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Welcome and Introduction

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- **Alejandro MACARRÓN**, *Managing partner, Fundación Renacimiento Demográfico - Demographic Renaissance*
- **Allan S. JANIK**, *Professor in Philosophy, University of Innsbruck*
- **Valenti PUIG**, *Political commentator, Futuro Estratégico*
- EU countries have to repeat and further develop the debate about the nature of the European values. We cannot predict how successful would be the integration process of refugees and for that reason we need to have a stable system of common values which we have to share with all the people who want to integrate in our society. Most of the refugees are coming to Europe illegally which is not familiar with our perceptions for order.
- The successful integration is about jobs and economic development, to achieve and maintain peaceful social relations. We need to carefully read the data concerning the profile of refugees and consider how to combine their needs with our society and to avoid social fragmentation, exclusion and polarization.
- It would be a mistake if EU mixes the profiles of economic immigrants and refugees. We have low birth rate in many EU countries for the past decades. The demographic height of Europe was cut on half for the past 50 years and it is getting lower. Despite these facts, for the past 20 years Spain increased its work force by 20% stimulated by immigrants. The next generation of “gastarbeiters” will be much more difficult to integrate, if most of the new immigrants are low qualified they will take more than they can give to the society.
- EU needs an efficient and sustainable approach in the integration of refugees, otherwise we will increase the influence of the populist movements. We have to answer to populism with pragmatic and common actions with visible results. We do not have to ignore the complexity of the problem, since everything is connected. Many young people support right wing parties because they lost their jobs but some of those parties are against integration of refugees.
- The major question is who is Pro-European and who is against. If we are Pro-EU, we need to have a common approach.

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