

SOCIAL AFFAIRS & PROJECTS

The **CITIES-GROW** project aims to integrate migrants through economic activity in cities. This project is a continuation of the ImpleMentoring project and builds on the mentoring methodology, which was successfully developed, tested and improved. The focus will be on policy implementation and concrete actions.

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The social affairs forum will focus on gentrification, affordable housing, inclusive labour markets and active and healthy ageing. We will also contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights by promoting access to social rights for all and help cities incorporate the SDGs into their local strategies for urban sustainable development. Reception and integration of refugees will remain a priority and we will continue to develop and promote the Solidarity Cities network. This work will continue to receive support from the European Commission through our strategic partnership on social inclusion.

WORKING GROUPS AND CHAIRS

- **Education**
Nantes
- **Employment**
Nantes
- **Homelessness**
Oslo
- **Housing**
Vienna
- **Migration & integration**
Helsinki
- **Roma inclusion**
Ghent
- **Smart social inclusion**
Rotterdam
- **Urban Ageing**
Oslo

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 the Solidarity Cities initiatives, cities such as Palermo, Athens and Thessaloniki learned from other cities, like Barcelona, Zurich and Helsinki, how to plan and implement actions for the reception and integration of refugees in areas such as education and the labour market.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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

Through EUROCITIES cities can have a direct say on EU policies that affect them. For example, cities voiced their commitment and expectations from the European Pillar of Social Rights to the EU institutions and member states by promoting social rights for all residents in our cities.

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

EUROCITIES can bring your example of good practice from your city directly to EU policy-makers. For example, EUROCITIES facilitated Nantes presenting their good practice of adapting early childcare services to family needs directly to European Commission officials. We ensure a direct and easy link from cities to the EU institutions.

CROSS-CUTTING WORK

We work closely with the economic development forum on issues such as long-term investments and public procurement as well as social economy. For example, we developed a political statement on ‘social rights for all’ jointly between the social affairs forum and the economic development forum to show the close connection between social and economic policies.