Side event to promote Decent Work for Migrant Domestic Workers
Geneva, Switzerland, 4 September 2014

A side event on Decent Work for Migrant Domestic Workers was organized on the margins of the 21 session of The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families co-hosted by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on 4th of September at the Palais Wilson in Geneva. This event was organized in the framework of the EU funded project Global Action programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and their Families (GAP-MDW) and was designed as a forum to raise awareness on the human rights challenges faced by migrant domestic workers, including the discrimination they often face, to ensure the design and effective implementation of protective legislation and redress mechanisms, and to improve their organizational capacities.

A special attention was dedicated to the key international instruments for the protection of human rights of migrant domestic workers, including the ILO Convention 189 and the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW), as well as the ILO Conventions 97 and 143. The participants agreed upon the importance of raising awareness on migrant domestic workers from an interdisciplinary perspective, to promote gender equality and labour protection, and to raise concern on discrimination, xenophobia, vulnerability and isolation of migrant domestic workers.