



FINAL CONFERENCE

Shaping the Future of Return and Reintegration

Save the date - INVITATION

»Circular and Return Migration«

Tuesday | 24 November 2026 | 09:00–17:30 CET

Katholische Akademie in Bayern | Munich, Germany
Hybrid Event | On-site & Online

WHAT TO EXPECT

The conference provides an international platform to:

- **Inspiring discussions and international perspectives**
Exchange between countries of origin, transit and destination.
- **Practice meets research**
Evidence-based approaches combined with practical field experience.
- **Networking**
Meet migration experts, researchers, project partners, program participants and civil society representatives from more than 20 countries.
- **CRM Graduation Celebration**
Celebrate the successful completion of the CRM Certificate Program.



AGENDA

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WELCOME & OPENING

PANELS – a.m.:

presentations and roundtables

- **Governing Return:** Exploring recent developments in (national) circular and return migration policies, key implementation challenges, and priorities for more effective governance
- **Transnational Cooperation on Return:** Theory vs reality – this panel asks and answers what happens in between countries of origin, transit and destination

THEMATIC SESSIONS – p.m.:

Case studies from program graduates

- **Protecting the Vulnerable:** When standard procedures fail the people who need them most, who steps in — and what do their cases reveal about the protection gaps still left open?
- **Informed Decision-Making & Digital Innovation:** Virtual contact centres, digital storytelling, social media as counselling tools – is digital technology a solution or complementation to the existing systems
- **Institutional Capacity Building & Skills Across Borders:** From skills training in Türkiye to reintegration support in Nigeria: how do you turn a one-way return into something that looks more like circular migration?

Q&A | CRM GRADUATION CELEBRATION | CLOSING



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The **Final Conference of the Circular and Return Migration (CRM) Certificate Program** marks the culmination of a three-year international continuing education initiative led by the **Munich Forum for Dialogue (MFD)** and the **University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK)**.

The CRM study program has brought together migration professionals from 21 countries and 3 continents to strengthen expertise, foster international cooperation and promote sustainable approaches to voluntary return and reintegration.

As Europe enters the implementation phase of the **New Pact on Migration and Asylum (GEAS)**, effective return, sustainable reintegration and international cooperation are becoming increasingly important.

The conference brings together **CRM alumni** from across Europe, Africa and Asia, as well as practitioners, researchers and civil society, to exchange experiences, discuss current developments and explore future approaches to circular and return migration.

We would be honoured to welcome you to this final conference and kindly ask you to reserve the date. If you would like to pre-register now and receive updates and detailed information about the conference directly in your inbox, please do this via the contact form using the QR Code.

Detailed Agenda and registration will follow shortly, pre-registration here:
<https://munichforum.org/lp-fc>

Yours sincerely,

The CRM Project Team
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Munich Forum for Dialogue gGmbH (MFD)

The Munich Forum for Dialogue is a non-profit organisation for the promotion of social dialogue. Our focus is on the conception and implementation of bilateral educational projects in development cooperation. We use dialogue formats to create spaces for encounters in which different opinions, people and groups come together to engage in trusting, respectful and peaceful discussions without prejudice. We engage in constructive dialogue to provide food for thought on important social issues.

University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK)

The Department for Migration and Globalization at the University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK) is the academic cooperation partner for the implementation of the continuing education program.

The UWK is the only Austrian university for continuing education. It follows the approach of lifelong learning and teaches in a mix of attendance phases and distance learning. The UWK thus takes into account the special needs of working professionals. Since 2010, the department has offered a master's degree program in Migration and Integration Management with several degree options.

A PhD program in Migration Studies was launched in 2014.

Various Certificate Programs and seminars in the field of migration, integration and international affairs round off the profile. The Department for Migration and Globalization carries out various EU-funded migration projects with a wide range of stakeholders from academia, politics and practice. Return migration and (re-)integration are key research areas of the department.

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