

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, which is key for developing integration strategies for migrants, to feed into the European level. This year we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Integrating Cities Conference, strengthening the dialogue between 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 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 'CONNECTION – CONNEcting Cities Towards Integration actiON', co-funded by the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and focuses on **"Inclusion for all. Empowering vulnerable migrants in cities"**.

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Programme:

Wednesday, 16 November 2022
Venue: Jaarbeurs, Jaarbeursplein, 3521 Utrecht

08.30– 09.00

Welcome desk

Registration

09:00 – 09:30

*Plenary room
1st floor*

Conference opening & welcome speeches

Moderator: Ali Al-Jaberi

09:05-09:20 **Rachel Streefland** (tbc), Deputy Mayor, Utrecht

09:20-09:30 **André Sobczak**, Secretary General, Eurocities



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9:30-9:45	Keynote speech Commissioner Ylva Johansson , (tbc) European Commission DG Home Affairs
9:45-11:00	Panel debate I - Cities welcoming refugees: exploring opportunities for multi-level cooperation and funding Rachel Streefland , (tbc) First Deputy Mayor, Asylum and Integration, Utrecht Michał Olszewski , (tbc) Deputy Mayor, Warsaw Thomas Fabian , Deputy Mayor, Leipzig Beate Gminder , Head of task force migration management and Deputy Director General Home Affairs Funds and Audit, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission Damian Boeselager , (tbc) Member of the European Parliament
11:00-11.30	Coffee break & network around Projects corners (please see the Projects Corner sheet)
11:30-13:00	Parallel workshops - session I (please see the Workshops sheet)
Workshop 1 <i>Name of the room</i>	Undocumented migrants: possible solutions to ensure access to services
Workshop 2 <i>Name of the room</i>	Shaping local narratives on migration and diversity through decolonisation
Workshop 3 <i>Name of the room</i>	How to create safe spaces for LGBTQI+ refugees?
13:00-14:15 <i>Name of the room</i>	Lunch break and Projects & best practices corner (please see the Projects Corner sheet)
14:30-16:00	Parallel workshops - session II (please see the Workshops sheet)
Workshop 4 <i>Name of the room</i>	Unaccompanied minors and migrant children: challenges and good practices for integration
Workshop 5 <i>Name of the room</i>	Creating bridges for refugees' integration at neighbourhood level
Workshop 6 <i>Name of the room</i>	Crisis management at the local level: initial reception of refugees and beyond
16:00-18:00	Free time
18:00-18:30	Meeting point at Jaarbeurs transfer to the evening venue



19:00 – 22:00

Integrating Cities signing ceremony & Reception dinner

Venue: Het Spoorwegmuseum RAILWAY MUSEUM, *Maliebaanstation, Utrecht*

Thursday, 17 November 2022

Venue: Het Huis Utrecht, huis voor makers, Boorstraat 107, 3513 Utrecht

8:30–09:00

Welcome desk

Registration

09:00 – 10:30

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Panel II – The gender dimension of integration policies: How to include and identify migrant women's needs when looking at migrant integration?

Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, (tbc) Mayor, Malmö

Geneviève Letourneux, (tbc) Municipal Councillor for Women's Rights and the Fight against Discrimination, Rennes

Halleh Ghorashi, Professor of Diversity and Integration at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Anila Noor, (tbc) Founder and Managing Director, New Women Connectors

Carlien Scheele, (tbc) Director, European Institute for Gender Equality

10:30 – 11:00

Plenary room

1st floor

Coffee break & network around **Projects corners** ([please see the Projects Corner sheet](#))

11:00 – 12:30

Name of the room

In the breakouts

Training by CONNECTION Integration champions

Training 1: How can cities develop a strategic approach to integration, participation and interaction?

Training 2: How to build a gender dimension into local integration policies?

Training 3: How can cities build pathways to employment for migrants?

Training 4: How to design one-stop-shops as an integrated response to integration needs?

12:30 – 13:30

Plenary room

1st floor

Lunch break

13:30 – 16:00

Meeting point:

Jaarbeurs

Parallel site visits hosted by the city of Utrecht

Site visit 1

Bus transport

Plan Einstein

Since 2019, Plan Einstein is a hub for asylum seekers where the neighbourhood, the associations and local authorities work together. It offers services aimed at integration and empowerment of newcomers, involving the local community. The visit to plan Einstein centre will also be an



opportunity to meet representatives of **Welkom in Utrecht**, the **Refugee Council** and the **Universities** providing courses on Entrepreneurship, build your own business.

Site visit 2

Bus transport

Foundation for Emergency Care for Homeless Foreigners (SNDVU) and De Toevlucht Foundation

This visit focuses on the work of two foundations working in access to housing and temporary shelter for undocumented migrants.

Site visit 3

Bus transport

MOWAD Foundation

MOWAD is a migrant organisation funded for and by African people, in 2014. It is engaged in encouraging the social, economic and political participation of West African youth, and in empowering them to strengthen their position in the labour market.



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