

Includ-EU Final Conference: Including all & embracing diversity

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Includ-EU¹ is proud to present its final conference in Brussels on the 6th and 7th of October open to regions, cities and organisations across Europe!

Includ-EU is an EU-funded project which worked towards building more inclusive and cohesive European societies by fostering transnational knowledge transfer, experience sharing, cooperation and partnerships between local and regional authorities. The project implemented and assessed 7 pilot projects to promote the integration of third country nationals and people with a migration background, at the regional and local level. Includ-EU also developed an informal network of regions and local authorities with different levels of expertise, thus capitalising on the diversity of territorial approaches, policy and practice on integration.

¹ <https://includeu.eu/>

The **Includ-EU** final conference will showcase the achievements and findings of the project while also providing opportunities to develop further collaborations for the sustainability of the action. The event will offer a mix of activities aimed for a large audience as well as activities aimed at project partners specifically. This event is primarily designed for **in-person attendance and fostering in-person connection of participants to encourage the development of collaborations**. However, the event will also allow for online attendance and interaction through a dedicated **live stream of the plenaries**.

The two-day event will feature plenary sessions, a high-level dialogue and press briefing, as well as workshops to further explore the transferability of the project's results, study visits and informal networking moments.

Multistakeholder collaboration and transnational peer learning to improve policies and practices for an inclusive and cohesive Europe

The conference will start with a plenary session examining the role of transnational knowledge and experience sharing for more inclusive and cohesive European societies. Experts will share how they are using peer learning between stakeholders across Europe, to accelerate change by ensuring better transferability, actionable learning, the creation of collective intelligence and cross-pollinisation between initiatives.

The Roundtable Discussion: "Local and regional multi-stakeholder approaches for more effective inclusion processes in Europe" will follow, with key speakers from different levels of governance and sectors discussing about the key role of local and regional authorities to facilitate inclusion, governance and coordination, and the whole-of-society approach.

At the end of the day, a **press briefing** will then be held for participants, representatives of institutions, policymakers and media where the **results of the project, as well as findings** on what creates sustainable learning communities around inclusion policies and practices will be handed officially over to the donor, the European Commission. This will also represent a moment to strengthen the institutional commitment of the involved partners to a more inclusive and cohesive Europe.

Local and regional approaches for more effective inclusion processes: lessons learned from the Includ-EU pilots, elements of success, replicability

On the second day, the event will focus on the Includ-EU results and lessons learned, outlining the **contexts and needs** in which the pilot initiatives promoting integration at regional and local levels were implemented in their respective territory. After pitch presentations of each pilot, participants, both online and in-person, are divided, according to their interests, into different groups where they can take a "deep-dive" into the **challenges and learnings of some of the pilots** and gather inspiration regarding the good practices when it comes to replicating them in their own context.

Draft Agenda

<p>12:00-13:30 Lunch (fixed time)</p>	<p>Registrations and Lunch</p>
<p>13:30-15:30 COMET Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</p> <p>To be streamed</p>	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ola Henrikson, Regional Director of IOM's Regional Office for the EEA, the EU and NATO • Jean Luc Vanraes, AER Vice-President <p>Plenary Session: Transnational knowledge and experience sharing for more inclusive and cohesive European societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rossella Celmi, IOM Italy - Ivana D'Alessandro (tbc), Intercultural Cities Programme, Council of Europe - Luca Barani, DG Home Official - Johanna Pacevicius, Policy and Knowledge Transfer Assembly of European Regions - Claire Charbit (remote connection), Head of the Territorial Dialogues and Migration Unit at the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities <p>Moderation: Paola Alvarez, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist Labour Mobility and Social Inclusion, IOM Brussels Regional Office for the European Economic Area, the European Region and NATO</p>
<p>15:30-16:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>16:00-17:45 COMET Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</p>	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Local and regional multi-stakeholder approaches for more effective inclusion processes in Europe</p> <p><i>Focus: governance and coordination, key role of local and regional authorities, whole-of-society approach, co-design</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aida Hadžiahmetović, Slovene Philanthropy - Name tbc, Tilburg Refugee Advisory Board - Marlén Niubio, Catalonia Region & Intercultural Regions Network - Name TBC, ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy - Name tbc, Migration Policy Group - Private sector representative (Burberry tbc)

	Moderation: Christina Bache , Adjunct Professor and an Associate Researcher at the Centre for Migration, Diversity, and Justice, Brussels
17:45-18:00	Wrap-up & announcements
18:00 - 19:00 <i>COMET Rooftop Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</i> <i>Stand with project material, briefings and a showcase of the final overall video</i>	Press Briefing: A High-Level Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ola Henrikson, Regional Director of IOM's Regional Office for the EEA, the EU and NATO - Nina Bjorby, AER Vice President, Västerbotten Region - Antje Grotheer, CoR Rapporteur on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum and Vice-President of Germany's Bremen City Parliament (remote connection) - MEP, Name tbc, European Parliament - Simone Mangani, ANCI Toscana - Partner regions/cities handing out the Projects' results & recommendations Moderation Christian Spahr , Secretary General, Assembly of European Regions
19:00 <i>COMET Rooftop Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</i>	Dinner Reception

DAY 2 –7th September 2023	
9.00-9.30	Registration and Coffee
09:30-10:45 <i>COMET Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</i>	Innovative approaches for Integration: Includ-EU practices inspiring the inclusion policies of tomorrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming remarks by Albert Castellanos, President, Assembly of European Regions - Pitch Presentation of the 6 pilots projects (5 minutes each): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active participation to policy development for early Integration, Municipality of Tilburg 2. Social Housing, ANCI Toscana 3. Inclusive health services, Region of Crete 4. Enhancing migrants' digital skills and social inclusion, Adult Education Centre Jesenice 5. Psycho-social Mentoring for young girls, Region of Catalonia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Includ-EU pilots' assessment, Eleonora Milazzo, IOM Expert <p>Moderation: Rossella Celmi, IOM Coordination Office for the Mediterranean</p>
<p>10:45-12:45 COMET Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</p>	<p>Workshops Sessions: Transferability and scalability of integration practices in the EU</p> <p><i>Focus: approaches promoted by the pilots; transferability, replicability, ways forward to scale up</i></p> <p>Each of the 3 groups will focus on the approaches the pilots tested to pursue their thematic priorities and address the identified needs. Groups will discuss challenges, learnings, transferability and replicability.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrated and holistic policies: ANCI Toscana and Cluj-Napoca 2. Intercultural approach: Adult Education Centre Jesenice and the Region of Crete 3. Active participation and encounters with the host community: Municipality of Tilburg and Catalonia
<p>12:45-13:00 COMET Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Laurence Hart, Director, IOM, Coordination Office for the Mediterranean</p>