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## Achievements in the context of the EU budget 2014-2020 negotiations

- European Social Fund
  - stage of the procedure: first reading, awaiting the outcomes of the negotiations between the Council and the Parliament
  - amendments adopted in the Parliament:
- Programme for Social Change and Innovation
  - stage of the procedure: first reading, awaiting the outcomes of the negotiations between the Council and the Parliament
  - amendments adopted in the Parliament: not fully in line with our position but favourable to public authorities in general
- Erasmus for All
  - stage of the procedure: first reading, awaiting the vote on the draft report in the Culture and Education Committee in the Parliament
- Migration and Asylum Fund
  - stage of the procedure: vote on draft report in civil liberties, justice and home affairs committee (October).



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## EUROCITIES presence in the EU-level working groups

- European Education and Training Forum
  - main EU-level stakeholders' forum feeding into the Commission's education and training policy, meets once a year
- stakeholder group of the Thematic Working Groups on early school leaving and early childhood education and care
- stakeholder group of the European Platform against Poverty
  - main stakeholders' forum feeding into the Commission's social policy, meets three times per year
- European Platform for Roma inclusion
  - main stakeholder platform to inform Commission's policy on Roma
- Coalition of stakeholders for the 2012 European Year on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations and EIP on active and healthy ageing
- European Housing Forum



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## EUROCITIES presence in the EU-level events

### Past events:

- Lunch meeting on the ESF regulation with the Urban Intergroup of the European Parliament (8 May)

### Forthcoming events:

- Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty (5-7 December, Brussels)
  - our activities: showcasing projects, providing speakers, working together with the Commission on the content of the event, liaising with the national governments
- Cypriot Presidency event on integration of immigrants (20 November 2012, Nicosia)
  - our activities: help shape agenda which will be on the role of local and regional authorities, facilitate the participation of a speaker from member city to present on multi-level governance on integration funding
- Final event of the 2012 European Year for active ageing and intergenerational solidarity (10 December 2012, Nicosia)
  - Our activities: contribute good practices, provide speakers and content.



- Youth Employment Package, December 2012
  - Chapeau communication with the summary of latest trends and policy initiatives across the EU, the use of the EU funds and next steps in the context of the new budget discussions, the results of targeted actions on mobility and apprenticeships
  - Proposal for a Council recommendation on youth guarantees
  - Quality framework for traineeships
- Social Investment Package, February 2013
  - Commission's initiative to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of social spending (making the case for social investment)
  - Annual Convention in December meant as a public consultation on the Package
- European Innovation Partnership for Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP-AHA)
  - Specific action plan for age-friendly environments
  - Survey assessing the needs of regions, cities and towns regarding a European Initiative supporting age-friendly environments



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## Highlights from Cities for Active Inclusion

### Research and Mutual learning on Active Inclusion

9 city reports plus a Summary Analytical Paper on cities trends and practices for active inclusion and demographic change

Findings: 1) ageing cities; 2) diverse cities; 3) younger cities; 4) growing cities

Cities approaches: 1) active inclusion of the elderly; 2) family support; 3) area-based approaches (disadvantaged neighbourhoods)

Mutual learning activities: two Study Visits: 1) Bologna on Social Economy (May) and 2) Rotterdam on area-based approach (September)



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Raising awareness on Active Inclusion

**9 city events on Active Inclusion:**

6 took place (Brno, Sofia, Birmingham, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Cracow)

3 still to take place:

- Lille/Roubaix (23 October): social innovation
- Copenhagen (24 October): disadvantaged urban areas
- Bologna (25 October): new perspective on Demographic change

**Final event: Brussels 29 November: Demographic change in European cities: city practices for active inclusion**



- 'Making integration work in Europe's cities' (MIXITIES) project on migrant integration (ended May 2012) European Integration Fund
  - Consortium led by EURO CITIES, 18 partners
  - 3 Integrating Cities toolkits, peer reviews, videos
  - Integrating Cities Conference V, Amsterdam, 8-9 March 2012
- Cities that Care, Cities that SHARE - A European Resettlement Network Engaging Cities and Regions
  - Led by ICMC and City of Sheffield, EURO CITIES is partner
  - Study visits, publications and tools for cities
- ImpleMentoring - city-to-city support for migrant integration (starting November 2012)- European Integration Fund
  - Consortium led by EURO CITIES, 12 partner cities
  - Mentoring schemes, toolkits, videos
  - Integrating Cities Conference VI, Tampere, 9-10 September 2013



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Thank you for your attention