



PROGRAMME

Background:

The conference is part of a series of policy events underpinning the EURO CITIES [Integrating Cities Charter](#) process which started in 2010. EURO CITIES actively engages with the European Commission in establishing a strong policy dialogue to enable the city level, which is key for developing integration strategies for migrants, to feed into the European level. The Integrating Cities Conference series serves as a platform for this dialogue where European, national and local level experts and decision makers in policy areas that are crucial for the integration of migrants in European cities can meet. The importance of involving cities in the implementation of the European agenda for integration cannot be overstated and the conferences are an excellent opportunity to highlight this fact.

Objectives:

The conference aims to enable city authorities to exchange experiences and discuss the most efficient practices and strategies for integrating migrants at local level. Cities will share their best practices in integrating third-country nationals and discuss local and European-level perspectives for the future of integration. The event will offer various opportunities for dialogue between local politicians and senior officials from Europe's major cities, representatives from EU institutions, international and non-governmental organisations, academics, and migrant communities. This year's conference is organised in the framework of the project 'CITIES GROW - Cities integrating refugees and migrants through work', co-funded by the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

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Wednesday, 7 November 2018
Venue: Fabbrica del Vapore, Via Giulio Cesare Procaccini 4, 20154 Milan

8.15 - 8.50 <i>Welcome desk</i>	Registration Artistic exhibition sponsored by the European Commission Joint Research Centre
9.00 - 9.50 <i>Plenary room 1st floor</i>	Conference opening & welcome speeches Moderator: Nathalie Guri, EUROCITIES projects director 9.00-9.15 Giuseppe Sala , mayor of Milan 9.15-9.30 Anna Lisa Boni , secretary general, EUROCITIES
9.30-9.50	Keynote speech Olivier Onidi , deputy director-general Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
9.50-10.10	Integrating Cities Charter signing ceremony Georgos Dimarelos , Thessaloniki deputy mayor for urban resilience and development programmes Sonia Schellino , Turin deputy mayor for welfare
10.10 - 10.30 <i>Plenary room 1st floor</i>	Inspiring Data on Migration - Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography of the European Commission Joint Research Centre Charlina Vitcheva , Deputy director general of the Joint Research Centre
10.30 - 10.50 <i>Plenary room 1st floor</i>	The Global Compact for Migration - why it matters for cities Colleen Thouez , Open Society Foundations - International Migration Initiative
10.50 - 12.50	Parallel workshops - session I (please see the Workshops sheet) <i>(20 min coffee break inside workshop rooms)</i>
Workshop 1 <i>Room 3, ground floor</i>	Labour market integration at local level: partnerships, strategies and practices for effective integration
Workshop 2 <i>Room 1, ground floor</i>	Promoting effective labour market integration of migrants and refugees - the OECD checklist for integration at local level
Workshop 3 <i>Room 2, ground floor</i>	Minors of migrant background in cities: challenges and good practices for integration
Workshop 4 <i>Room 4, separate entrance</i>	Solidarity Cities initiative: cities as key actors of reception and early integration
12.50 - 13.50 <i>Plenary room 1st floor</i>	Lunch break



13.55 - 14.55 **Projects & best practices corner** (please see the [Projects Corner sheet](#))

The following projects and initiatives will be presented:

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| Plenary room
1 st floor | 1. CITIES GROW (Cities integrating refugees and migrants through work) , presented by EUROCITIES |
| Plenary room
1 st floor | 2. Milan Service Centre for Unaccompanied Migrant Minors , presented by the city of Milan |
| Foyer, ground floor | 3. Data for integration , presented by the European Commission's Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography of the Joint Research Centre |
| Foyer, ground floor | 4. Masterplan for the integration of refugees , presented by the city of Munich |
| Foyer, ground floor | 5. MiFriendly cities , presented by Sue Lukes (MigrationWork) on behalf of three partner cities: Coventry, Birmingham and Wolverhampton |

15.00 - 17.00 **Parallel workshops - session II** (please see the [Workshops sheet](#))

(20 min coffee break inside workshop rooms)

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| Workshop 5
Room 3, ground floor | Funding and partnerships for integration in cities: innovative schemes and better access to EU funds |
| Workshop 6
Room 1, ground floor | Role of volunteers and civil society organisations for integration in cities - public sector/civil society partnership |
| Workshop 7
Room 4, separate entrance | Gender and migration - integration of women migrants |
| Workshop 8
Room 2, ground floor | Undocumented migrants: possible solutions to ensure access to services |

17.00 - 18.00 Networking & cocktail hour

Plenary room
1st floor

19.30 **Guided Tour of the permanent collection of the *Museo delle Culture di Milano* followed by the Integrating Cities cocktail dinner hosted by the city of Milan**

Individual transport to the Museum

Venue: MUDEC MUSEUM, 56 Via Tortona, 20144 Milan



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8.15 - 8.50
Welcome desk

Registration

9.00 - 11.00
Plenary room
1st floor

Panel debate - key challenges and possible solutions for integration at local level

Moderator: **Mark Bendeich**, bureau chief, Southern Europe at Thomson Reuters

Short presentation of the workshops' main conclusions by four rapporteurs followed by a debate.

Pierfrancesco Majorino, deputy mayor of Milan for Social Affairs

Andreas Germershausen, Berlin Senate commissioner for integration and migration

Giuseppe Mattina, Palermo deputy mayor for integration and participation

Lola Lopez, Barcelona commissioner for immigration, interculturality and diversity

Asher Craig, Bristol deputy mayor with responsibility for Communities, Events and Equalities

Michele Levoy, director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Namaring Abkr, European Migrant Advisory Board

11.00 - 11.30
Plenary room
1st floor

Coffee break

11.30 - 13.30
Plenary room
1st floor

Panel debate - European and local level perspectives on the future of integration

Moderator: **Mark Bendeich**, bureau chief, Southern Europe at Thomson Reuters

Presentation of findings from the EUROCITIES Integrating Cities Charter monitoring report:

Eleftherios Papagiannakis, deputy mayor of Athens

Panel reaction, followed by discussion

Thomas Fabian, Leipzig deputy mayor for social affairs

Anna Terron, director of the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies and expert on migration

Laura Corrado, head of unit Legal Migration and Integration, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

Raquel Cortes-Herrera, deputy head of unit Disability & Inclusion, Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Roland Schilling, regional deputy representative, UNHCR Regional Office Italy

Sandra Paola Alvarez, project development officer, International Organization for Migration

13.30 - 14.30
Plenary room
1st floor

Lunch break



14.30 - 17.30

*Meeting point:
Foyer, ground
floor*

Parallel site visits hosted by the city of Milan

Site visit locations are 30 minutes away from the conference venue, which is the departure and return point for the visits.

Site visit 1

Bus transport

Reception centres for asylum-seekers and refugees

The visit will present the Milanese reception system through two different kinds of centres that belong to the Italian national model of CAS-Centres for Extraordinary Reception (first level of reception of asylum seekers) and SPRAR-Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (second level of reception for refugees, more focussed on inclusion). We will visit:

Casa Chiaravalle is the symbol of the fight against mafia in Milan. It represents the biggest estate confiscated from the mafia in the Lombardy region. In May 2018 it was inaugurated to host the project called 'Insieme Casa Chiaravalle' (Together Casa Chiaravalle). Thanks to this project the building has been converted into a shelter mainly for Italian and foreign women, especially victims of violence, abuse, torture and trafficking. Their families and their children are hosted in the same space. In Casa Chiaravalle women are helped to start a new life. Casa Chiaravalle also hosts a section that works as a reception centre for asylum seekers (CAS), while they are waiting for the outcome of their asylum application.

Casa Monlué is an old school located in a park on the outskirts of Milan, now managed by a not-for-profit organisation following a public call for tenders issued by the city of Milan. The building has been turned into a centre that hosts refugees within the national Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (SPRAR) run by the municipality of Milan and funded and coordinated by the Italian Ministry of Interior.

Delegates will meet the officers of the municipality in charge of the CAS and SPRAR centres for adults, as well as the coordinator and professionals working in Casa Chiaravalle and Casa Monlué.

Site visit 2

Bus transport

Integration projects in schools - 1

Visit of the Muzio primary School, where the association of parents is piloting the peer-parent tutoring program: it is a help desk, created thanks to the financial support of the US Consulate General in Milan. Its aim is to reach children of migrant background by helping their parents with school bureaucracy and strengthen relationships between families, the school and the community. The underlying idea is that old time immigrant families are knowledgeable both about their own culture's values, beliefs, needs and practices and about the host country systems that they have learned to navigate. They can more effectively help newcomers to understand these systems because of their own experience.

Participants will have the chance to meet with the teacher who started the project, Ms Laura Sidoti, the US Consulate General in Milan, which funds the projects, and some mothers who volunteer at the help desk. Moreover, the Education Department of the City of Milan will explain the work the municipality of Milan is doing to fight the increasing 'white flight' phenomenon.

Site visit 3

Bus transport

Integration projects in schools - 2

Visit of the 'Home of the Sun' primary school, a very special school located in a beautiful park in a neighbourhood very densely populated by foreign citizens.

Participants will have a chance to meet with the principal and some teachers of the school specialised in intercultural teaching, and the association of parents of children attending the school, who will illustrate the various activities (cultivation of the garden, animals, open air sports, intercultural readings).

Moreover, the Education Department of the City of Milan will explain the work the municipality of Milan is doing to fight the increasing 'white flight' phenomenon.



Site visit 4

Reserved for the WORKING GROUP MIGRATION members

Labour integration: Visit of the Centre for Job Orientation and Placement (CELAV) of the city of Milan, Social Emergencies, Rights and Inclusion Department

The goal of CELAV is to promote the professional and socio-economic integration of people, above all people in need of greater support. There are various specialised teams in CELAV - the centre's philosophy is to work on the complexity and specificity of the different needs, avoiding standardised interventions. One of the teams focuses on refugees and asylum seekers.

During the visit the team working for refugees' labour integration will present the services offered at the centre, information about its users and the results achieved thus far. Some of the centre's younger clients will tell their stories.

The 'Bella Milano' (Beautiful Milan) initiative will also be presented. Through this initiative asylum seekers living in the reception centres volunteer together with Milanese citizens in taking care of public spaces in the city (cleaning of green spaces, emptying the bins, etc). These vocational activities aim to foster the culture of integration and allow the refugees to experience life outside the centres, practice their Italian language and establish a positive relationship with the neighbourhood they live in.

The site visit will end with a 'Milanese aperitivo' (drink & some food) at Fondazione Umanitaria, one of the partners of CELAV. The Fondazione Umanitaria ('Humanitarian Foundation') is a historical not-for-profit organisation in Milan. The foundation implements integration and professional training paths in cooperation with the CELAV. The aperitif will be prepared by young refugees and migrants who take part in the professional training course for bakery, pizzeria and cafeteria work placements in the gastronomic sector. We will listen to the testimony of some of those workers. Other partner companies will also be present, as a further possibility to learn about the collaboration paths in progress and the services offered in cooperation with CELAV.



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