



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Background:

The Conference is part of a series of policy events underpinning the [EUROCITIES Integrating Cities Charter](#) process which started in 2010. EUROCITIES actively engages with the European Commission in establishing a strong policy dialogue to enable the city level, key for developing integration strategies for migrants, to feed into the European level. The Integrating Cities Conference series serves as a platform for this dialogue where European, national and local-level experts and decision-makers in policy areas that are crucial for the integration of migrants in European cities can meet. The importance of involving cities in the implementation of the European agenda for integration cannot be overstated and the conferences are an excellent opportunity to highlight this fact.

Objectives:

The Conference aims to enable city authorities to exchange experiences and discuss the most efficient practices and strategies for integrating migrants at local level. Cities will share their best practices in integrating third-country nationals and discuss local and European-level perspectives for the future of integration. The event will offer various opportunities for dialogue between local politicians and senior officials from Europe's major cities, representatives from EU institutions, international and non-governmental organisations, academics, and migrant communities. This year's conference is organised in the framework of the project "CITIES GROW - Cities integrating refugees and migrants through work", co-funded by the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

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Venue: Fabbrica del Vapore, 4 Via Giulio Cesare Procaccini, 20154 Milan

8.00 - 8.45 Registration

9.00 - 11.00 **Panel debate - Key challenges and possible solutions for integration at local level**

Plenary room
1st floor

Moderator: **Mark Bendeich**, Bureau Chief, Southern Europe at Thomson Reuters

Short presentation of the workshops' main conclusions by 4 rapporteurs followed by a debate.

- **Pierfrancesco Majorino**, Deputy Mayor of Milan for Social Affairs
- **Andreas Germershausen**, Berlin Senate Commissioner for Integration and Migration
- **Giuseppe Mattina**, Palermo Deputy Mayor for Integration and Participation
- **Lola Lopez**, Barcelona Commissioner for Immigration, Interculturality and Diversity
- **Michele Levoy**, Director, PICUM
- **Namaring Abkr**, European Migrant Advisory Board

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.30 **Panel debate - European and local level perspectives on the future of integration**

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Presentation of findings from the EURO CITIES Integrating Cities Charter monitoring report:

- **Eleftherios Papagiannakis**, Deputy Mayor of Athens
Panel reaction, followed by discussion
- **Thomas Fabian**, Leipzig Deputy Mayor for Social Affairs
- **Anna Terron**, Special adviser to Commissioner Malmstrom on migration and Mediterranean issues
- **Laura Corrado**, Head of Unit Legal Migration and Integration, DG HOME
- **Raquel Cortes-Herrera**, Deputy Head of Unit Disability & inclusion, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Federico SODA**, Director, IOM Coordination office for the Mediterranean
- **UNHCR representative** (Name TBC)

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 - 17.30 **Parallel site visits hosted by the City of Milan**

Site visits will offer participants an opportunity to experience policies and projects in the city of Milan related to the integration of migrants. Site visits will run in parallel and the participants will be able to attend one visit of their choice.

