

EPI- European Pact for Integration

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The Training Week has been organized from 10-12 May 2021, with three days of meetings with the EPI partners and a team of external experts, namely trainers and keynote speakers on the topics of migration, integration, inclusion, media and storytelling, labour market and participation.

Training Week was an opportunity for all participants to explore the above topics, exchange their experiences, learn about good practices from around the world and the people who have implemented them.

The project partners have identified the priority areas contained in the strategies, their implementation and related problems. A SWOT analysis showed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the implemented activities.

The aim of the week was to prepare the cities (and their officials and representatives) to the implementation of the strategies in a timely and effective way and to maximize their impact.

The week was an opportunity for participants to network and to learn from each other's experiences, through a mix of face-to-face lessons, role plays, and informal networking. In particular, the Training Week included three main events:



1. The Peer Review Meeting, where City representatives had the opportunity to share presentations on the strategies they have designed. All EPI partners had the opportunity to exchange ideas, thoughts and best practices, as well as attend workshops that provided them with knowledge and competencies that will support them in the piloting phase of the project.

2. Training workshops, where external guests were invited from public and private organizations in order to provide different points of view on topics that are relevant to migration and integration. In particular, representatives from cities with long experience in the integration of migrants were invited to share their lessons learned and how they overcame main problems.

3. The meeting of the EPI Scientific Committee, formed by selected experts who are supporting cities in designing and implementing their integration strategies. During this session, the experts attended the presentation sessions made by cities on their Integration Strategies, provided general feedback for the cities and set up the framework of internal collaboration for an efficient assessment and validation of the strategies.

PILOTING OF THE CITIES INTEGRATION STRATEGIES

After the end of the design phase, which culminated with the Training Week, we entered the piloting phase of the cities' integration strategies. In particular, the entire design and piloting process will be executed by applying the three steps below:

1. Coordination body (June2021-March 2022): set up an expert group at city level, formed by city staff, EPI technical partners and selected experts, leading and supervising the implementation of the strategy.

2. Launch Event (July 2021): 1 per each EPI city, aimed to share knowledge on what are the main actions to be implemented as part of the integration strategy.

3. City Integration Pact (July 2021-March 2022): launch the agreed pilot actions dedicated to improve the EPI cities' integration policies and measures and supervise them thanks to the work of the City Committee, formed by key public and private stakeholders relevant for the successful implementation of the strategy.

With particular reference to the strategy implementation, they will be assessed by using the following indicators and related questions:

Dimension	Main Question for its assessment
RELEVANCE	Are the actions appropriate to the context?
EFFECTIVENESS	Are the actions contributing to reach the city goals?
COHERENCE	Are the actions in line with stakeholders and
SUSTAINABILITY	Are the actions conceived to last in the long run?
EFFICIENCY	Is the city appropriately using its resources?
IMPACT	Are the actions making a real and positive change?

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