 site whilst over 300 users registered in the 2007 edition. The recognition of the Radio 1812 site⁹ by audio producers is a trend we hope to see grow over the 2008 and future editions.

Promoting Radio 1812 and International Migrants Day

The 2nd edition of Radio 1812 was promoted at the NGO parallel event organised on the occasion of the Global Forum on Migration and Development in July 2007 in Brussels as well as during a Panosled event about Diversity in the Media in October 2007.

The team collected 51 sites where the Radio 1812/2007 was mentioned, ranging from media related sites such as the Media Diversity Institute, Inter-Press Services, and Radio Sans Frontières, to international organisations such as UNESCO and networks such as ENAR or Migrants Rights Network UK.

Over 1000 people were subscribed to the special Radio 1812 mailing lists through which they received updates on the project's developments¹⁰.

Five jingles in English, French, Italian, Spanish and Dutch created by the December 18 team were amply used by radios in their programming on December 18, 2007¹¹. New this year is that radios created their own version of the jingles in their own language. One was translated and broadcasted in Serbian and the other in Arabic, and then shared again on the Radio 1812 site.

Resources and Budget

The Radio1812/2007 would not have been possible without the numerous hours of work contributed by the members of team¹² (many of them in a voluntary capacity). Financially, the 2nd edition of this project was supported by Unesco, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, and the Nationale Loterij. The total contributions from funding agencies amounted to Euro 33,000.



Conclusion

The December 18 team is delighted with the response for this year's participation and the event was a true success. The level of commitment is best represented by Michel MAKUMBU AVELEDI, Radio Vuvu Kieto in the DRC who undertook a 300km return trip to post on to the Radio 1812 site the programme he had produced to celebrate International Migrants Day.

This year's event shows that Radio 1812 is a welcome initiative in various parts of the world and that when resources are put to promote and facilitate participation, the results can be felt. So, whilst the Radio1812 initiative undoubtedly shows strong potential and was welcomed by many as a valuable contribution to the celebrations of International Migrants Day, further editions will need significant and sufficient funding to sustain this level of growth.

9. As of 30 December 2007

10. To effectively service various linguistic audiences, five different language lists were set up. The breakdown of the total of 1,111 subscribers is as follows: Spanish (185), French (310), English (436), Italian (52) and Dutch (224).

11. These jingles were downloaded 545 times as of 14 January 2008

12. The team members are listed in Annex 4.

Comments from Participants and Supporters

"On Sunday I was listening to the various programmes on your site and I found them really interesting. And the best thing about them is that the quality is very good whether at the level of the production or at the level of the audio."

Jose Perez Kerco, Producer, Utopias en FM, Argentina

"Congratulations with the success of the migrants' day radio initiative. I'm impressed by the good work and the enthusiasm of the team! I hope that in the future we continue to work together to spread this initiative even broader. Looking forward to an opportunity to meet again",

Paul de Guchteneire, UNESCO, Chief International Migration Section

"Hello to everyone at December 18/Radio 1812. We hope to carry on organising activities around this theme and of course we hope that IMD in 2008 will be heard of more in the Basque society and around the world."

Emérita Cuéllar Ibáñez, ELA INMIGRAZIOA, Spain "Thank you again so much for including us. It's an honour and we hope to develop continuing links to do it again!"

Debbie Outerglobe, African Essence, United Kingdom

"You can always count on the involvement of the Communication Department at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao and with the University Review on Radioweb UPRH. We hope to be involved for many years in this great effort for the rights of the whole of humanity."

Héctor R. Piñero, Coordinador General, Revista Universitaria Radio Web, Universidad de Puerto Rico en Humacao

"It will be a pleasure to talk on the radio again about the 18th of December. I will do it for sure! Thanks for the support with the material."

Rosário Farmhouse, Director JRS-Portugal

"Hi Myriam! I've had 102 downloads of the programme since it went up on the radio 1812 website! Really pleased!"

JO Fahy, Life FM/Ensemble, United Kingdom



Greek Forum of Migrants, press conference

"Overall this was a very interesting experience for us to join in with this international effort and we have had some positive comments from listeners. We look forward to working with you again next year!"

Clive Glover, Radio Verulam, United Kingdom

"Excellent to read that since the workshop there is an enormous increase in terms of participating radios. I would like to help for the 2008 edition. It needs an even broader approach, since many people still don't know about the initiative (especially not the politicians)."

Tuky Santillan, Diaspora Forum for Development, the Netherlands

Annex 1: Participating Radio Stations

Argentina Radio Ahijuna

Radio Nacional Folklorica

Australia Canberra Multicultural Service

Austria EMAP FM

Belgium FM Brussel Indymedia.be

Radio Antwerpen

Radio 1 *

Radio AL MANAR Radio Centraal Radio El Wafa Radio Si Radio Scorpio Radio XL Air Studio Brussel *

Bolivia Pastoral de la Movilidad

Urgent.fm

Humana del Arzobispado de

Cochabamba-Bolivia

Bosnia and Herzegovina Radio 202

Canada Cinq FM

Radio Canada International *

Chile Radio Universidad de Chile

Democratic Republic of Congo

Radio Bangu-R.B 100 Radio Muinda-R.M 93.2 Radio Muinda-RM 102.5

Radio Ntete Mbu'eto-R.N.M 107 Radio Ntemo-R.R.L.C. 98.8 Radio Ntomosono-RCLN 90.8 Radio Sango Malamu-R.S.M 102.5

Radio Télé Associative Kisalu-RTAK 92.3 Radio Télé Boma-RTB Radio Télé Boma-RTB 96.5 Radio Télé Diocesaine Nguisani-RTDN 98.8 Radio Télé Evangelique de Moanda-RTEM 102.3

Radio Télé Kintuadi-RTK4 91.10 Radio Télé Kintuadi-R.T.K2 103.4 Radio Télé Kintuadi-RTK3 107.5 Radio Vuvu Kieto-R.V.K. 101

Ecuador ALER (Asociación Latinoamericana de

Educación Radiofónica)

Radialistas Apasionadas y Apasionados

El Salvador Radio Carisma

Radio de Cojutepequeen

Cuscatlán

Radio Equinoccio Radio Exus Radio Genesios Radio Renacer

France Africa N°1

Alternatives FM

Amnesty International Audio France

Fréquence PARIS Plurielle

Les Hauts de Rouen

Radio Calade Radio Orient

Radio Campus Rennes

Radio Enghien Radio Grenouille Radio RGB

Germany Bavarian Open Radio

Offener Kanal Berlin Radio AFKMAX Radio Dreyeckland

Greece ERA KARDITSAS

ERA PATRAS ERA Volou

Municipality Radio of Larissa Municipality Radio of Volos

Radio Filia Radio One Radio Thesalia Rodon FM

Sto Kokkino Frequency
The voice of Greece

Guatemala Radio Universidad

Indonesia Komunitas Sosial (Komsos)

Italy Amisnet

Novaradio Città Futura MEDINFORADIO Radio Asterisco Radio KJOI Roma

Lebanon Master Broadcast Station

Mali Association des Radios

Communautaires du Mali: **Région de Kayes :**

Radio Banjo

Radio Communautaire de Kayes

Bamako : Radio Tabalé

Région de Koulikoro:

Maradèmè Baninko Jamako

Radio Communautaire

Nianankan Fanakan Dambe

Radio Communautaire Ouelena

Djitoumou

Région de Ségou :

Konotié Cesiri Delta Colon

Radio Communautaire **Région de Sikasso :** Radio Kafo Kan

Radio M'Pewo Bediana Yeredon

La voix de Sélingué

Radio Jiguiya

Tropic FM La voix du Mamelon

Banimonotié

Radio Communautaire Bendougou

Région de Mopti:

Dandé

Radio de Mopti

Region de Tombouctou:

Radio Lafia Radio Guimba

Radio Communautaire

Mexico RADIO CREFAL

Radio Cultura En Red

Radio Humilde

XEPUR "La Voz de los Purchepechas"

Nepal School of Journalism

and Mass Communication

Netherlands Mercurius Radio

Radio Netherlands Worldwide/Espanol*

Philippines Filipinas Ahora Mismo/

Filipinas Ora Mismo

Portugal Antena 1*

Puerto Rico Universidad de Puerto Rico

en Humacao

Senegal Radio Express Annur FM

West Africa Democracy Radio

Spain Artegalia

Fiesta FM La Nuestra FM

Onda Merlin Comunitaria

Onda Toledo Radio Almenara Radio Eco Leganes Radio Enlace Radio Geneto Radio Guiniguada

Radio Nacional de España Radio TAS-TAS IRRATIA

Radio Vallekas

Revista y Radio Pueblo Nuevo

URCM

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation *

Switzerland Radio Cité

Taiwan Radio Taiwan International *

Thailand MAP Foundation

United

Kingdom All FM

ColourFul Radio

Life FM Radio Verulam

Resonance FM / African Essence

Sheffield live WFM Manchester

USA KSFR

UN Radio (New York)

WORT FM

Annex 2: Select Overview Schedule for the Radio1812 IMD Event

Note: This is just a selection of the programmes that were aired. It is meant to give the reader an insight in the diversity and depth of the initiative. The full list of participating radios is included in Annex 1 of this report. The full programme schedule is available on the Radio 1812 website.

ARGENTINA:

Radio Nacional Folklórica Frequency: FM 98.7

Name of Programme: América Profunda (Deep America) Date: Saturdays, Time (local time): 18.00- 20.00 Short summary: Broadcast production about what has happened to Bolivian migrants. Here it is called "hot beds" (cama caliente) because when a worker goes to bed, the other wakes up and replaces him. They usually live in the sewing workshops and generally are undocumented. The story is about a fire that took place on the premises.

AUSTRIA: Emap.FM - Internet Radio

Frequency: internet only

Name of Programme: Austrian World Music Awards

2007

Date: 18.12.07, Time (local time): 18.00

URL: http://emap.fm

Short summary: The Austrian World Music Awards 2007 with 5 groups of migrants living in Vienna. Recorded on

Dec 8th @ Progy & Bess / Vienna

BELGIUM:

El Wafa

Frequency: 106.8 FM

Name of Programme: Les informations citoyennes

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 17.00 - 18.00

URL: www.wafa.be

Short summary: We will invite guests to this live pro-

gramme to discuss the issues.

Radio Centraal in collaboration with Indymedia.be and

KifKif

Frequency: 106.7 FM

Name of Programme: Special programme on migration

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): either at 1pm or 2.30 pm and will end

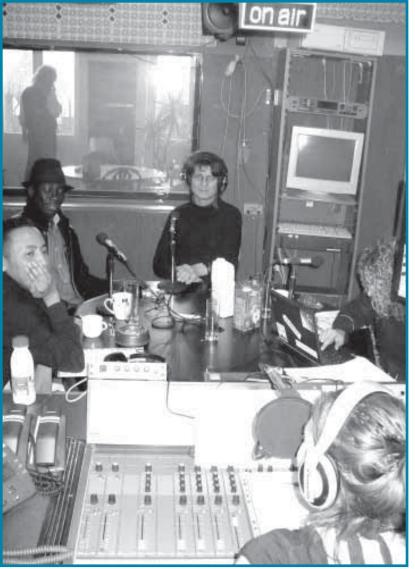
at 7pm

URL: http://streaming.radiocentraal.be/ or www.radio-

centraal.be and www.indymedia.be

Short summary: The usual programming will be replaced with a special programme on migration. There are interviews in English with Carlos Rene (Radio Almenara) and Fouad Roueiha (Amisnet). There will also be a debate around the European Partnership Agreements and the effect of this on migration of people from the country side to the cities. There will also be telephone interviews with correspondents abroad (probably Cambodia and Syria). And in the studio there will be the presence of Dame Diouf of Ithara, African organisations working on labour issues. A representative of the Belgian development cooperation agency has been invited to debate migration/development.

^{*} National and international radio's



Radio Centraal, Kif Kif and Indymedia in the studio in Antwerp

BELGIUM:

Radio SI

Frequency: 101.9 fm (Brussels)

Name of Programme: (Forward) Echa pa'lante

Date: 14 Decembre. Every Friday (for the last 11 years) Time (local time): From 22 hours 30' until 24 hours

URL: www.radiosi.org

Short summary: It is the voice of the afro-indo-Latin-American community in Brussels. They do not practice the "hard news", but analyse the news in its historic-geographic-political context. It contains sections about culture and politics with a priority to current events. If possible, there are guests in the programme and op-eds from our correspondents (or pieces from other radios in the Latin American continent). The sections are linked by musical pieces related to the programme of the day (or there is a presentation by a guest artist).

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

Radio 202 Sarajevo Frequency: 93.1 FM

Name of Programme: The Morning Show (Jutro iz sno-

va)

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 8:00-11:00am

URL: www.radio202.ba

Short summary: Guests, interviews, listeners...

CANADA:

Radio Canada International (RCI)

Fréquence: via radio web (www.rcinet.ca), aux ondes de Radio-Canada (90.5 FM à Winnipeg, 97.7 FM à Regina, 103.9 FM à Calgary, 97.7 FM à Vancouver), ainsi que par ondes courtes et par nos radios partenaires autour du globe (horaires et fréquence).

Name of Programme: Tam Tam Canada (French). The Link (English). Canada en las Americas (Spanish).

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): In French at 1 PM. In English at 12:30

PM. In Spanish at 6 PM.

Short summary: We are preparing special programs for IMD in several of our language sections. Tam Tam Canada will open its show with a round-table on the importance of IMD. The Link will broadcast a programme from the Radio1812 site produced by Eric Beauchemin from Radio Netherlands Worldwide on women migrants. And Canada en las Americas will do interviews and reports highlighting IMD.

URL: www.rcinet.ca

Cinq-FM

Frequency: 102.3 FM

Name of Programme: ICI RADIO REFUGE

Date: 17.12.07

Time (local time): 10.00am

Short summary: We will mention International Migrants Day during our world music programme. There will be

interviews on the topic and by our HCR unit.

URL: www.iciradiorefuge.org

D.R. CONGO:

Radio Vuvu Kieto

Frequency: F.M. 101 Mhz

Name of Programme: "Un Mot sur le Congo" Theme of the day: Does the future of young Congolese necessarily

lie in the West? Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 10.00-10.45 and 20.30 - 21.15

Short summary: Almost all young Congolese from Kinshasha want to go and live in the West. It is, however, according to some quite possible to make a living in today's DRC. There will be a 40minute discussion between young students who are for or against leaving the country. The group will be joined by a young person who lived in Belgium and now returned to the Congo. In the end, the conclusion was that those who absolutely want to leave should know that live in the West isn't always easy and that one can build a live in the DRC.

Note: The other radio members of REMACOB (Réseau des Médias Associatifs et communautaires du Bas-Congo) will broadcast this edition on the 18th of December.

FRANCE:

Fréquence Paris Plurielle

Frequency: 106.3 FM in the Paris region / www.rfpp.net (streaming)

Name of Programme: Maghreb-Afrique Survivre au Sida

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 17.00-18.00

Short summary: The programme will directly address the most vulnerable seropositive people, i.e. the immigrants and those living in the « banlieue ». The sick are being excluded twice: because of their origine en because of the disease. Our position is simple: this is about equal rights in light of the disease.

And this concerns both the immigrants and the French, the sick as well as healthy. First of all, the disease has not been beaten, the epidemic has not been stopped. Secondly, the Arab and African communities in France who paid.

URL: www.rfpp.net et www.survivreausida.net

Radio Campus Rennes

Frequency: 88.4 MHz

Name of Programme: Le Mag' Info

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 12.30

Short summary: The programme will deal with the issues around the reception of migrants in Rennes, as well as with the different forms of migration (those that are relevant to the situation in Bretagne). All of this will be put in the local context, especially because of the presence of an administrative detention centre in Saint-Jacques de la Lande.

URL: http://www.radiocampusrennes.fr

Radio RGB

Frequency: 99.2

Name of Programme: Place Publique

Date: 18.12.07, Time (local time): 19.00-20.00

Short summary: Debate on the occasion of International Migrants Day about detention centres in France. Guests include CIMADE, RESF, Association Mots migrateurs, Association de femmes africaines de Cergy and a lawyer

representing of a detained person. URL: http://www.radiorgb.net

GERMANY:

Radio Afkmax

Frequency: 106,5 UKW o via Internet www.afkmax.de

Name of Programme: Sabor Latino

Date: 19.12.07

Time (local time): 20.00

Short summary: Programa tipo magazine con noticias,e

ntrevistas, música, sorteos, etc.. URL: www.saborlatino-online.de

Radio Dreyeckland

Frequency: 102.1, www.rdll.de Name of Programme: SAGA-Radio

Date: 18.12.07 Time (local time): 7pm

Short summary: Next Tuesday we will send a speech from Elias Birdel, who was one of the heads of Cap Anamur, the ship that saved in 2004 refugees in the Mediterranean Sea. After three weeks of blockade, the ship could finally enter an Italian port. The refugees got later deported. Elias Birdel and other crew members were sentenced in Italy for "help of illegal immigration". Two weeks ago Elias Birdel visited Freiburg and spoke about European migration politics. Our program will be in Ger-

man. URL: www.rdl.de

Offener Kanal Berlin

Frequency: 97,2 (local frequency)

Name of Programme: Buscando América (searching

America)

Time (local time): varies (next editions: Friday 21 and

Friday 28 December)

Short summary: "Buscando América" is a radio programme produced in Berlin. It has music, interviews about current news of our America (indigenous, black, mixed-race and multicultural).

Themes for our interviews are: culture, literature, journalism, migration and human rights in Latin America.

In "Buscando America" you will find your place to find your own America. Thanks for listening to us.

URL: http://www.buscandoamerica.de

GREECE:

Radio Filia

Frequency: 665

Name of Programme: Enimerwsi Xwris Diakriseis

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 14.00-15.00

Short summary: interview with a girl from Liberia. URL: http://tvradio.ert.gr/radio/index.asp?id=18

Sto Kokkino

Frequency: 105,5fm Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): all day

Short summary: All day reference to the shows with in-

terviews. URL: http://www.left.gr/index2.php

GUATEMALA:

Radio Universidad

Frequency: 92.1 FM

Name of Programme: Voces de Mujeres (Voices of wo-

nen).

Date: 19.12.07

Time (local time): 10:00-11:00 am

Short summary: The programme will provide the audience with data about women migrants, the main challenges they are facing during the migration process, their living conditions and the kind of work they find in the US (the main direction of migrants from Central America and Guatemala). The programme also looks at their achievements in an unknown place and their links with the families back home.

INDONESIA: Komunitas Social (Komsos), Cianjur

Frequency: 95,4 FM

Name of Programme: Launching of the Institute for Mi-

grants Rights Date: 18.12.2007

Time (local time): 10.00-14.00

Short summary: There will be a workshop on the international protection of migrant workers with Beth Lyon, Pranoto Iskandar and Bambang Suryowidodo as the speakers. The Institute's book on international human rights law will also be launched.

ITALY: Amisnet

Frequency: www.amisnet.org

Name of Programme: Giornata Mondiale del Migrante/

International Migrants Day

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): all day on 18/12/07

Short summary: on the occasion of 18 December, the Amisnet website will be intirely dedicated to the International Migrants Day. Radio programmes produced by Amisnet as well as other programmes produced by our partners that have supported/joined this initiative will be presented. Partners include: MedInfoRadio, Radiolina (Napoli), NovaradioCittàFutura (Firenze), Radio Popolare (Milano), Fortress Europe, Audiodoc (Associazione RadioDocumentaristi), Lorenzo Galeazzi. All the programmes published on website will also be broadcast throught the MedInfoRadio (MIR) satellite channel which is available both on the web: http://medinforadio.net and on Global MIR satellite: Hot Bird 8 frequency 11.541 V symbol rate: 22.000.

URL: www.amisnet.org or http://medinforadio.net

Radio Asterisco - Bologna

Frequency: in streaming www.asteriscoradio.com Short summary: In the week from 12 to 18.12 included, the Italian jingle of Radio 1812 will be broadcasted about

18 times a day in various programmes.

URL: www.asteriscoradio.com

Novaradio Città Futura

Frequency: 101.5 Mhz

Name of Programme: L'approfondimento

Date: 18.12.07, Time (local time): 10:00 - 10:30am Short summary: In our daily news magazine we will broadcast both the Novaradio programme produced for IMD 2007 and IMD programmes produced by other participating Italian radios. URL: www.novaradio.info

Radio KJOI Voce della Speranza - Roma

Frequency: 104.8 FM,

in streaming www.radiovocedellasperanza.it

Name of Programme: "Migrants and their rights". The programme was aired live on 12.12.07 and again on 18.12.07. The Italian jingle of Radio 1812 will be aired during the day of 18/12 and also through the satellite channel of Radio KJOI.

Date: 18.12.07, Time (local time): 18.00

Short summary: An interview with Riccardo Noury, Amnesty International Italy spokesperson, who will address the present situation as well as the future perspectives in

the world of migration and migrants rights. URL: www.radiovocedellasperanza.it

LEBANON:

Master Broadcast Station (MBS)

Frequency: 107.5 or 107.2 FM Name of Programme: Raise your voice

Date: 17.12.07

Time (local time): 3:00 pm (Beirut timing)

Short summary: The program gives an opportunity to some migrants to share with the Lebanese public their experiences in Lebanon and discuss with an NGO their situation in Lebanon. The objective of the program is to advance the rights of migrants through live testimonies and lobby the government by considering ways to enforce the laws and strengthen protection.

MALI:

Association des radios communautaires du Mali

(ARCOM), Date: 18.12.07 URL: arcom.africa-web.org

Short summary: A special report on « culture and migration » will be produced and diffused by all of the radio members of the network.

MEXICO: Radio Cultura en Red,

Frequency: cyber radial

Name of Programme: Los Enrutados (Those on route).

Date: 19.12.07, Time (local time): 17:00

Short summary: Magazine, about culture and interviews about Morocco. The issue is the "wandering searcher", street musicians that migrate from one city to another looking for better conditions.

URL: www.culturaenred.org/radioculturaenred

Radio Humilde

Frequency: 88fm

Name of Programme: Patria Sin Fronteras (Motherland

without borders)

Date: 18.12.07Time (local time): 05.00

Short summary: (I): The Virgin of Guadalupe singing; The message of her defence of her refuge in the search for love for all her children and a better life (2): Amparo Ochoa singing traditional protest songs. XEPUR "La Voz de los Purchepechas"

NETHERLANDS:

Radio Nederland Wereldomroep (RNW)

Frequency: www.informarn.nl

Name of Programme: Date: 18.12.07 Time (local time): 5pm

Short summary: 19 minute special programme on "Women and Migration" in Spanish. This will be for the programme "A fondo" and it will be on the website www. informarn.nl from 5pm tomorrow and will be broadcast throughout Latin America. Interviews with Milagros

Maldonado and Yolanda Besteiro.

URL: www.informarn.nl

Mercurius Radio

Frequency: FM 106.1

Name of Programme: Kleurrijk Leeuwarden

Date: Tuesdays 7-8pm URL: www.mercuriusrtv.nl

PORTUGAL:

Antena 1

Frequency: 98.8 FM Name of Programme: Date: 16.12.07

Time (local time): 3.20pm

Short summary: Rosario Farmhouse, Director of JRS Portugal will speak about International Migrants Day.

URL: www.rtp.pt/antenna1/



PUERTO RICO:

Universidad de Puerto Rico en Humacao

Frequency: 1240 AM

Name of Programme: Revista Universitaria (University

Date: 16.12.07, Time (local time): 11 am

Short summary: Our America is about the problems that face Haitians in the Dominican Republican, especially in the border area. This interview was done via phone with

the Dominican journalist José L. Soto.

URL: radioweb.uprh.edu

SENEGAL:

EXPRESS ANNUR FM

Frequency: 101.0

Name of Programme: Et Si l'Afrique migrait...

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 18:10

Short summary: >hat wopuld Africa become if all her

sons migrated?

West Africa Democracy Radio (WADR)

Frequency: 94.9 FM (Dakar) and 17875 kHz (Africa) Name of Programme: « l'arbre à palabre ». Theme of the

day: «irregular migration»

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 8.30 and 10.30 GMT

Short summary: Following the recurrence of irregular migration despite Frontex and the awareness raising campaigns, we interviewed Mr. Abi Makonen, new IOM Representative for West and Central Africa. Dr Cheikh Oumar Bâ, sociologist and expert in international migration also participated in the debate.

Note: This programme was aired in French and English.

SPAIN:

Radio Almenara

Frequency: 106.7 FM

Name of Programme: Sin Fronteras (without borders).

Date: Wednesdays (weekly programme) Time (local time): 9:30 a 10:30 pm

Short summary: "Sin Fronteras" is a programme about cultural diversity and migration. We try study and denounce racism in the ways that it is expressed in

URL: www.sinfronteras.blogsome.com

Artegalia Radio, Alicante

Frequency:

Name of Programme: Special recording of a radio pro-

gramme with public.

Date: 18.12.07, Time (local time): 19.00h

Short summary: Programme on social justice, special to

the International Migrants Day. URL: www.artegalia.com

Radio 5 y Radio Exterior en Radio Nacional de España

Frequency: 90.3

Name of Programme: Otros acentos (other accents)

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 00.00 - 1.00

Short summary: "Otros acentos" is a programme whose aim is promote public social and cultural initiatives in Spain caused by the arrival of people from other countries. This radio programme includes: news, reports on migration, sports news from other countries, interviews with people who work in the migration field as well as politicians and artists that have a different accent. We also offer a cultural agenda and have sections where we talk about the Spanish language, tourism and present a selection from the foreign media.

URL: www.rne.es/page?HOME_RNE

URCM (Union de Radio Libres y Comunitarias de Madrid, aunque se produce y emite desde Radio Vallekas)

Frequency: 107.5 FM

Name of Programme: 18 December, IMD

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): from 10 to 13 h

Short summary: The programme puts into its context

the migration phenomenon.

We talk about the CIES, the centres for unaccompanied minors, gender issues, the new foreigners' law and the cuts in Madrid social services. URL: http://www.radiovallekas.org/spip/

Other Participating Radios rebroadcasting this programme: Radio Vallekas, Radio Enlace, Radio Eco Leganes, Onda Merlin Comunitaria, Onda Toledo, Radio Guiniguada, Radio Geneto.



SWITZERLAND:

Radio Cité

Frequency: 92.2 FM

Name of Programme: "Les matinales"

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): From 8.10 to 9.00

Short summary: According to the World Bank, the amount of remittances sent by migrants to their home countries reached 220 billion US dollar in 2006. This is twice the amount of ODA. The last couple of years, steps have been taken - at the international and the national level – to use these funds as tools for development. We therefore need to ask ourselves what the possibilities are for these money transfers to become tools for creating jobs and generating income, rather than uniquely being used for consumption or savings.

URL: http://www.radiocite.ch

TAIWAN:

Radio Taiwan International

Date: 18.12.2007 URL: www.rti.org.tw Date: 18.12.2007

Summary: 3 programmes in Chinese, Indonesian and

Vietnamese

THAILAND:

MAP Foundation for the Health and Knowledge of Ethnic

Name of Programme: The Lives of Migrants in Thailand

Date: 18.12.2007

URL: www.mapfoundationcm.org

Summary: In the programme we are going to upload, we interview two migrants. A man who got an accident while working on a construction site talks about it and the compensation for it. In the second interview we talk with a domestic worker who is asking her employer to provide occupational health and safety at work. There will also be information about the working conditions and equal rights situation in Thailand.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Life FM

Frequency: 103.6

Name of Programme: Full Lunch

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 13.05h

Short summary: "Brent is one of the most ethnically diverse boroughs in all of London, and it's also where we're based. So, whilst we'll be looking at immigration in London and the wider issues, we'll be focusing in on Brent by meeting immigrants in Brent and those who help them, including an interview with Stella from Brent Women's Advisory Centre who works with migrants in Brent and Prof Christine Whitehead at LSE about the economic benefits of migration for London". We will also be airing a 27 minute documentary on immigrants from Congo and Sierra Leone and Guinea living in London, most French speaking, and the issues they face. The documentary will go on air today Tuesday 11th at 6 o'clock.

URL: www.lifefm.org.uk

Resonance FM

Frequency: 104.4fm London www.resonancefm.com

worldwide

Name of Programme: African Essence

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 20-21hrs

Short summary: DJ Debbie (Golt) and Anne Wanjie present African music in all its flavours from throughout Africa and her wider diaspora with special reference to Africans resident in Britain. Studio guests, musicians Karim Dellali & Yazid Fantazi of Fantazia and inspirational writer/artist manager Attiti Sosimi (tbc), take part in a lively discusson on the arts and migration in Britain.

URL: www.resonancefm.com www.african-essence.com

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Repeat broadcast mid January on www.africaninternetradio.com Tuesday 22hrs, Wednesday 17hrs (UK times) - African

Essence's regular weekly slots.

Sheffield Live!

Frequency: 93.2FM

Name of Programme: Communities Live!

Date: 18.12.07

Time (local time): 12:00 - 13:00

Short summary: A special edition of Sheffield Live's flagship programme, Communities Live! to celebrate International Migrants Day. The programme will feature interviews interviews with representatives from a wide range of migrant communities in Sheffield talking about their

history with and contribution to the city. URL: www.sheffieldlive.org

UN Radio,

New York

Frequency: through various radios, check www.un.org/

radio

and on the internet.

Name of Programme: UN Radio will be doing two programmes on the day; one in English and one in French. They will be produced by our colleague Maha Fayek. She has just returned from a trip that included Senegal, Mali and Italy. While in mission she interviewed illegal migrants, potential migrants and smugglers. She has plenty of human interest stories to tell on the very issue we are commemorating on the day.

URL: www.un.org/radio

UNITED STATES:

KSFR

Frequency: 101.1 fm

Name of Programme: Beyond Borders

Date: 17.12.07

Time (local time): 21:00 - 00:00

Short summary: The first hour of the program will be

devoted to music of migrants.

URL: www.ksfr.org

WORT FM

Frequency: 89.9FM

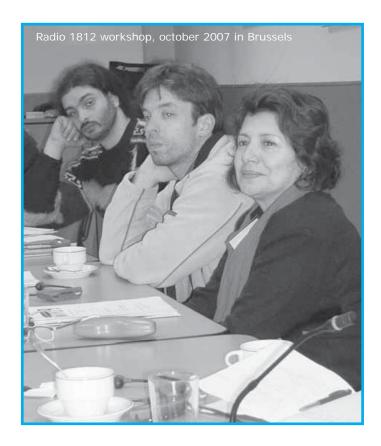
Name of Programme: International Migrant's Day Spe-

cial

Date: 18.12.07 Time (local time):

Short summary: Three part program. Part 1 - an interview by Zoe Plaugher with a foreign student in Wisconsin about issues he faces with his immigration status. Part 2 - Host Esty Dinur interviews Prof. Aviva Chomsky on her book about the current climate for immigrants in the United States. Part 3 - Radio Literature host Bronwyn Averett interviews Nigerian poet Akinloye Ojo.

URL: www.wort-fm.org





Radio 1812/2007 Guest Op-ed:

EU Migration Policy by Jean Lambert*, Member of the European Parliament



December 2007

The EU's immigration and asylum policy has in the past been characterised as 'fortress Europe': how can it be made as difficult as possible for people outside of the EU to access the territory? Member States have resisted attempts to agree common criteria for the entry of economic migrants and right wing politicians and press alike have distorted the facts and the debate.

While this undercurrent is still there and reflected in the development of re-admission agreements and an insistence on neighbouring countries tightening their border controls, there is a detectable shift in both rhetoric and policy in Commission and Parliament; we wait to see how Council responds.

Migration is now being recognised as a complex, multifaceted area affecting all countries and all skill levels, and both men and women. We are gradually coming to have different pictures in our heads of who a migrant is - not only, for example, a weak, young African man washed up on a beach, or whatever the prevailing national image has been.

The European Parliament's reports on migration have recognised the need for migrant workers in an ageing Europe, their positive contribution to our societies and the need for an active, two way integration strategy.

First steps towards having a full policy on migration
The Commission is now aiming to deal with the entry
of migrant workers through a gradual and sectoral approach - with the eventual aim of having a full policy.
The first proposal is for a directive on the entry of highly
skilled migrants - the so called 'Blue Card', which aims to
make the EU a more attractive destination by reducing

barriers. However, many of us doubt whether the limited proposals will really help attract this already highly mobile group. Seasonal workers will be the next group to be tackled, with a proposal likely to give priority for return to those who leave at the end of their work period. Intercorporate transfers are also in the work programme and this will clarify the position under the GATS agreements (1) on the free movement of service providers, some of the most highly paid and highly skilled migrants around. This will also help to remind people of the wide range of migrants. However, a more general proposal on migrants with other skill levels, probably the largest group, will have to wait.

Other areas, such as dealing with the demand for labour, which is the predominant "pull" factor, are also being tackled. There is a proposal for a directive on tackling employers who take on illegal (sic) workers, which proposes stringent penalties for repeat offenders who exploit such workers. Questions have been raised as to why we need new penalties for exploitation, when it is already supposed to be illegal. DG Employment and Social Affairs (2) has also brought out a Communication on undeclared work. These two proposals have served to highlight the very weak inspection regimes in some member states which have allowed the development of an often exploitative clandestine labour market, which has preyed on people being ignorant of their rights or being unable to find a way to access them. The fact that horrific working conditions in slave-like conditions has also been the experience of EU nationals from the newer member States has helped to publicise the reality for many third-country nationals, especially those in irregular situations. A key message for this year of Equal Opportunities for All was "know your rights" and we have seen the trade unions in a number of countries play a very important role in reaching out to migrant workers.

The increasing co-operation between the parts of the Commission dealing with Justice and Home Affairs and the Employment and Social Affairs sector is a very welcome development in my opinion. It signals a move to seeing migrants as part of society and a concern for their rights. EU legislation already recognises that there should be no discrimination on grounds of race or ethnicity either in the workplace or in access to goods and services. The social exclusion faced by many migrants has also been recognised in the national action plans drawn up under the Open Method of Coordination: it would be interesting to know how migrants are represented and consulted in that process. The EQUAL programme (3) has brought forward many excellent conclusions as to how to directly involve people in the projects and services that claim to provide for their needs. It is essential that these lessons are not lost with the ending of EQUAL. The conclusions of the 2006 Year of Mobility and that of the 2007 Year of Equal Opportunities for All should also be relevant to the experience of migrants.

FRONTEX border security and control

This year has also seen some tough questions asked about the role of FRONTEX (4), not least in the question of rescue at sea. The European Parliament was horrified by pictures of migrants left clinging to the net of a tuna fishing boat, while an argument went on as to which country had responsibility for them. There still seems to be no agreement about how to proceed once people are picked up: we are in no doubt that they must be. Member States have failed to deliver on their commitments to provide resources for FRONTEX, just as they have failed to deliver on fishing inspection vessels for West African countries, which are seeing their fishing industries wiped out — is it any wonder people can't make a living and choose to migrate? There is still no real transparency on the FRONTEX mandate.

Questions are now being asked about whether the Dublin 2 Regulation concerning which country takes responsibility for dealing with an asylum claim can really be effective, especially for countries such as Malta, which deals with considerable numbers of migrants and does not have the means to assess protection needs properly. Some of us have always questioned the real value and effect of the Regulation.

Pilot Projects in Countries-of-Origin

There are now pilot projects in countries-of-origin, Mali and Ukraine, which are aiming to make migrants more aware of the realities of life in the EU and to offer training programmes in partnership with certain companies to ensure people coming have the right skills as well as the right documents. There are still issues to be resolved concerning the recognition of qualifications for many third-country-nationals. The Commission has also been involved in advertising ventures in countries such as Nigeria to dissuade people from coming to the EU irregularly, pointing out that the streets are not paved with gold.

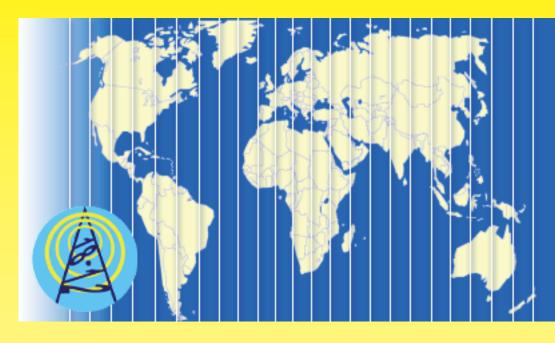
The Returns Directive: First major piece of co-decision

Also on the table at the moment is the Returns Directive. This is the first major piece of co-decision for the Parliament in the field of migration and asylum policy and is proving very difficult, as can be imagined. The aim is to give a known procedure, including detailing an individual's rights, if compulsory return becomes necessary.

Many Member States use detention, some for indefinite periods and some bend their rules to maintain detention beyond their legal limit. So, Parliament is trying to steer a course between the ideal of voluntary return, no detention and no re-entry bans, and the reality of trying to put limits and a real respect for the individual in to what is the current practice.

However, the growing use of co-decision in this field at least gives a greater opportunity for input from organisations and individuals with real experience, rather than just leaving the task to governments alone. The EU is coming to terms with the fact that migration is a reality; it is a global phenomenon in which EU nationals participate. Migrant workers, of all skill levels, are an economic necessity and we have to address the many different aspects of migration - not just border control. The challenge is to see if we can do that and keep an awareness of migrants as individuals and not just cogs in an economic machine. If migration is to work as successfully as possible we need to look at the social dimension and how this interacts with the settled population: how we can establish the closest possible equality of rights and deliver those for all who reside in the EU? We should also be brave enough to examine how EU policies on trade, energy and agriculture for example, impact on development elsewhere. Migration should be a matter of choice, not necessity.

- * Jean Lambert is one of nine MEPs representing London and one of two UK Green representatives in the European Parliament. She is Vice-President of the Anti-racism Intergroup at the European Parliament.
- (1) The General Agreement in Trade and Services (GATS) is one of the central parts of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement. Mode 4 of GATS specifically addresses the temporary movement of individuals as service suppliers.
- (2) The European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities has the task of contributing to the development of a modern, innovative and sustainable European Social Model with more and better jobs in an inclusive society based on equal opportunities.
- (3) Funded through the European Social Fund (ESF), EQUAL is being implemented in, and between, the EU Member States up until 2008. Its mission is to promote a better model for working life by fighting discrimination and exclusion on the basis of gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.
- (4) This EU agency is based in Warsaw. It is a specialised and independent body tasked to coordinate the operational cooperation between Member States in the field of border security.



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