

WG Migration & Integration

Business Meeting, 25 February 2021



WG Migration & Integration work plan 2021

- Children & Migration – mutual learning activity
- Labour market integration (focus on migrant women)
- Positive narratives on migration and social cohesion
- Work plan 2021 available [here](#)

Eurocities updates

Policy updates

- Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027
 - easier access for cities to EU funding
 - strong involvement of cities in multi-governance partnerships
 - a clear recognition that cities play a key role in welcoming and integrating newcomers
 - Thematic focus on education, employment, health, housing
- More info [here](#)

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Policy updates

- Legal labour migration – new Skills & Talent package (expected Q3/Q4 2021)
 - Revisions of Long-term Residents Directive, Single Permit Directive, EU Blue Card Directive – e.g. long-term EU residence status & promoted intra-EU mobility for migrants
 - EU Talent Pool to promote regular migration to Europe
 - Eurocities: response to Commission public consultation (available [here](#)) and proposed amendments to Parliament report on new avenues for legal labour migration

Eurocities updates

SAF Steering Committee – 18 February 2021

- SAF priorities 2021-2022
 1. **Building Back Fairer Together:** focus on social recovery post-covid to reduce poverty and inequalities in our cities
 2. **A Home for Everyone:** focus on affordable housing and tackling homelessness
 3. **Welcoming Everyone in our Cities:** focus on managing diversity and social cohesion
- 6 May: Cities' Social Summit: mainstream social dimension in EU recovery
- 16-17 November: Social Innovation Lab in Berlin: 'Cities for inclusive recovery: How can cities use social innovation to ensure fair, green and digital jobs?'