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SOCIAL AFFAIRS EUROCITIES FORUM

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2015 PRIORITIES

SOCIAL COHESION AND DIVERSITY

INCLUSION AND EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

TACKLING DEEP-SEATED POVERTY AND WORKLESSNESS

WORKING GROUPS AND CHAIRS

Education
The Hague

Employment
Malmo

Health inequalities
Amsterdam

Homelessness
Utrecht

Housing
Vienna

Migration & integration
Helsinki

Roma inclusion taskforce
Ghent

Smart social inclusion
The Hague

LEARN & NETWORK

Learn from your peers in other cities: replicate their success, avoid their mistakes! Get advice and share knowledge with a wide network of colleagues

“Through EUROCITIES we share good ideas across Europe, and influence and participate in EU policy making on migration and integration, especially by bringing the urban dimension into the debate.”

RAMON SANAHUJA I VELEZ
director for immigration and integration, Barcelona

“Working through EUROCITIES has accelerated our learning as we’ve had the opportunity to learn from the challenges that other cities are facing. Having peer reviews between cities brought in a wider perspective to the day to day work, helping us to improve our policies.”

NEIL MUNSLOW
service manager: active inclusion, Newcastle upon Tyne

HAVE YOUR SAY

Influence EU legislation and funding programmes: make sure that the EU helps your city achieve its goals

“Through EUROCITIES, we engaged in shaping the new round of EU funding. Recently, we successfully argued to combine the European regional development and European social funds (ERDF and ESF). This means that programmes that target both the inclusion of people in society and the physical regeneration of areas at the same time can tackle urban disadvantage more effectively.”

TOM VERSLUYS
advisor International Social Affairs, The Hague

GET EU FUNDING

Get early EU funding forecasts and funding briefs

Find project partners

Participate in EUROCITIES projects

“Cities benefit from learning about funding opportunities early on and being able to contact prospective partners for cooperation projects. For example, Leipzig and Riga started a project under the Comenius Regio programme on early school leaving.”

THOMAS FABIAN
deputy mayor, Leipzig

BE VISIBLE

Build an international profile for your city on social affairs

“I represented EUROCITIES at the 2012 European Platform Against Poverty and Social Exclusion. At this high level event, I was able to raise awareness of how cities are addressing active inclusion challenges and underline how we are leading the way in putting the concept of social investment into practice.”

JOHN COTTON
councillor, Birmingham