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WORKING TOGETHER FOR MIGRANT INTEGRATION

A CONFERENCE OF THE URBAN AGENDA PARTNERSHIP ON THE INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Partnership on the Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees brings together since three years cities, national administrations, the European Commission and civil society organizations to provide recommendations and put in place concrete actions to promote migrants integration.

Cities are places where integration happens. They offer great opportunities for migrants and non-migrants to interact, be it through working, studying and raising their families, but they are also faced with challenges regarding integration and inclusion.

For the last three years, European cities, national governments, the European Commission and civil society organisations have been working together under the Urban Agenda Partnership on Inclusion to develop ideas and concrete actions to support the

integration of refugees and other migrants in Europe. The conference will present through interactive sessions the results of the work of the Partnership and will offer the opportunity to discuss with EU institutions, national administrations, European cities and non-governmental organisations how to work better together to make integration a success. Participants will also be able to contribute with their ideas to the future of the cooperation in the field of integration.

If you have any questions please contact: Partnership.inclusion@amsterdam.nl



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08:30	Registration of the participants & coffee
09:15	Opening of the conference by moderator Ali Al-Jaberi
09:20	Welcome by Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the Committee of the Regions
09:30	Opening by Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship
09:50	Three Years of Partnership - Video
09:55	Making integration a success: inclusive cities for a more inclusive Europe Panel Discussion with interventions from: Georgios Kaminis, Mayor of Athens, tbc Femke Halsema, Mayor of Amsterdam, tbc Gerry Woop, Permanent Secretary for EU Affairs, Berlin Paweł Adamowicz, Mayor of Gdańsk, tbc European Commission, tbc
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	BREAKOUT SESSION 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improving migrant children integration in the EUThe Urban Academy on Integration: exchanging challenges and solutionsInnovative ways to finance integration in cities: micro finance and blending loans and EU grants
13:00	Lunch & Marketplace of ideas Info stands from organizations and projects presenting innovative practices to support the inclusion of migrants and refugees.
14:15	BREAKOUT SESSION 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Better data for more effective integration policiesAsk The People: Voices of Refugees and MigrantsThe future of EU funding on integration
15:45	Working together for integration: what is the future of the cooperation between local and EU level? Interactive session with the public with interventions and feedback from: Matthias Oel, Director for Migration, Mobility and Innovation, European Commission Member of the Committee of the Regions Anna Lisa Boni, Secretary General, EURO CITIES
16:45	Closing by Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy
17:00	End of the conference



BREAKOUT SESSION 1 11:30

Improving migrant children integration in the EU

Local and regional authorities play a crucial role in the protection and integration of migrant children. Representatives from the Partnership and from cities will present in this session the recommendations developed together with Missing Children Europe and the University of Leiden on how to improve the protection and inclusion of children with a refugee background and will discuss the follow-up.

The Urban Academy on Integration: exchanging challenges and solutions

The Academy offers cities and national administrations the chance to learn and exchange on different aspects of integration through a mix of peer learning and expert input. In this interactive session, you will learn about some of the ideas shared in the first Academy, which focused on integration through education and on working effectively with civil society. You will also have the opportunity to shape the next academy which will take place in May 2019.

Innovative ways to finance integration in cities: micro finance and blending loans and EU grants

This session will present two financing tools for cities: micro finance as a powerful way to encourage entrepreneurship among the migrant community and an Inclusion Blending Facility that would blend EU grants and loans from public financing institutions (such as the European Investment Bank) to help cities address their migration challenges by supporting urban integration projects. With a presentation of PerMicro, microcredit for social inclusion in Italy

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 14:15

Better data for more effective integration policies

Reliable statistics and monitoring systems are cornerstones of effective integration policies. What innovative approaches for evidence-based policy-making have been developed on the local level? What is at stake for cities in EU migration and integration statistics? And how can EU-wide indicators support the work at the urban and regional level? This session will present cities practices and discuss how local authorities can work together on these questions.

Ask The People: Voices of Refugees and Migrants

What are the needs of refugees and other migrants? What are their ideas on how to strengthen integration policies in cities and at EU level? In this session, the European Migrant Advisory Board will share the results and recommendations of the “Ask The People” consultation they carried out with hundreds of refugees and migrants in eight different European cities around the European agenda on migration and the priorities of the partnership on inclusion of migrants and refugees. The Board is composed by migrants and refugees from different EU countries and it provides advice on integration matters.

The future of EU funding on integration

The proposals for the EU funding for the period 2021-2027 are currently under negotiations and they may bring some changes in how the different funds will support integration at local level in the future. How will the funding for integration look like in the future EU funds? What are the implications for the local level? What are the improvements and limits of the current proposals? What can be expected during the negotiations? We will explore these and other issues with representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, city authorities and practitioners.

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The working language
of the conference will be
English