

EPI - EUROPEAN PACT FOR INTEGRATION

Challenges and Solutions for Cities designing
Integration Policies and Strategies

PROTECTION BEYOND REACH

"Over 200,000 unaccompanied foreign minors, fleeing conflict, persecution or violence, have sought asylum in Europe in the last five years, but the number of children who have arrived is likely much higher, many of them are forced into a shadowy existence in Europe, at risk of exploitation and abuse."

- [New report by Save the Children](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means solving these differences through peaceful means; through dialogue, education, knowledge; and through humane ways."

- Dalai Lama

RECOMMENDATIONS

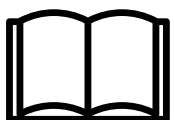
Fatima's Drawings, directed by Magnus Wennmann



Fatima is a 9-year-old refugee who was forced to flee her home in Syria due to war. Fatima and her family now live in Norberg, Sweden, where she redefines her understanding of "home". With the help of oral history, drawings, and animation, the film provides insights into Fatima's memory of her native country and her journey to a new land.



America is not the Heart, Elaine Castillo



Illuminating the violent political history of the Philippines in the 1980s and 1990s and the insular immigrant communities that spring up in the suburban United States with an uncanny ear for the unspoken intimacies and pain that get buried by the duties of everyday life and family ritual, Castillo delivers a powerful, increasingly relevant novel about the promise of the American dream and the unshakable power of the past. (source: Goodreads)





EPI PROJECT ACTIVITIES



Between October and December, the EPI project partners are organising Open Days and Round Tables in each city. The Open Days are organised in order to inform interested stakeholders and the general public of the city review results, as well as the findings included in the ICC Index Report. The aim of the Round Tables, instead, is to receive experienced insights and suggestions from selected stakeholders in order to identify integrated and coordinated actions to adapt and improve the policy dimensions that have been selected for being tested with future pilot activities.



OPEN DAYS



October 1st: Riga LATVIA - Radosas Idejas
Click [here](#) to see the video of Riga's Open day.

October 7th: Cluj-Napoca ROMANIA - PATRIR
(offline: Urban Cultural Center)

October 23rd: Cartagena SPAIN - ADLE
- [Manuel Mora's interview](#) about the Open Day and the EPI Project with radio channel Cadena SER.



October 29th: Lublin POLAND
- [Broadcast on Facebook](#) has reached 2.6 k views

ROUNDTABLES



Cartagena SPAIN: Nov. 3rd/Nov. 26th
- topics: 'Neighbourhood, Participation and Commitment in the City of Cartagena'



Cluj-Napoca ROMANIA: Oct. 15th/Nov. 12th
- topics: Education and Labour

Dietzenbach GERMANY: Oct. 13th
- topics: Labour and Youth Participation

Linköping SWEDEN: Oct 16th/Nov 11th/Dec 1st
- topics: A courageous city, The will and space to grow, Facilitating positive interaction



Lublin POLAND: Oct. 22nd/Nov. 19th
- topics: Labour, Education, Media

Riga LATVIA : Oct. 26th/Nov. 16th/Nov 26th
- topic: Language, Education, Interaction

Ravenna ITALY: Nov. 16th/23th/30th
- topics: 'Labour Market and Housing'

BEST PRACTICES

URBAN DESIGN - NETHERLANDS

Urban planning contributes to improving the sustainability of cities. It would be optimal if cities were to increase the overall stock of housing by converting the intended use of empty buildings from business to residential - then choosing whether to place only migrants or both migrants and residents, in the latter case with greater opportunities for integration.

One of the examples is that of the Netherlands, where since 2010 local administrations have prepared a plan aimed at encouraging the conversion of buildings into residential use. The plan was based on the assumption that buildings conceived for office use only, "depopulating" the neighbourhoods, generate degradation and discourage business investments.



INTEGRATION SUPPORT - VIENNA



Since the summer of 2015, on their journey from the Balkans to the heart of the European Union, over 600,000 refugees have passed through Austria. The city of Vienna alone managed 300,000 people, to whom it was able to offer assistance thanks to the collaboration between the municipality, civil society, and social service operators, and the skills and service-oriented approach adopted by the city's public services.

In addition, the Municipality has activated an application, a website, and a telephone line that offer institutions and citizens information on the general situation, on the actions underway, and on the needs of the operators. The Municipality has also made available the municipal ambulances, the cleaning staff of public housing, and granted three days of leave to municipal employees who want to provide voluntary services.



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