

UNITES

UrbaN InTEgration Strategies
through co-design



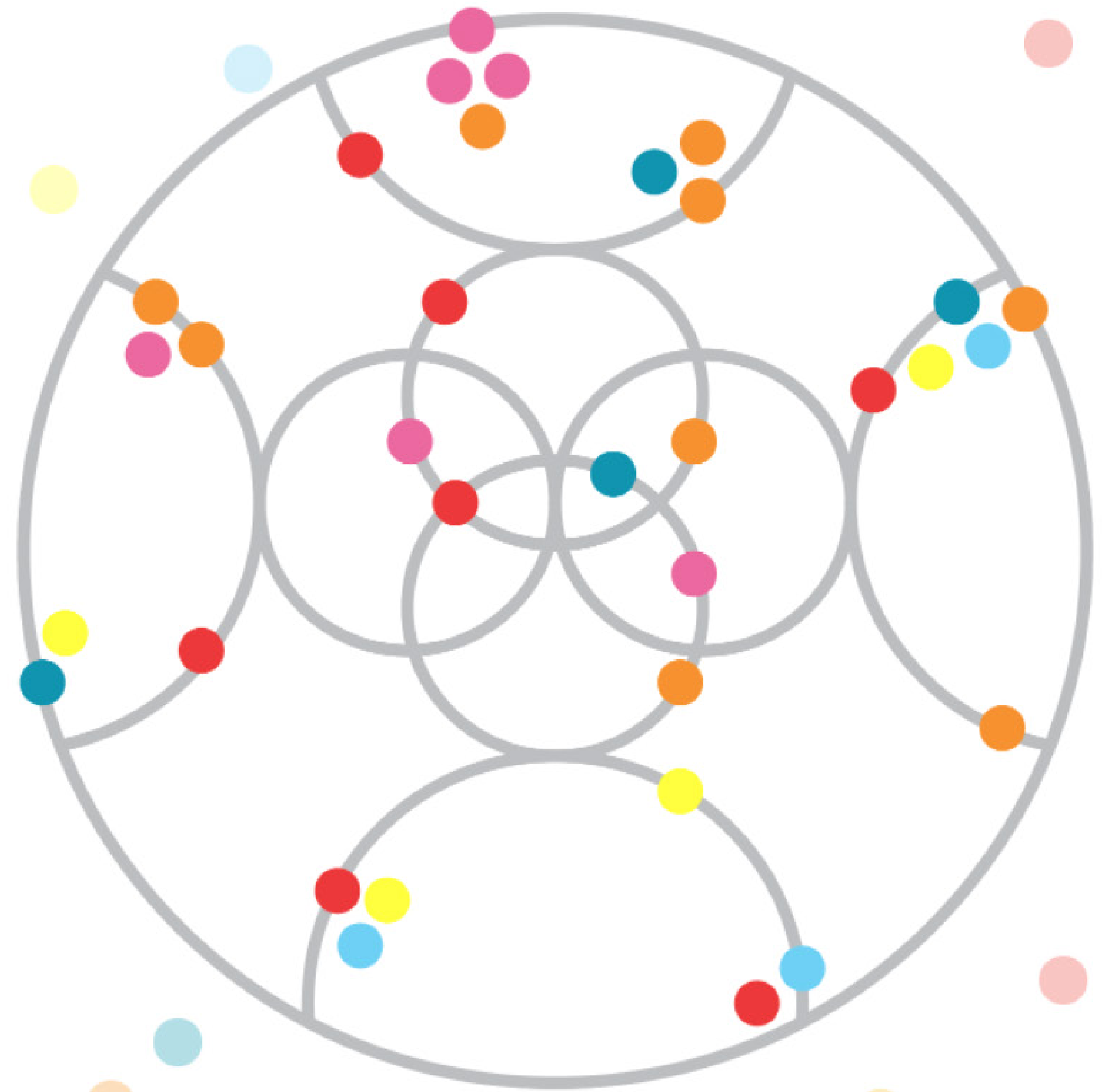
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Cities are at the forefront of welcoming and guiding newcomers and making integration policies more effective and impactful.

Going even further in its efforts for integration, the local level is working on building a systematic collaboration with partners outside the municipality from a “whole society approach”. Citizens and the local community, social partners, together with migrants themselves, have increasingly become protagonists in co-designing integration measures. By becoming actors rather than passive beneficiaries in this area, migrants are empowered and faster integrated into the local society. This is why UNITES will use co-design methods to improve integration strategies and decrease societal polarisation.



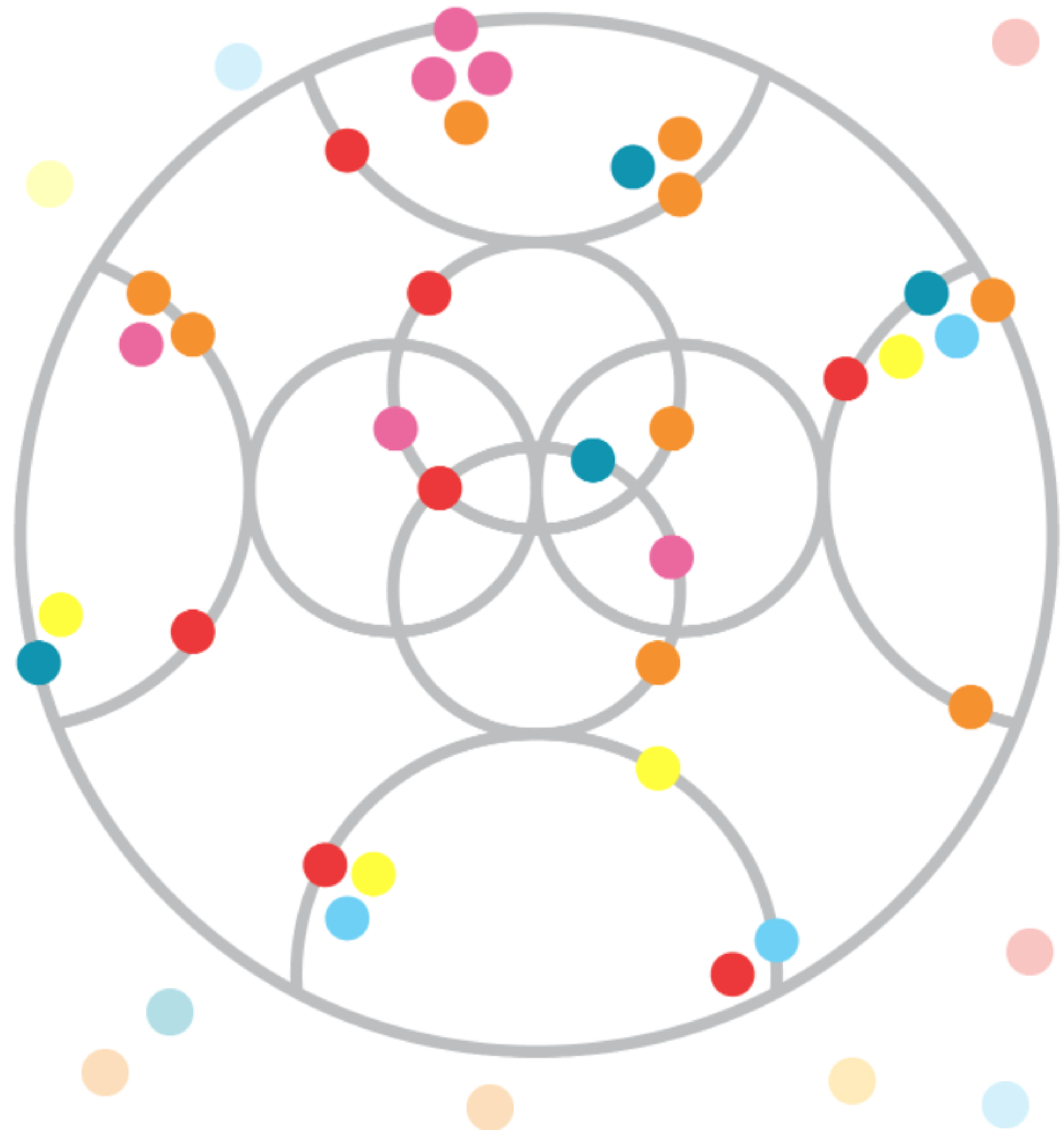
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Led by Eurocities, UNITES (UrbaN InTEgration Strategies through co-design) trains and accompanies local authorities to co-design integration strategies with other stakeholders and migrants.

In a first stage, UNITES will develop training on co-designing integration strategies, incorporating research on best practices across Europe. A pilot version of the training will be conducted with staff from the 8 cities participating in the project. The training will then be developed into an open access online course (MOOC) for integration practitioners outside the project, which will be tested with stakeholders in the 8 partner cities.

In a second stage, the 8 city partners will receive a 20.000€ grant to set up a new mechanism for stakeholder consultation and develop their local integration strategy through co-design with stakeholders and migrants. In planning and implementing their actions, they will receive guidance from colleagues from other cities and migrant organisations in peer workshops and peer-visits to each city.



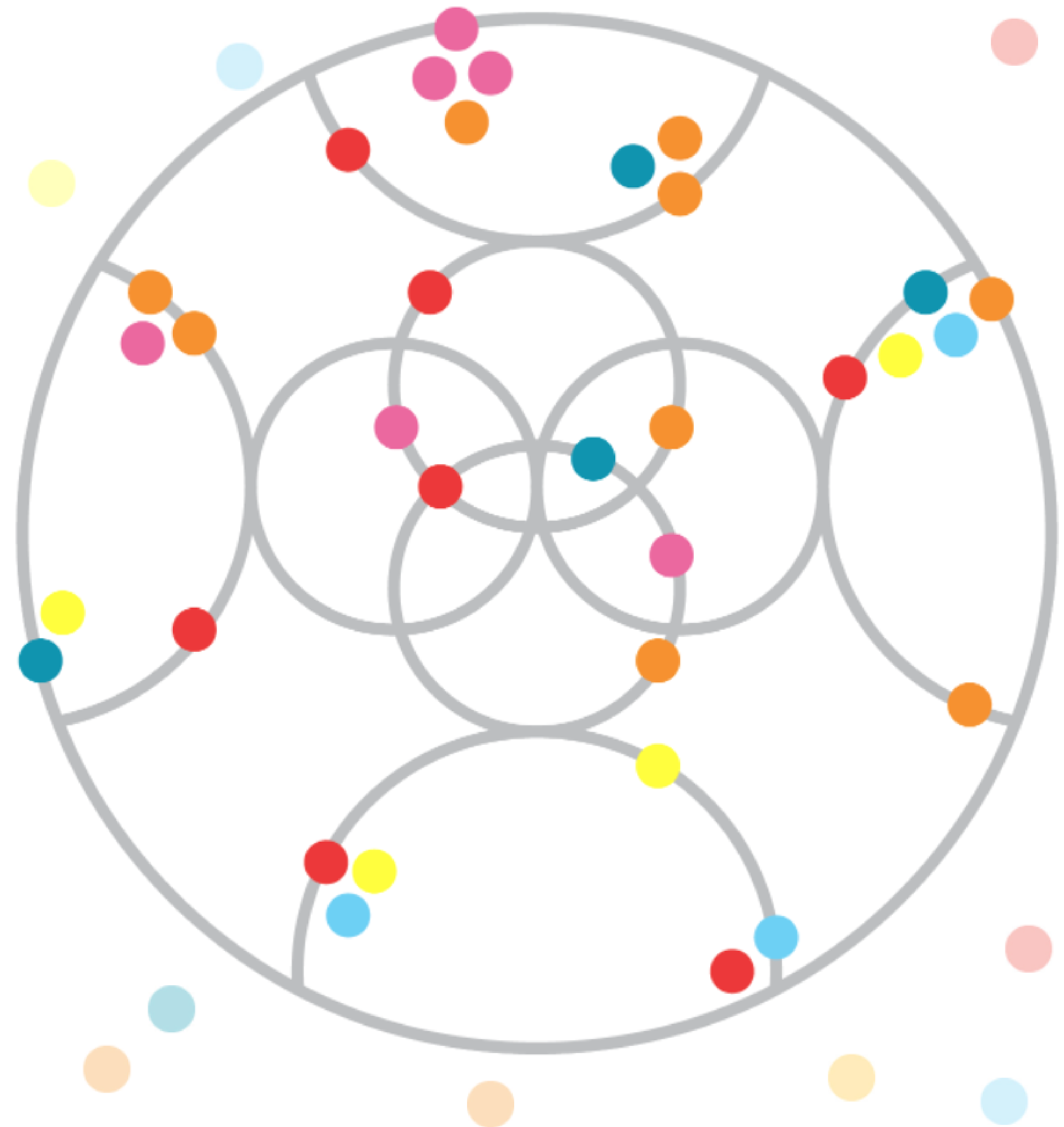
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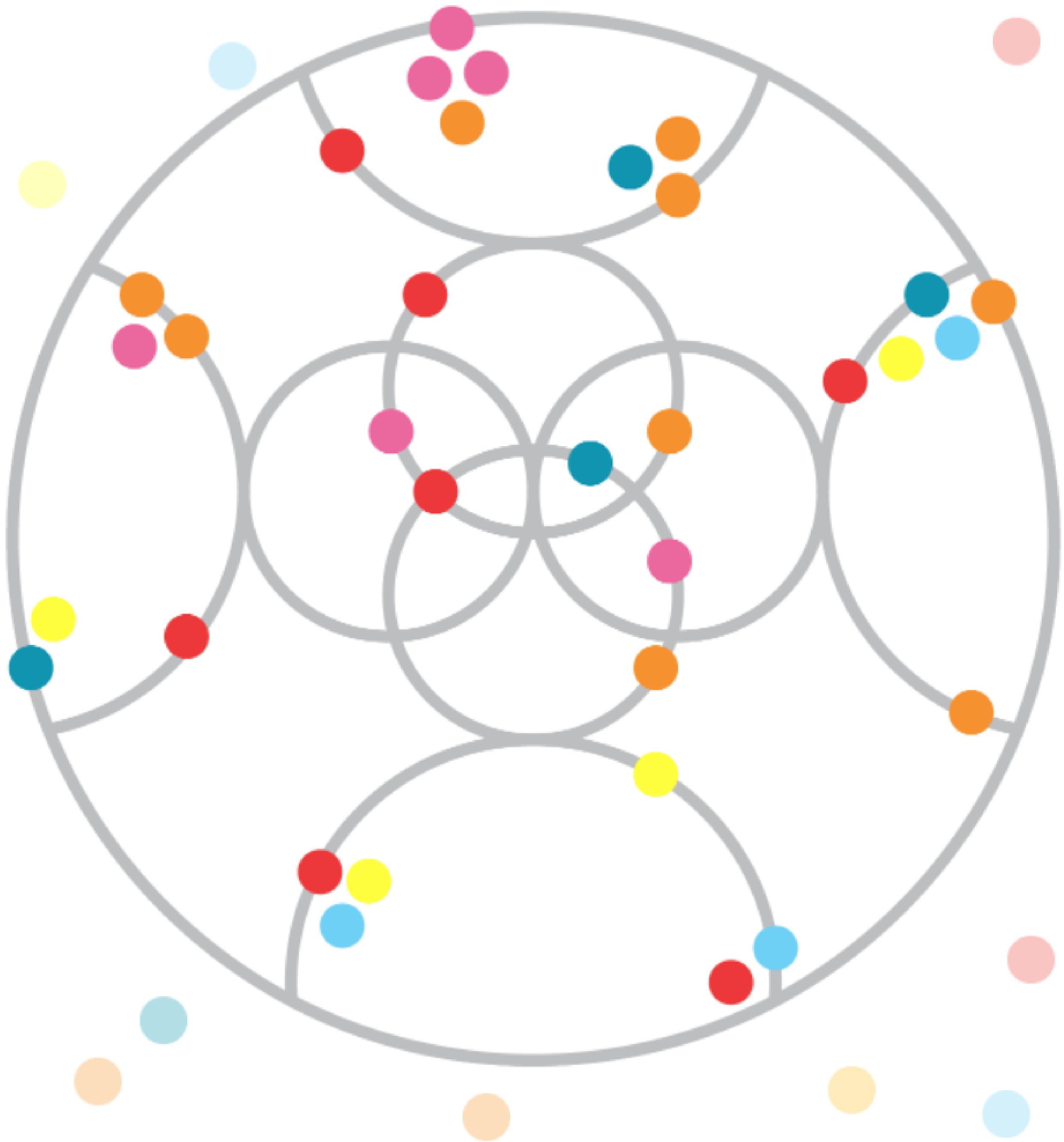
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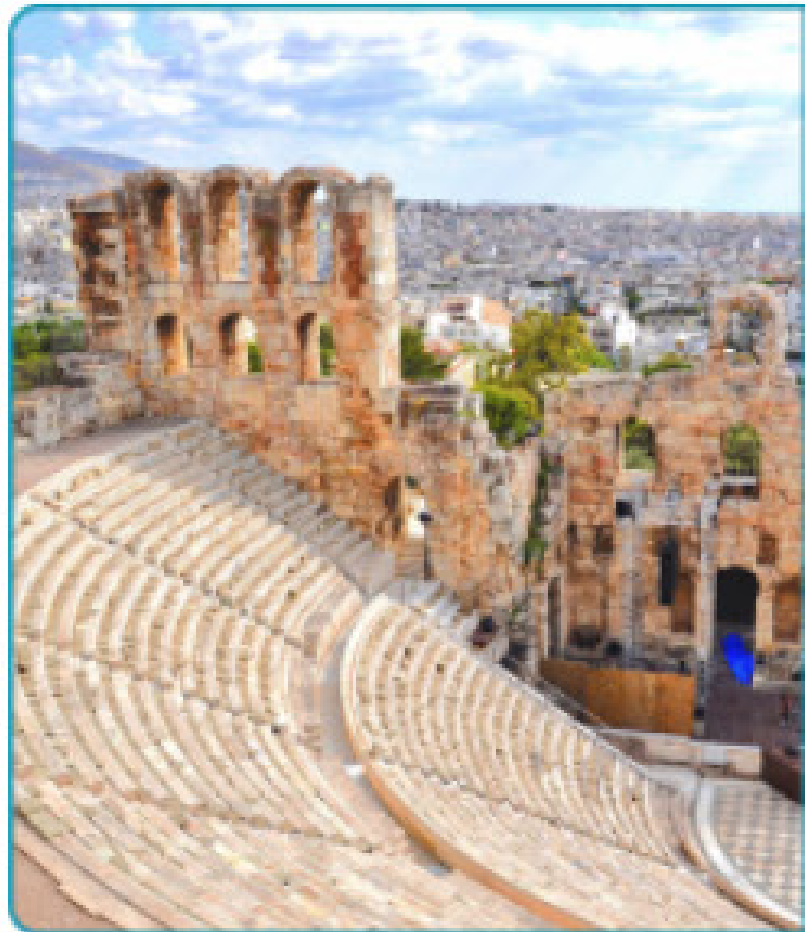


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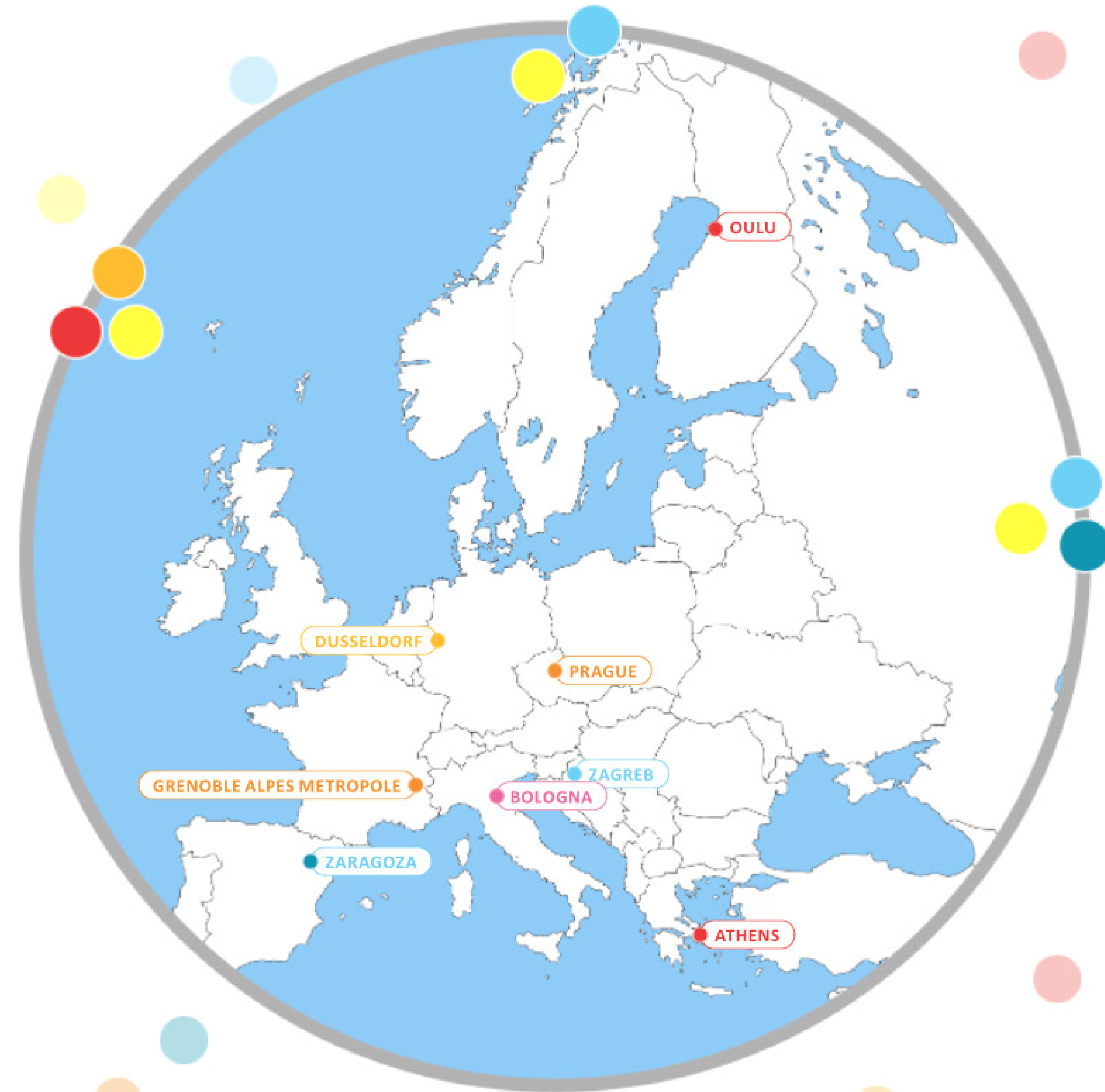
1. improve integration outcomes by co-designing integration strategies with stakeholders, citizens and vulnerable migrants
2. train integration practitioners in managing co-design processes through different forms of learning and exchange of good practices
3. foster the participation of citizens, including migrants but also vulnerable migrants in the co-design of integration strategy
4. raise awareness on the advantages of a “whole of society approach” to integration



CITIES ATHENS



In the last few years, Athens developed local coordination mechanisms, like the Migrant Integration Council for dialogue between migrant communities and the city council, or the Athens Coordination Centre for Migrants and Refugees (ACCMR), for coordination with the civil society. In UNITES, Athens strives to improve existing stakeholder coordination and develop a strategy for early access to rights for recently recognised refugees.



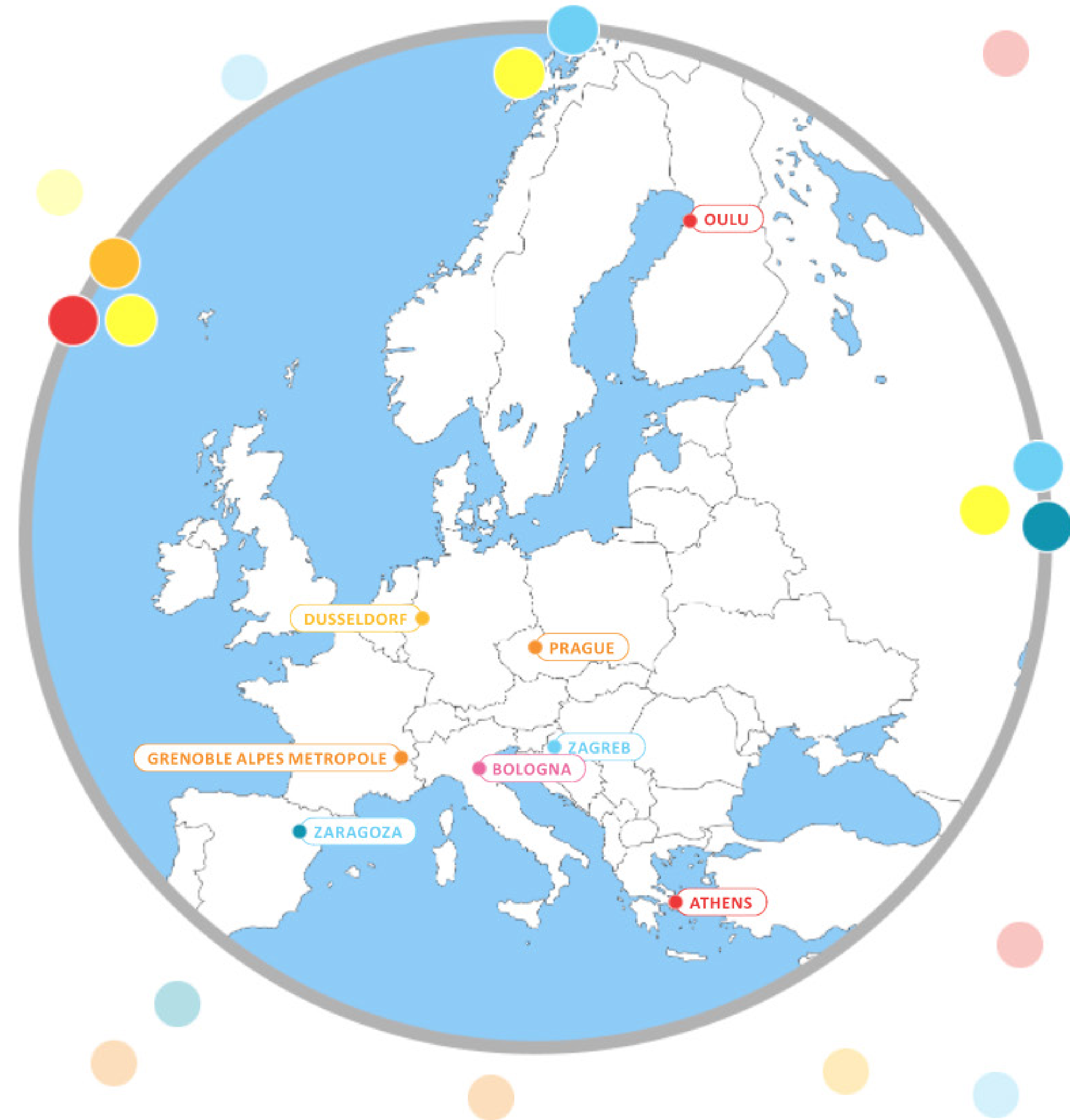
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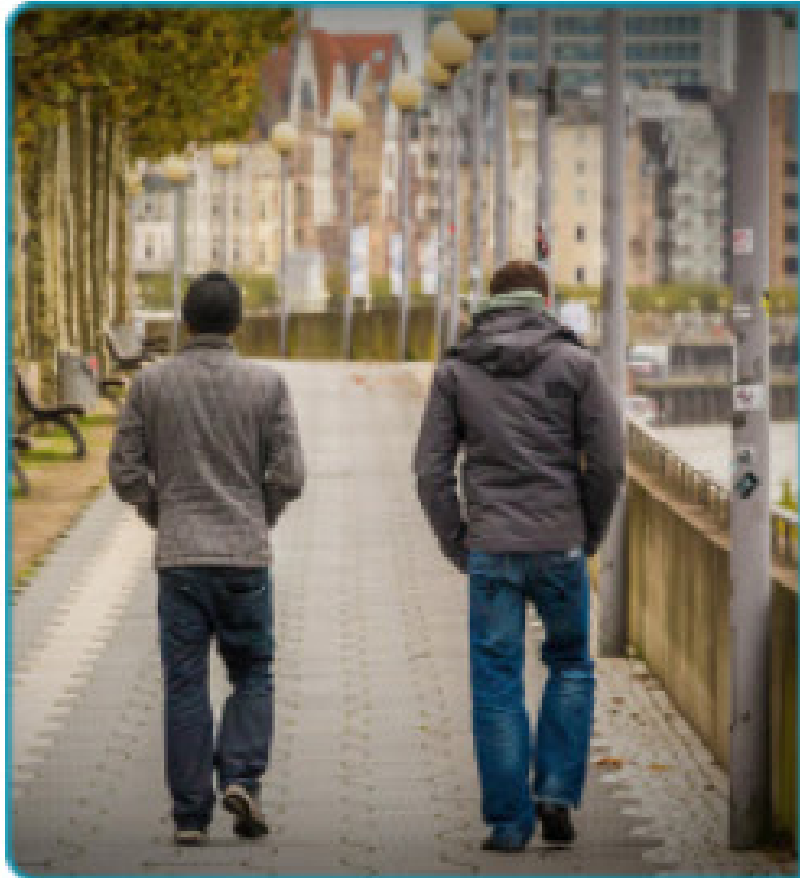
Through its active citizenship strategy and unit for promoting co-design, Bologna developed an Intercultural space for encounter, SALUS. In UNITES, the city's ambition is to establish a city-wide stakeholder coordination and extend SALUS to other stakeholder groups.



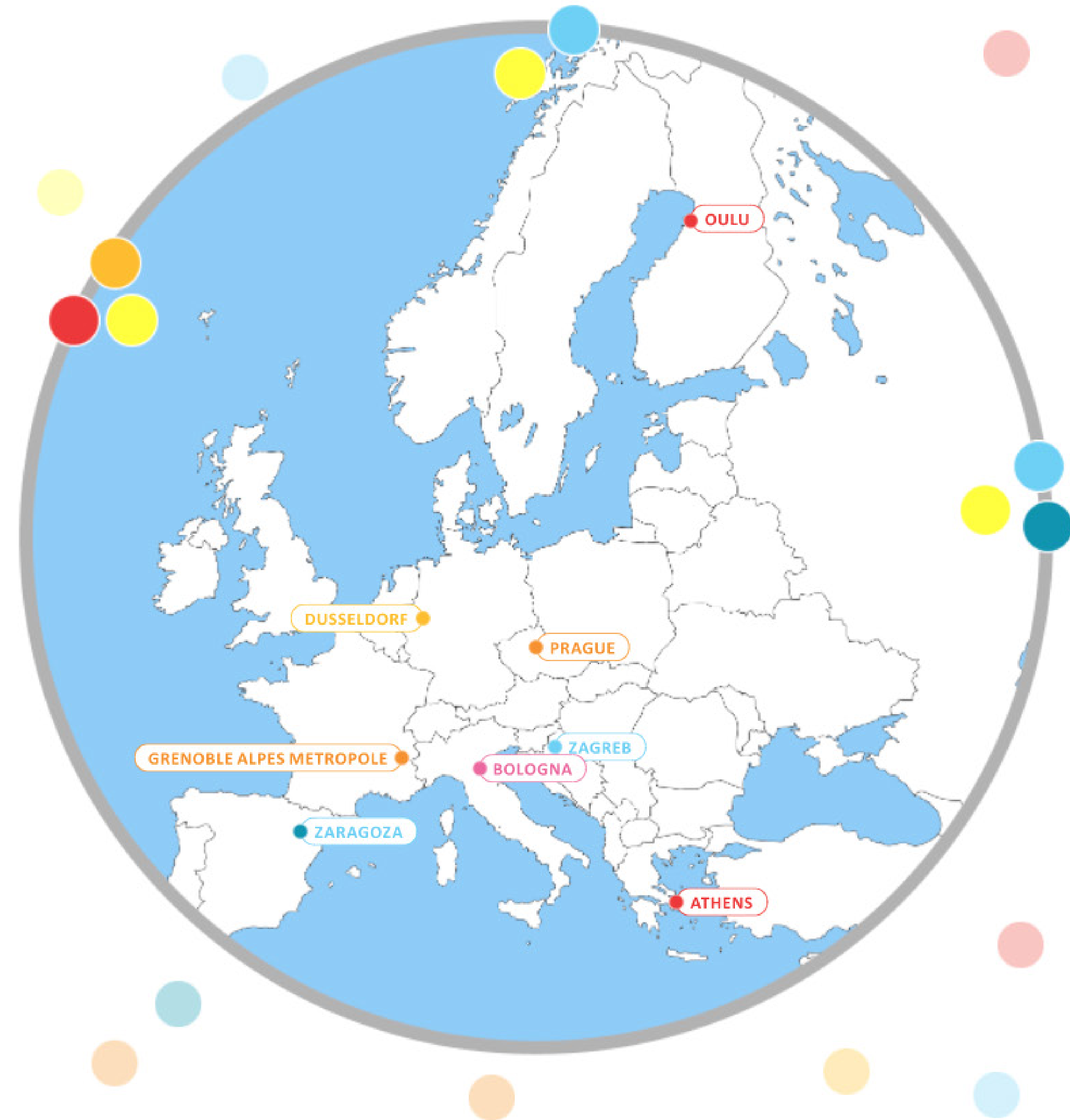
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CITIES DÜSSELDORF



Düsseldorf has recently initialised a process to further operationalise the local integration strategy, carried out within a network of different stakeholders. In UNITES, the city wants to update its integration strategy through co-design, improve stakeholders' coordination, and initiate operationalisation and implementation processes.

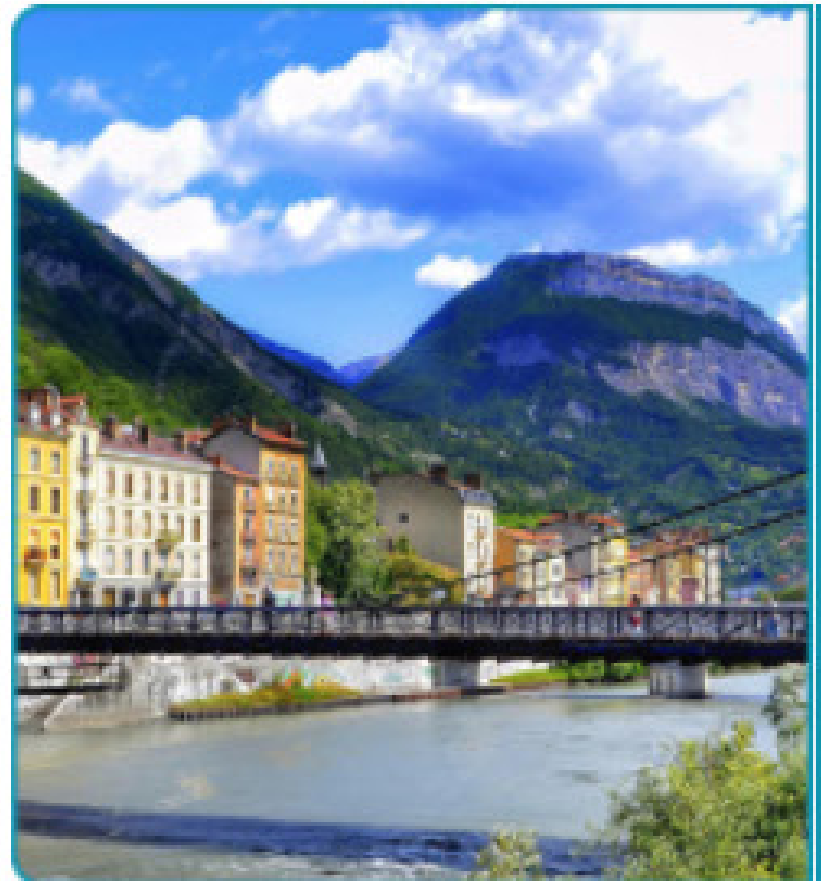


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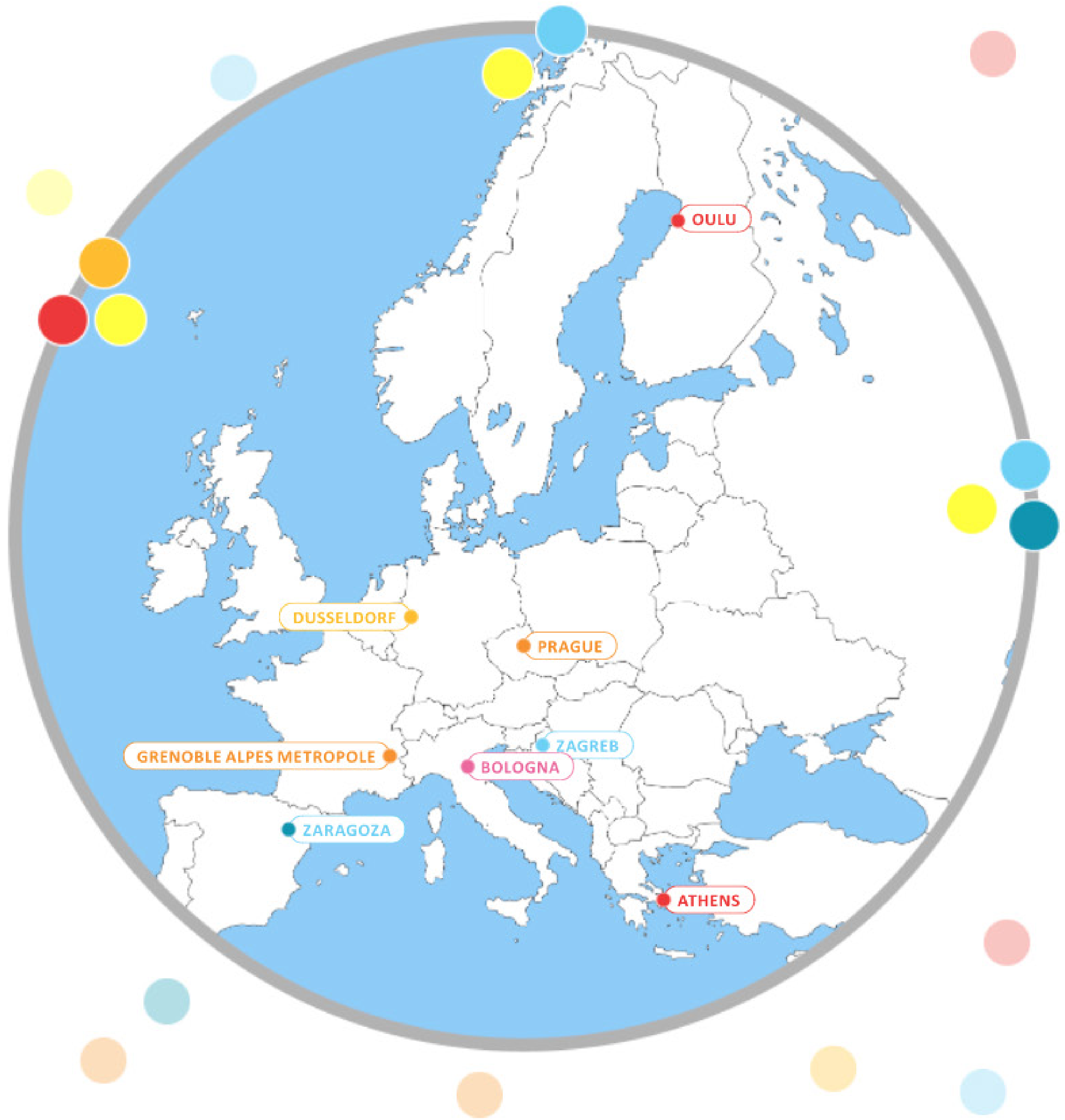


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GRENOBLE ALPES MÉTROPOLES



Grenoble plans to develop the “Maison de l’accueil des personnes exilées”, providing information and training to newcomers while involving stakeholders. Their goal in the project is to extend multi-stakeholder governance, including refugees themselves, conduct capacity building for associations and individual migrants, and conduct a participative evaluation of the local refugee integration strategy.



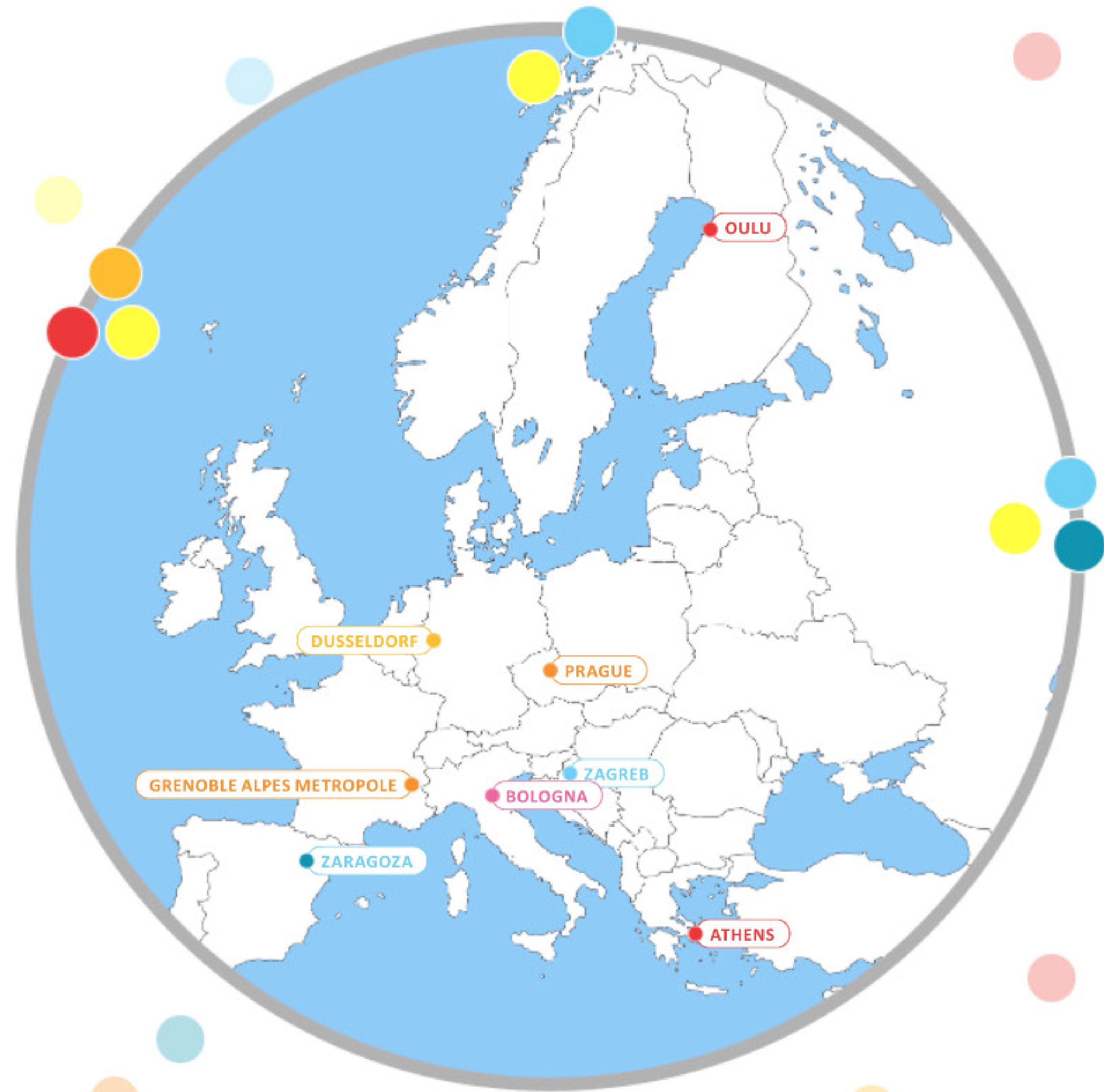
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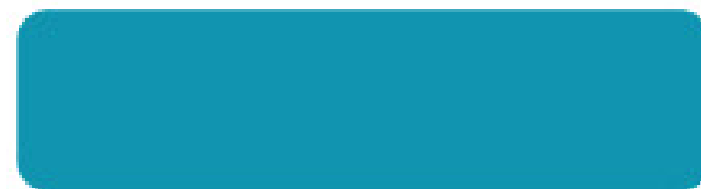
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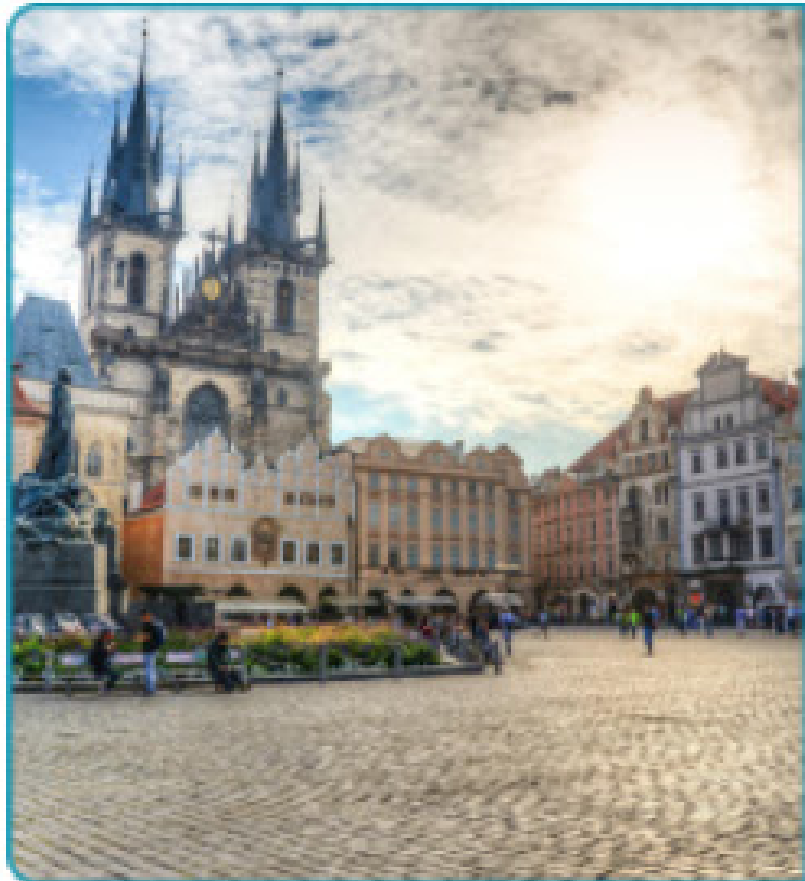
Since 2018, Oulu has developed a local integration strategy, focusing on polarisation and children and youth. Their plan within UNITES is to update this integration strategy with a participatory approach and revise the existing stakeholder coordination mechanisms and migration involvement.



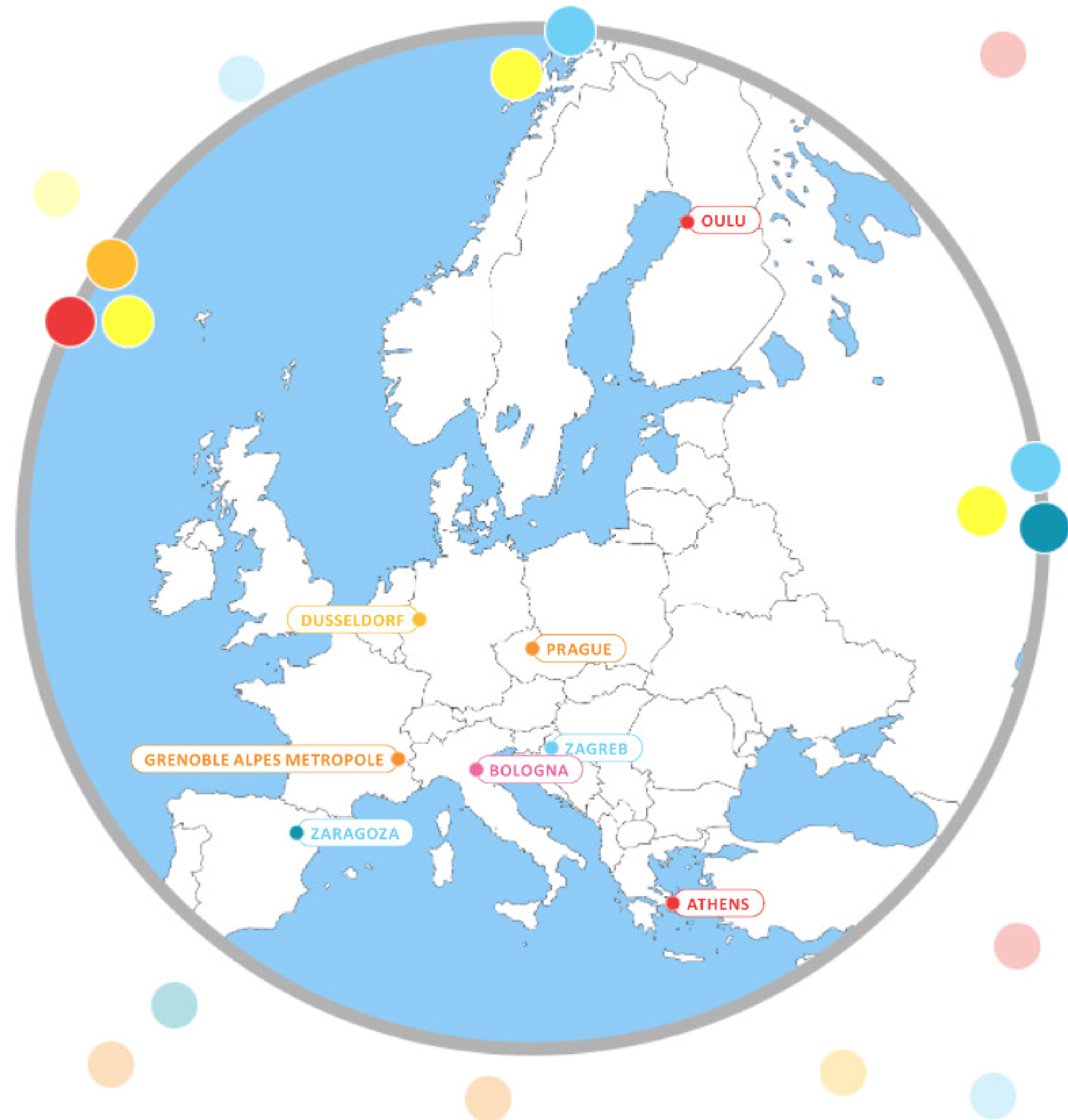
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Since 2020, the different integration strategies of the city are being updated. Prague wants to use UNITES to develop a participative evaluation of the current strategies leading to its final update and set up a stakeholder coordination structure.



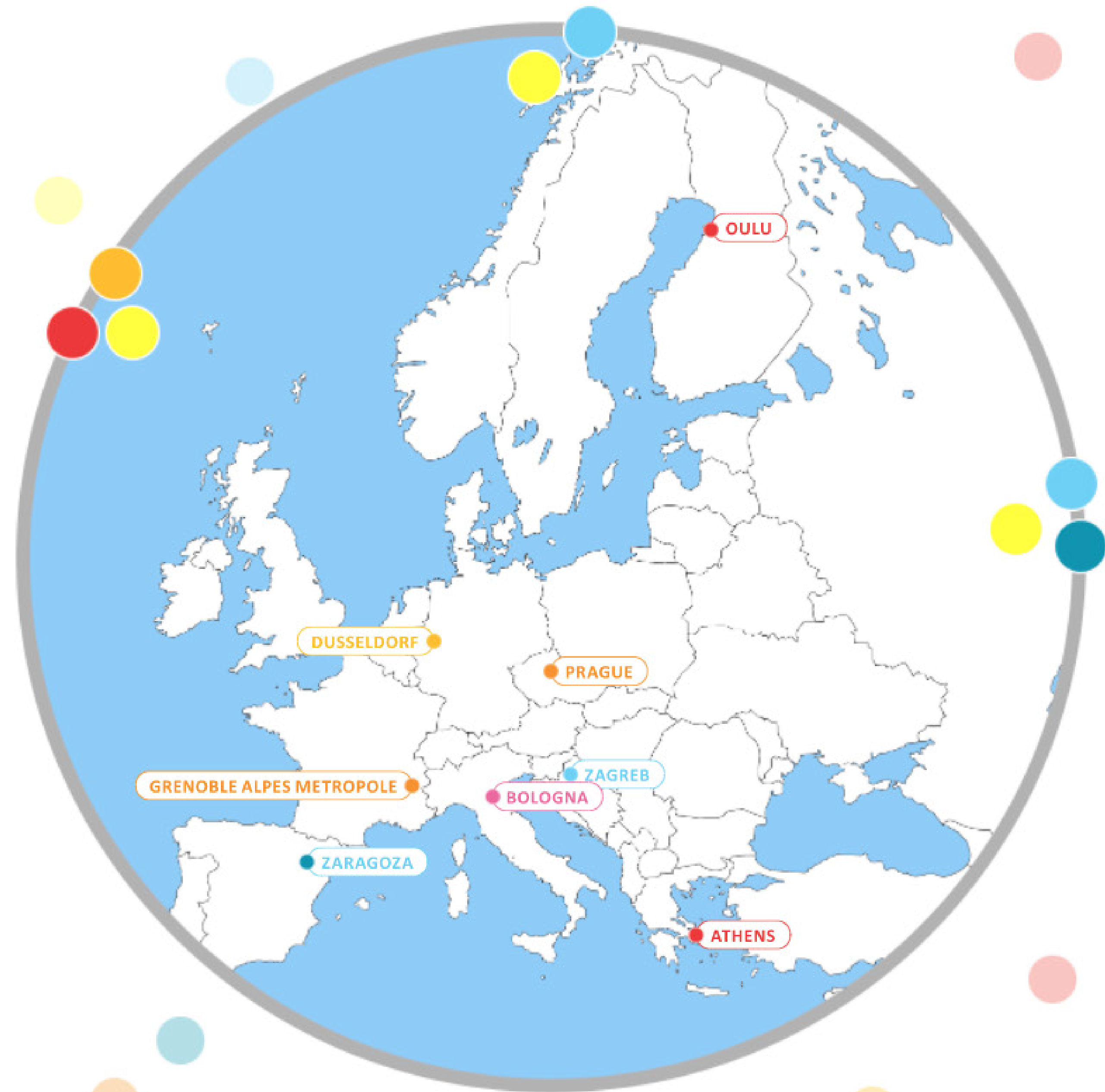
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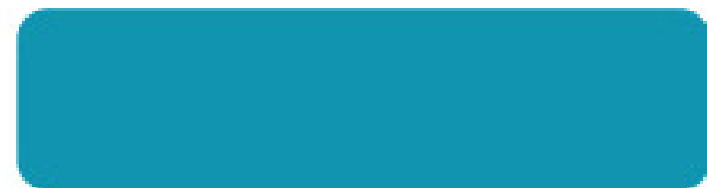
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Zagreb has just adopted an action plan for the Integration of Persons Granted International protection. In UNITES, the Croatian capital plans to set a stakeholder coordination group and continue its efforts for integration, based on the national integration plan.



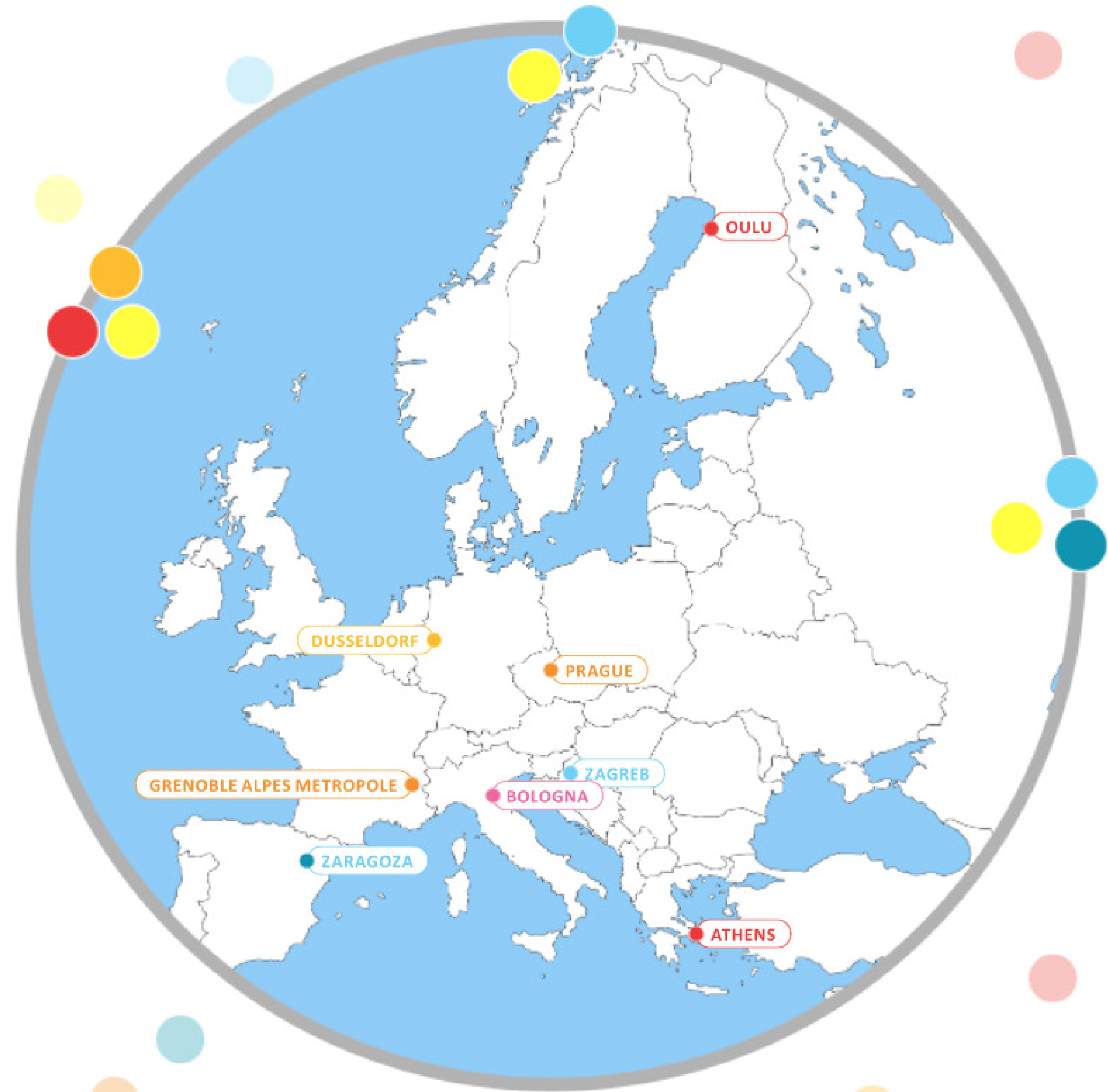
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Zaragoza is no stranger to co-designing. In 2018, it developed the Municipal Plan for a Diverse Intercultural Citizenship, designed around four priorities: Accommodating cities, Intercultural City, Open-minded City, Inclusive and participative City. The House of Cultures and Solidarity, a one-stop-shop and place for encounter, hosts migrant associations under mixed management. Within UNITES, the city will revise the existing mechanism for stakeholder coordination, update the local strategy through participation and extend the co-management of the House of Cultures.



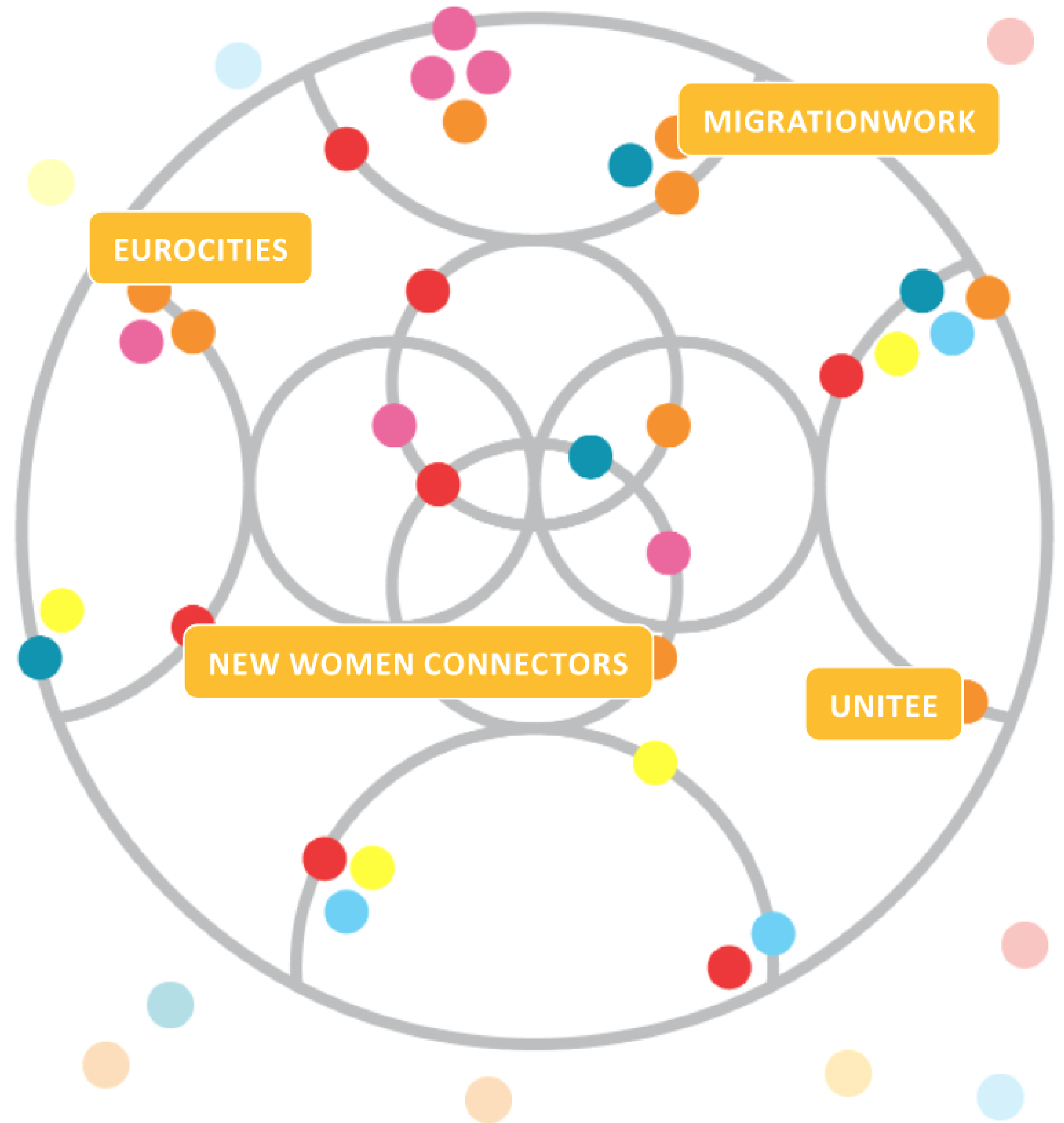
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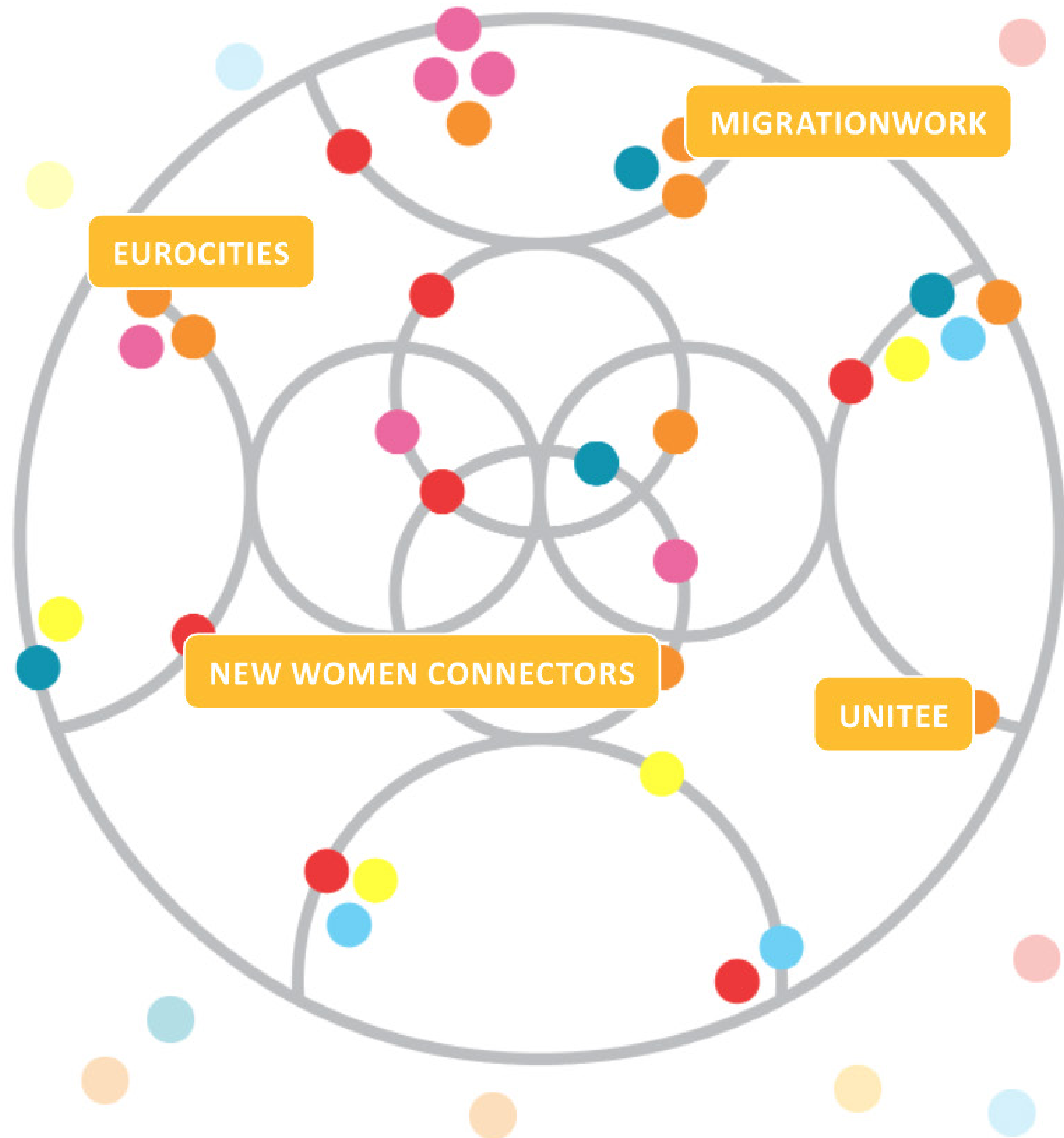
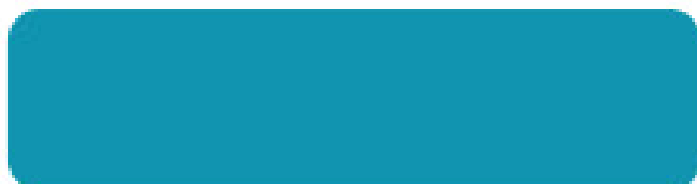
Eurocities: Leader of this project, Eurocities is the network of major European cities, with over 200 member cities in 38 countries. Working to improve the quality of urban life, Eurocities strives for a Europe where cities are genuine partners with the EU to create a better future. Eurocities has long-standing experience in developing impactful methodologies for deep transnational learning among cities, especially in migration and integration.



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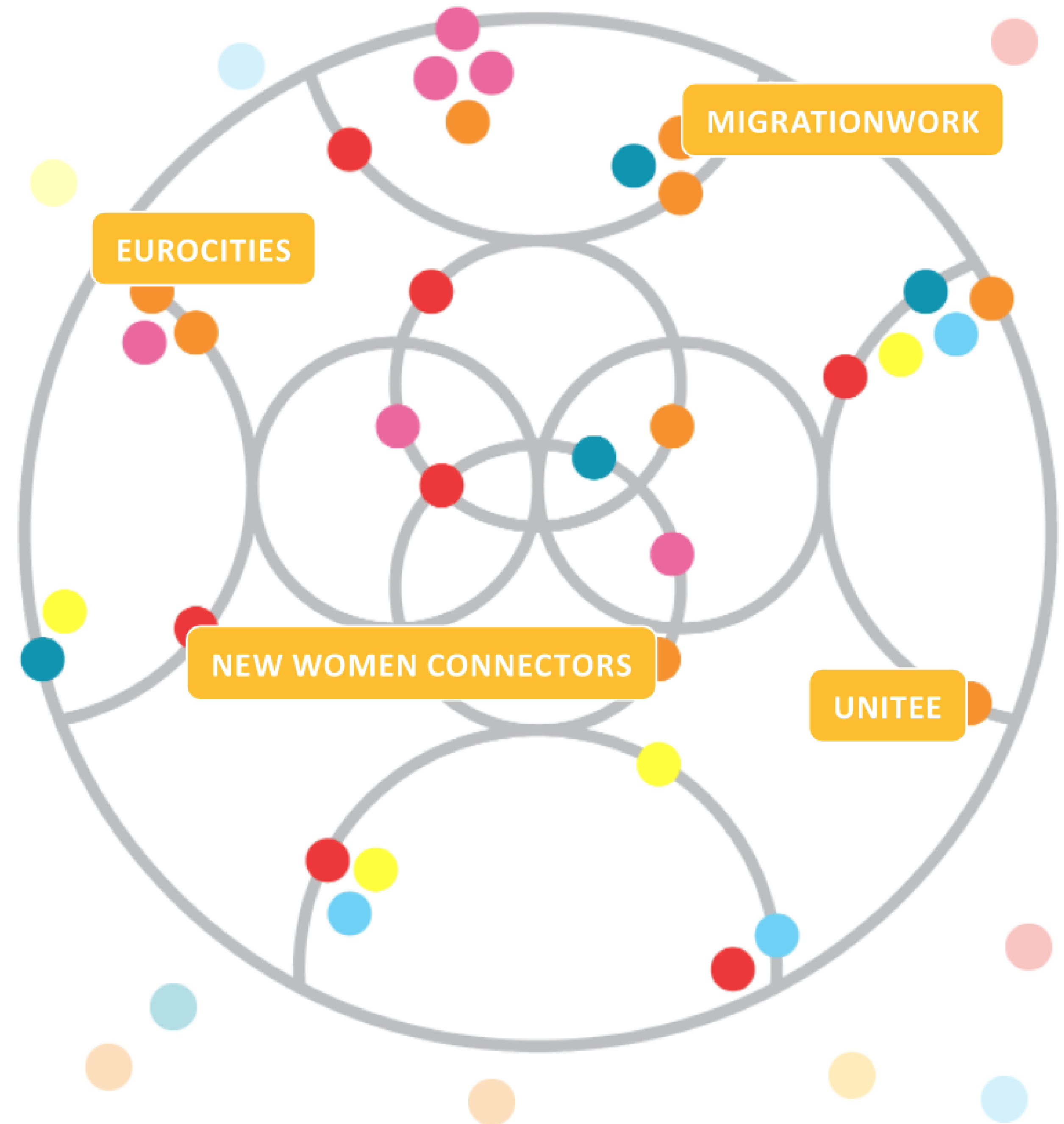
MigrationWork is a non-profit consultancy supporting communities, practitioners and policymakers to respond to migration in ways that ensure its benefit to both migrant and established residents. The organisation has more than a decade of experience supporting cities in developing integration strategies, including through co-design processes.



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New Women Connectors (NWC) is a refugee women-led organisation working at the intersection of gender equality and migration with strong ties to grassroots initiatives across Europe. NWC is dedicated to working towards creating systemic changes in policy and practice that ensure communities from migration backgrounds, especially women, can fully exercise their rights to protection, services and self-sufficiency.

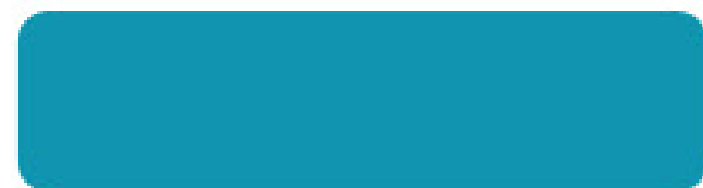
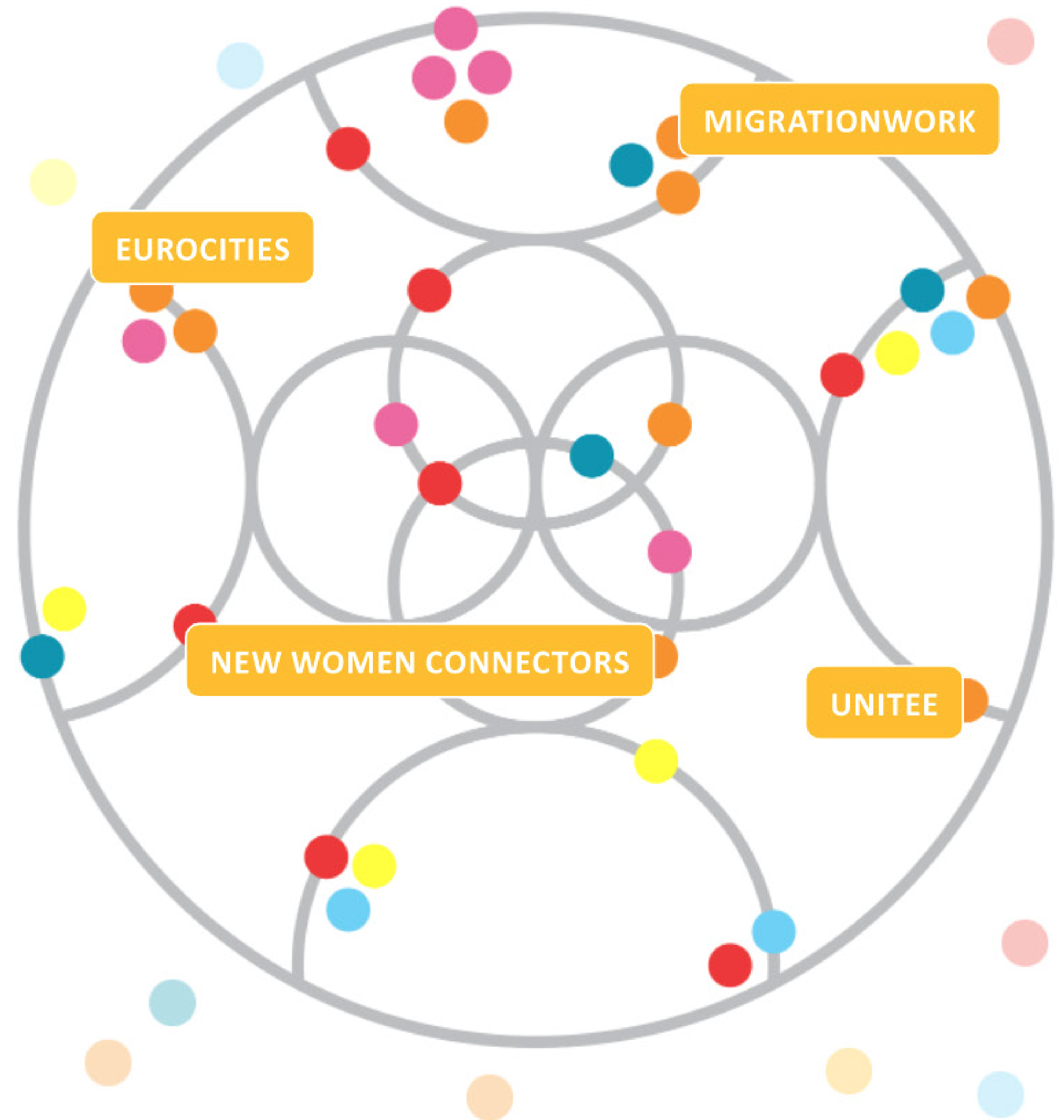


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UNITEE is the only organisation in Europe representing entrepreneurs and professionals with a migrant background. Together with its members in 19 EU member states, UNITEE works towards an economically strong Europe, which is sustainable, social, and smart, drawing its strength from the diversity of its citizens.



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