

Mr Bogdan Borusewicz
The Speaker of the Polish Senate
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RE: Support for European Migrants Integration Network

Dear Mr Borusewicz,

I am writing to support the European Migrants Integration Network that was launched by Barka Foundation in 2006. The Polish Senate greatly contributed to the development of this project. This network now involves partners in twelve European countries and ECAS - European Citizen Action Service is one of them. Having seen the development of the project from the very beginning, I can confirm that Barka's mission has been of much importance in London and succeeded to make difference in life of many Polish migrants. This project definitely merits to be continued.

ECAS and Barka have worked closely together in the framework the European Year of Workers' Mobility. Barka's operations in London have been considered one of the major achievements of the Year, showcased at both Commission's and ECAS conferences closing the Year. ECAS role has been mainly research and advocacy on facilitation of the intra-EU migration. Barka Foundation has provided us with concrete examples and good practices of assistance that can be provided to most impoverished migrants. We very much appreciate the synergies between our efforts.

Our cooperation continues for the next twelve months under a project "ONE-STOP MOBILITY SHOPS", which has been just approved for funding by the European Commission (the total budget of 304.000 EUR). In this project Barka will have a chance to further develop the operations of the European Migrants Integration Network and exchange the best practices with partners from the Northern Ireland and France (including the French Ministry of Health). Please find enclosed the contract that we have received from the European Commission as well as the description of the project. I believe that again there could be many synergies between this new European project and the continuation of the Barka's programme for Senate. Therefore I wish to express my full support for the Barka's project.

I remain at your disposal for any further questions.

Yours faithfully,



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