

# CONSOLIDATE - Cities Helping Cities: Peer Support for Migrant Integration Challenges

*Is your city facing (a) challenge(s) in migrant integration? Do you need support from peers who understand your struggles and can offer fresh perspectives? This call invites representatives from local authorities in the European Union to apply for peer support on a specific challenge in migrant integration. If your city wants to benefit from guidance and insights from experienced peers, read the information below and submit your application !*

## 1. Context: CONSOLIDATE project and previous AMIF projects led by Eurocities : the Integration Champion initiative

Led by [Eurocities](#), the [CONSOLIDATE](#) project (2024-2027), funded by European Commission, brings together 12 European cities to address challenges related to migrant integration at the local level. The project aims at supporting local authorities in the development of new and more effective local strategies for integration.

Three communities of practice have been established to focus on specific areas of migrant integration:

- Effective labour **market integration** for refugees and other newcomers (Athens, Fuenlabrada, Milan, Sofia)
- Local support instruments for refugees towards **housing** autonomy (Dortmund, Gothenburg, Vienna)
- **One Stop Shops** as an accessible and efficient approach for coordinated service provision (Cluj Napoca, Ghent, Lublin, Nantes and Zagreb).

After [CONNECTION \(2020-2022\)](#) and [UNITES \(2022-2024\)](#), CONSOLIDATE is the third AMIF projects coordinated by Eurocities which has identified – and trained – representatives of cities as *integration champions* to facilitate peer-to-peer knowledge exchanges with other cities on a given area.

Following this call, 2 cities in the European Union will be selected to receive online and in person support from 2 integration champions.

## 2. How does peer support work?

Peer support is a friendly and focused way to help your city think through a specific challenge, with input and suggestions from peers who bring relevant experience from other local contexts.

It consists of a package of online sessions and a 1.5 day in-person visit to the selected city (3 days including travel) taking place between January and June 2026.

### **Before the in-person visit: Understanding your challenge(s)**

Ahead of the visit, we'll get to know your city and better understand the issue you would like to focus on. This includes online conversations with you, and potentially others stakeholders as appropriate, to clarify your local context and explore where you feel external insights could be most helpful. You'll also be introduced to the peer support approach, so you know what to expect.

Based on the challenge you have identified, you will work with the support team to shape the agenda for the visit — suggesting local stakeholders to meet and, if relevant, selecting a project or service where you'd welcome feedback.



**During the visit: A focused exchange in your city**

The 1.5 day visit brings together two Integration Champions from other cities, along with one expert from Eurocities and one from [MigrationWork](#). They'll meet with colleagues from your administration and local partners to understand the challenge you're facing, and visit selected services or projects that are relevant to it. On the final day, the visiting team will share their reflections with you, your management and if relevant with the city's political leadership, offering practical suggestions to help you move forward.

The atmosphere is open and constructive. The team listens, asks questions, and offers suggestions based on their own experience — all in the spirit of mutual learning.

**After the visit: feedback and next steps**

After the visit, we will invite you to share your feedback through a short questionnaire — a chance for us to see if the peer support has done what it set out to do: spark fresh insights, energise your work, and build meaningful, lasting connections with peers.

**3. Practical information**

**The visit will last 1.5 days 'contact time', with visitors staying for 2 nights.** Eurocities will provide a lump sum of 3,400 € for the organisational costs of the visit (to be managed by the host city). This budget will cover meals for the CONSOLIDATE delegation (coffee breaks, 1 lunch and 1 dinner), common transport and interpretation if needed. Costs are incurred by the host city and then reimbursed by Eurocities.

**4. How will the 2 cities be selected?**

The call is open to all cities located in the European Union. The following criteria will be taken into account when selecting the two cities:

- Overall quality of application - degree to which it demonstrates a concrete challenge related to migrant integration that you want to address
- Alignment between the challenges submitted and the expertise of Integration Champions
- Willingness to receive feedback and incorporate it into your practices
- Commitment to take part in the peer support process and commitment to allocate sufficient time to preparation and follow-up

**5. Application form**

City:	
Name of the officer:	
Department and Position:	
Contact details (phone and email address):	
Short description of expertise and responsibilities:	
Why would peer support be relevant for your work?	

*What is the challenge from your own professional environment on which you would like to receive support from the Integration Champions? Tick a particular challenge.*

- Labour market integration of newcomers and refugees
- Local support instruments for refugees towards housing autonomy
- One-stop-shop and the coordinated service provision to migrants
- Enhance the participation of migrants and migrant-led organisations in your city

**Please briefly describe your challenge(s) (max 1 page):**

**Try and narrow it down to a question you would have for the peer support team:**

## **6. How to answer this call?**

Please fill out the abovementioned form available [here](#) by **Friday 6 June cob**

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