

## Seminar

# “Employment, Culture, Participation: re-shape European cities and communities for the effective inclusion of migrants”

Discussing the findings of three Europe for Citizens funded projects



“URGENT: Urban Re-Generation: European Network of Towns”



“BY-ME - Boosting young Migrants’ participation in European cities”

*The New European Citizens*

“The New European Citizens – lights and shadows of the European Union’s future through the eyes of the present and future young citizens”

22-23 March  
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## RATIONALE

Migration is a long term and stable process in the European Union. Besides the challenge of managing the current migrants and asylum seekers' flows, there is a stable group of third country nationals that permanently live, work, study, grow in our European countries. One of the main challenges for the future of the European Union is to promote an effective and active inclusion of this target European population so as to prevent and tackle social fragmentation, inequality and divisions that feed extremism and radicalisation on both sides and challenge fundamental European values such as integration and tolerance.

*The social and economic costs of the failure to integrate third country nationals may well exceed the investments needed in integration policy and the potential which results from this, especially when looking at youth and new generations. Many of them are born or raised up in Europe, but still experience excessive burdens from becoming citizens and fail to feel effectively part of the communities they live in. Local authorities and civil society associations are in the front line with the challenge and opportunity of integration. The Europe for Citizens programme is a key tool to support them in the process, which is crucial for the future of Europe.*

An effective integration policy calls other policy areas to be taken into account and a horizontal implementation is therefore requested. The objective of the seminar is to exchange knowledge, experience and good practice for successful integration policies developed together with youngsters and citizens.

The debate will benefit from the inputs of three Europe for Citizens funded projects bringing in citizens' voice, especially young people's voice, on how to promote integration through employment, culture and active citizenship, in order to effectively contribute to Europe's growth and change towards equality and inclusion.

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AGENDA

**22 March**

European Parliament

Room: A5G-1

14.30	Meeting at the Place du Luxembourg entrance to the EP
14.30 – 15.30	Registration
15.30 – 16.00	Opening remarks Ms María Teresa GIMÉNEZ BARBAT, MEP Ms Sylvie GUILLAUME, MEP (tbc) Mr Gilles PELAYO, Head of Office, Europe for Citizens Programme
16.00 – 16.05	Video promoting the Europe for Citizens programme
16.05 – 16.30	Inputs on migrants' integration from Europe for Citizens' co-funded projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Project “Boosting young Migrants’ participation in European cities”</li><li>○ Project “New European Citizens – <i>lights and shadows of the European Union’s future through the eyes of the present and future young citizens</i>”</li><li>○ Project “URGENT - Urban Re-Generation: European Network of Towns”</li></ul>
16.30 – 17.00	Q & A
17.00 – 17.05	Conclusions
17.05 – 18.00	Coffee network
18.00 – 20.00	Free time
20.00 – 21.00	Dinner

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## 23 March

### Representation of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

Rue du Commerce 49

09.00 – 09.30	Gathering of the group
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome speech Representative of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region Representative of ALDA – the European Association for Local Democracy
09.45 – 10.00	Introduction to the working groups (Employment, Culture, Active Citizenship)
10.00 – 11.30	Working groups
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 12.30	Working groups
12.30 – 12.45	Presentation of outcomes
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.00	Moving to the Centre Culturel d’Etterbeek
14.00 – 14.05	Welcome at the Centre Culturel d’Etterbeek Le Senghor (Chaussée de Wavre 366, 1040 Etterbeek)
14.05 – 14.15	Welcome speeches from authorities Ms Colette NJOMGANG-FONKEU, Councilor for Francophone Culture and President of Seghor Mr Rik BAETEN, Councilor on Social Cohesion, Solidarity and International Cooperation Mr Rik JELLEMA, Councilor on Sustainable neighbourhoods
14.15 – 14.30	Presentation from Mr Martin Smets, Director of Senghor on the programme alpha/FLE, the “living together” activities and other intercultural initiatives of the center
14.30 – 14.45	Presentation from Ms Natacha Devos of Etterbeek CPAS on migrants’ integration

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14.45 – 15.00	Presentation from Mr Jean-François Maljean, Department Sustainable Neighbourhoods on the project “Corner of Regions”
15.00 – 15.30	Visit / presentation / demonstration of activities of the Senghor center
15.30 – 16.00	Visit of Maison Hap
16.00	Departure of participants

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ALDA – the European Association for Local Democracy

ICEI – Istituto Cooperazione Economica Internazionale

GEA Coop Sociale

Local Democracy Agency  
Mostar

City of Milan

University of Granada

Association of Albanian Municipalities

ALCC - Associação Lusofonia Cultura e Cidadania

University of Piraeus

SPES - Associazione Promozione e Solidarietà

City of Lisbon

University Marin Barleti

Local Councils' Association  
Malta

Fedelatina - Federació de Entidades Latinoamericanas de Catalunya

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