



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
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Dear colleague,

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I am pleased to invite you to the **EMN Annual Conference** held in the framework of the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU, entitled '**The EU in the Global Race for Talents: Challenges and Solutions in Strengthening the EU's Competitiveness**'. The conference will be held at **Tallinn University on 21-22 September, 2017**.

Labour migration is central to countries' economic competitiveness in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a way to foster knowledge transfer, innovation and economic growth. This conference will examine the current state of labour migration policies and practices in the European Union, encourage an exchange of ideas between key stakeholders in this field and devise plans to move forward. Questions addressed will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Where do skilled workers go and why?
- Are Member States just competing with each other or could we collaborate?
- How can the private sector facilitate talent mobility?
- What should be the role of the EU in the global race for talents?

I am honoured to open the conference with Mr Matthias Ruete, Director General of the Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs at the European Commission.

It is a unique platform bringing together policymakers from different EU Member States, the European Commission, the European Parliament, EMN National Contact Points, other international organisations, the private sector and the general public. The conference will be held in English.

The registration will be launched in June and further information can be found on [www.emn.ee](http://www.emn.ee). If you have any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact the Estonian National Contact Point for the European Migration Network at [emn@tlu.ee](mailto:emn@tlu.ee).

Looking forward to welcoming you in Tallinn.

Yours sincerely,

Andres Anvelt  
Minister of the Interior

