Geographic Migration Center – GEOMIGRACE (CZE), Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SK), Centre for Eastern Studies (PL) and Europe without Barriers (UA) would like to invite you to two international conferences about:

**Ukraine’s Migration to Central European Countries: Forced and Labour**

**Date and place:**

13th September 2016, Warsaw (PL), Centrum Konferencyjne KOPERNIKA, ul. Kopernika 30 at 9 am

14th September 2016, Bratislava (SK), Hotel Tatra, Námestie 1. mája 5, Salon Grand, at 9 am.

The conferences are dealing with current migration dynamics in Ukraine (both internal and international migration, particularly to the Visegrad countries and the EU) as result of armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine and of Crimea annexation. Both qualitative and quantitative characteristics of forced migration and accompanying economic-driven migration will be presented. Obtained findings were also transformed into policy recommendations for the governments of Visegrad countries, EU institutions and Ukrainian government.

We will focus in particular on the following questions:

1) How Crimea annexation and conflict in Eastern Ukraine has influenced mobility patterns of Ukrainian population?

2) What are the quantitative and qualitative characteristics of internally displaced persons and asylum seekers from Ukraine?

3) What are the main motives that drive internally displaced persons and asylum seekers to leave the conflict zone?

4) Has Crimea annexation and conflict in Eastern Ukraine influenced labour migration in Ukrainian society?

5) What is the legal and social situation of Ukrainian forced migrants?

6) What could be done to better address the needs of Ukrainian forced migrants? What policy changes could be implemented by Ukrainian government, governments of Visegrad countries and the EU?

**If you would like to attend one of the conferences, please register at:**

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for Bratislava: Jitka Ivancikova - ivancikova@sfpa.sk (Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, SK)
Program of the International Conference

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9.00 Welcoming speech - Alexander Duleba (Director of Slovak Foreign Policy Association, SK)
9.10 Information about the project - Dušan Drbohlav (Geomigra, Charles University, CZE)
9.20 Ukrainian country report - Sushko Iryna and Kuchytska Kateryna (Europe without Barriers, UA)
9.50 Czech country report - Dušan Drbohlav and Markéta Seidlová (Geomigra, Charles University, CZE)
10.20 Slovak country report - Vladimír Benč and Branislav Cibík (SFPA, SK)
10.50 Coffee break
11.10 Polish country report - Marta Jaroszewicz and Tomasz Piechal (OSW, PL)
11.40 Irina Pribytkova - Current migration dynamics in Ukraine: labour migration abroad and inside country, emigration attitudes and plans (Institute of Sociology NAN of Ukraine)
12.10 Slovak expert
12.40 Kateřina Štěpánková - Czech Labour Market and Ukrainian Workforce (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, CZE)
13.00 Final closing of the conference
13.10 Lunch

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