

## Workshops - 7 November 2018

The workshops will discuss different key local integration challenges and possible solutions.

There will be two sessions - one morning and one afternoon session - of four parallel workshops. The format will be interactive: participants are invited to present their own experiences and share know-how and practical examples. Discussion will be facilitated by an expert and there will be an opening presentation by a participating city or organisation, kick-starting the debate.

The main messages from each workshop will be put together by a workshop rapporteur and will feed into the morning panel debate on day 2 of the conference (please refer to the conference programme).

10.50 - 12.50

### Parallel workshops - session I

*(20min coffee break inside workshop rooms)*

#### Workshop 1

*Room 3, ground floor*

#### Labour market integration at local level: partnerships, strategies and practices for effective integration

*Presentations:*

- **City of Milan**, The experience of Milan's Centre for Job Orientation and Placement (CELAV), by Angela Guma
- **City of Helsinki**, NewCo Helsinki, by Toivo Utso
- **Migrant Entrepreneurship Growth Agenda (MEGA)**, by Carlos Talamas, head of International Relations at Formaper (Training Agency of the Milano-Monza-Brianza-Lodi Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Craft and Agriculture)

*Facilitator:* Beth Ginsburg, Migration Policy Group

*Rapporteur:* Anthony Colclough, EUROCITIES

This workshop will discuss:

- Who are the main partners/stakeholders who play a role in helping migrants develop their businesses?
- What are the obstacles migrants face when setting up and growing their businesses?
- What have been the most successful policies:/strategies/tools to help migrants to become entrepreneurs?
- How have you integrated migrants into the labour market? Which sectors are most open to hiring migrants and which are most resistant and why?

## Workshop 2

Room 1, ground floor

### Promoting effective labour market integration of migrants and refugees - the OECD checklist for integration at local level

*Presentation:* OECD, Working Together for Local Integration of Migrants and Refugees, by Anna Piccinni

*Facilitator:* Isabelle Chopin, Migration Policy Group

*Rapporteur:* Aliyyah Ahad, Migration Policy Institute Europe

This workshop will discuss:

- What are their main objectives at the city level to promote effective labour market integration for refugees and migrants, and how would the OECD checklist fit in the local/national context?
- What are the main issues at local level when it comes to promoting labour market integration of migrants and refugees, and what are the tools already used in practice?
- Making a link with the national policies and the political situation.

## Workshop 3

Room 2, ground floor

### Minors of migrant background in cities: challenges and good practices for integration

*Presentations:*

- **City of Milan**, Milan's experience and good practices for the integration of minors with migrant background, particularly unaccompanied migrant minors, by Barbara Lucchesi
- **Save the Children**, Territorial institutions as protection actors: policies and practices of social inclusion of unaccompanied migrant minors carried out at the city level, by Valentina Polizzi

*Facilitator:* Camille Le Coz, Migration Policy Institute Europe

*Rapporteur:* Feyrouz Lajili-Djalai, EURO CITIES

This workshop will discuss:

Minors of migrant background, and particularly unaccompanied minors, present many vulnerabilities and often need emergency assistance. Local actors play a key role in assisting them, but they need to think early on how to link their emergency response for UAMs with support for their integration.

- What are the urgent needs of minors with migrant background, and particularly unaccompanied minors, and how do local actors already address them?
- How to increase linkages between these emergency responses and support for the integration of migrant minors: when to start planning for their integration, which actors should be involved and what activities should be supported?
- What are the challenges of forward planning for this specific population?

## Workshop 4

Room 4, separate entrance

## Solidarity Cities initiative

*Presentations:*

- **City of Athens**, New temporary Housing Programme for refugees through the Athens Development and Destination Management Agency (ADDMA) and the UNHCR, by Eleftherios Papagiannakis
- **City of Ghent**, Ghent's Refugee Taskforce and new temporary asylum centre, by Kristel Danel
- **City of Milan**, Milan's reception system, by Antonella Colombo

*Facilitator:* Sue Lukes, Migration Work

*Rapporteur:* Salvatore Sofia, EUROCITIES

This workshop will discuss:

- How do we balance the need to respond quickly and effectively to unplanned or sudden arrivals with planning for long term integration of refugees?
- What assistance (technical, funding, information, knowledge/exchange) has been of most use to cities?
- How do we engender, build on, develop and preserve public and political support for active and effective solidarity?

15.00 - 17.00

## Parallel workshops - session II

*(20min coffee break inside workshop rooms)*

## Workshop 5

Room 3, ground floor

## Funding & partnerships for integration in cities: innovative schemes and better access to EU funds

*Presentations:*

- **European Investment Bank**, The Blending Facility and other EIB funding opportunities for local actions targeting migrants and refugees, by Patricia B. Llopis
- **City of Rotterdam**, the Rotterdam Business Case, by Rob Gringhuis

*Facilitator:* Ceri Hutton, Migration Work

*Rapporteur:* Salvatore Sofia, EUROCITIES

This workshop will discuss:

- How can partnerships improve your city's chances of accessing funding for integration?
- What are the conditions for successful city-wide partnerships, and conversely what are the common pitfalls for cities to avoid when setting up partnerships?

## Workshop 6

Room 1, ground floor

### Role of volunteers and civil society organisations for integration in cities - public sector/civil society partnership

*Presentation:* City of Athens, the Athens Coordination Centre for Migrants and Refugees Issues, by Eleftherios Papagiannakis

*Facilitator:* Aliyyah Ahad, Migration Policy Institute Europe

*Rapporteur:* Camille Le Coz, Migration Policy Institute Europe

This workshop will discuss:

Integration is a whole of society process in which both newcomers and established communities must grow. Volunteers and civil society organisations are key allies in this process, providing migrants with information and services while also contributing towards a climate and narrative of welcome.

- What integration services do civil society organisations provide and where do they bring the most added value, such as in mentoring, language teaching, or skills training?
- How can local authorities best coordinate disconnected initiatives and organisations in order to make the most effective use of limited resources?
- How can local authorities work most effectively with migrant organisations to amplify integration efforts?

## Workshop 7

Room 4, separate entrance

### Gender and migration - integration of women migrants

*Presentations:*

- **City of Vienna**, Labour market integration of highly qualified refugee women, by Karin König
- **City of Helsinki**, Kyky project for “migrants stay at home” especially targeting women migrants, by Anu Riila

*Facilitator:* Feyrouz Lajili-Djaläi, EURO CITIES

*Rapporteur:* Anthony Colclough, EURO CITIES

This workshop will discuss:

Gender gap in labour market integration in the EU - while also common for the native-born - is particularly striking among the third country-nationals. It has been shown that labour market integration leads to a broader societal integration, hence the importance - in terms of integration - of not excluding from the jobs market women born outside the EU. We will examine:

- How can cities take into account the gender dimension in their integration strategies, and specifically for labour market integration?
- How can we develop tailored programmes for migrant and refugee women, considering their varying needs?
- How can distinct challenges and discrimination faced by migrant women be addressed in order to reduce the gender gap in integration?

## Workshop 8

Room 3, ground floor

## Undocumented migrants: possible solutions to ensure access to services

*Presentation:* City of Utrecht, C-MISE project, by Jan Braat

*Facilitator:* Tamsin Koumis, Migration Work

*Rapporteur:* Anthony Colclough, EURO CITIES

This workshop will discuss:

- Firewalling and access to services: How do we guarantee human and fundamental rights for all residents of the city, irrespective of status? What are the consequences if we don't manage to?
- Tension between local and national governments: How do we manage relationships with national governments, when we're providing services for people with irregular status?
- How do we explain ourselves - to communicate with users; with other city residents; and with the Government?