

11th integrating cities conference

Shaping our cities with migrant and local communities

20–21 November 2024

Bologna, Italy



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Background



The conference is part of a series of policy events underpinning the Eurocities Integrating Cities process which started in 2006.

Eurocities actively engages with the European Commission in establishing a strong policy dialogue to enable the city level, which is key for developing integration strategies for migrants, to feed into the European level.

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 the inclusion and meaningful participation of migrants at the local level.

Cities will share their best practices in integrating migrant communities and discuss local and European-level perspectives for the future of integration and inclusion. 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 'UNITES – Urban INTEgration Strategies through co-design', co-funded by the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and focuses on "Shaping our cities with migrant and local communities".

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📍 Biblioteca Sala Borsa in Palazzo d'Accursio – Piazza del Nettuno, 3, 40124 Bologna

8:30 Registration & welcome coffee

📍 Welcome desk

9:00 Opening & welcome speeches

📍 Auditorium Biagi
🗣️ Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

09:10 **Anna Lisa Boni**, Deputy Mayor, Bologna
09:20 **Rutger Groot Wassink**, Deputy Mayor,
Amsterdam & Chair of Eurocities Working Group
Migration & Integration

9:45 **Panel debate**

Rethinking Participation: cities
and migrants building stronger
local democracies

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Francisco Javier Ayala Ortega, Mayor, Fuenlabrada
Aurélie Belzunces, Head of Sector, Integration and
Resettlement, European Commission
Rutger Groot Wassink, Deputy Mayor, Amsterdam & Chair of
Eurocities Working Group Migration & Integration
Shada Islam, Journalist and Founder of New Horizons Project
Yves Pascouau, Vicepresident, Nantes Metropole

11:00 ☕ Coffee break

11:30 **Parallel workshops**

1. Homelessness and migrants
with a precarious status: an
overview from the local level

👤 **Guido Acquaviva**, Director Welfare
and Health, Milan
Jan Braat, Senior Advisor, Utrecht
Jennie Corbett, Principal for Asylum
and Migration, Greater Manchester

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🗣️ **Moderator:** Myriam Cherti, COMPAS,
Oxford University

📍 Anziani

2. Participatory art and
culture for an inclusive
society in European cities

👤 **Amir Issaa**, Artist
Rita Monticelli, Delegate of the
Mayor for Human Rights,
Interreligious and Intercultural
Dialogue, Bologna, and Professor,
Università degli Studi di Bologna
Mika Penttilä, Director of Education
and Cultural Services, Oulu

🗣️ **Moderator:** Ceri Hutton, MigrationWork

📍 Tassinari

3. Co-design in
"emergencies": examples
from European cities

👤 **Adem Kumcu**, President, UNITEE
Panagiotis Psathas, Head of
Department for the support and
social inclusion of Migrants and
Refugees, Athens
Eugenia Rozbitskaya, President
of 'Faina UA' association

🗣️ **Moderator:** Dirk Gebhardt,
MigrationWork

📍 Biagi



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13:00 🍴 Lunch break

Short films screening in Auditorium Biagi at 13:50

14:30 **Parallel workshops**

4. Cities fostering safer spaces for the participation of vulnerable migrants

👤 **Ari Alatossava**, Mayor, Oulu
Kirstie Angstmann, Elected Member of the Migrants Council and the Women Commission, Freiburg
Daro Sakho, Diversity Manager, Bologna
Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary General, ALDA

🗣️ **Moderator:** Razan Ismail, New Women Connectors

📍 Biagi

5. A peer-learning journey with the Integration Champions: A Eurocities initiative

👤 **Ibtisam Adem**, Councillor, London Borough of Lambeth
Jan Janoušek, Specialist in Foreigners Integration, Prague
Caroline Schlenker, Project Manager, Grenoble Alpes Metropole
Priyanka Sood, Integration Services Manager, Oulu

🗣️ **Moderator:** Sue Lukes and Richard Williams, MigrationWork

📍 Anziani

6. Community participation and wellbeing among migrants and refugees

👤 **Abd Alrhman Marae**, Representative of the Agora in Grenoble Alpes Metropole
Sara Martinez-Damia, Professor in Psychology, University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Ronke Oluwadare, Systemic Social constructivist Psychotherapist

🗣️ **Moderator:** Bella Kosmala, MigrationWork

📍 Tassinari

16:00 🕒 Free time

19:00 Cultural activity by Bologna municipality – Performance by Cantieri Meticci

📍 In front of the entrance of Sala Borsa

20:00 **Integrating Cities Charter signing ceremony & Reception dinner**

📍 Sala Borsa

🗣️ Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

New signatory cities: Bologna, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Grenoble Alpes Metropole, Vilnius
Anna Lisa Boni, Deputy Mayor, Bologna
André Sobczak, Secretary General, Eurocities

22:15



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📍 Welcome desk

9:15 Presentation of the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

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9:30 **Panel debate**

Co-designing narratives to shape an inclusive society

Faouzi Achbar, Deputy Mayor, Rotterdam

Simona Bieliūnė, Deputy Mayor, Vilnius

Emily Marion Clancy, Deputy Mayor, Bologna

Fatemeh Jailani, COO, SINGA Global

Kim Smouter-Umans, Director General, European Network Against Racism

Benedetto Zacchioli, President European Coalition of Cities Against Racism

📍 Auditorium Biagi

🗣️ Moderated by Ali Al-Jaberi

10:45 ☕ Coffee break

11:00 **Parallel site visits**

SALUS Space

SALUS is a space for social innovation through a participatory design process (co-design), with a generative and intercultural Welfare approach. It is a centre of local services for citizens in a multi-purpose building.

📍 Bus to [Via Malvezza, 2/2](#)

Intercultural Centre

Massimo Zonarelli

The Intercultural Centre promotes the participation of new citizens in the Municipality and supports migrant and intercultural associations.

📍 Bus to [Via Giovanni Antonio Sacco, 14](#)

Cantieri Meticci and Centro

Diurno at MET Space

MET Space was a warehouse, now regenerated with a view to recycling. It hosts exhibitions, shows, intercultural evenings, events and a Youth day center for unaccompanied minor migrants and young adults.

📍 Bus to [Via Massimo Gorki, 6](#)

13:30 Transport back to the venue. Closing words and lunch 🍴

📍 Auditorium Biagi

15:00



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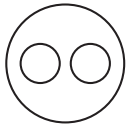
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But we'll see you in person!

