

# EPI - European Pact for Integration

## Challenges and Solutions for Cities designing Integration Policies and Strategies

### The Best Quote

*"Migration is an expression of the human aspiration for dignity, safety, and a better future. It is part of the social fabric, part of our very make-up as a human family. It would be naive to overlook the costs, including human costs. Yet even sceptics have to recognize that migration has become a fundamental part of our globalized world." (Ban Ki-moon)<sup>1</sup>*

This newsletter's quote embraces one of the underpinning principles of the EPI project, namely the belief that it is vital to recognize how important migration is in a world like the one we live in today.

### Inspirational Stories

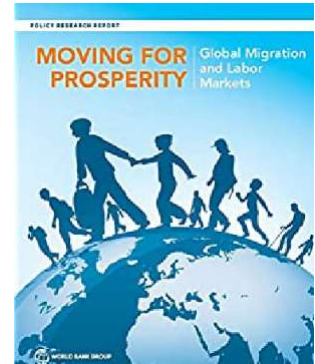
Madi Sakande was born in Burkina Faso 44 years ago, he lives today in Calderara di Reno (Bologna, Italy). In 2011, together with other partners, he took over a historic company in the refrigeration sector. With his company, New Cold System, he designs, builds and sells components for refrigeration and air conditioning. Today, the company has 9 employees for a total turnover of 2 million euros. Madi is also a teacher and a consultant for the certification of technicians and companies.



### Migration must-read and watch

Discover below the titles of one book and one movie that we have chosen for you and a short summary of the plot:

- *Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets*, by Çağlar Özden and Mathis Wagner. In a time when immigration-related issues are very emotional, we need evidence-based analysis for an informed debate. This book, written by prominent economists in the field of migration, provides an excellent overview of patterns in global migration, the determining factors of these patterns, and their implications for all those affected.



- *How Democracy Works Now (2010)*. It's probably the best documentary film series on government ever produced. The series of 12 films by Shari Robertson and Michael Camerini is based on 1,500 hours of footage. It shows immigration battles in and out of Congress and local fights in Iowa and Arizona.



<sup>1</sup> A South Korean politician and diplomat who served as the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations from January 2007 to December 2016.



## EPI Activities

Seven different European Cities have assessed their current integration policies and activities, answering the Intercultural City Index questions. The result was the publication of the **Intercultural City Review** report, where their performances are measured and ranked.

The next step is to design strategies to improve the processes and pilot them with the support of several private and public stakeholders, but also citizens. The process will also be supported by the EPI technical partners and external experts.

If you want to know more, please take a look at our brand-new infographic: <https://epi-project.com/how/>



## EPI Partners Actions

One of the EPI cities, Cluj-Napoca (Romania) was selected to participate at the thematic workshops *How to design one-stop-shops as an integrated response to integration needs* within the CONNECTION project. A 'One-Stop-Shop' is a type of service delivery model based around a welcoming space where migrants can access multiple specialist services to support integration, all under one roof. Being actively involving in the process of 'One-Stop-Shop' design and establishment during these thematic workshops, Cluj-Napoca municipality will have access to best practices exchanges on common issues and challenges; meetings with key stakeholders to hear their experience and ideas on the theme, such as migrant community organisations, other NGOs and city services; visits to see how projects are being implemented on the ground in the host city.

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