

# EPI- European Pact for Integration

## Challenges and Solutions for Cities design

### Integration Policies and Strategies

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING?

##### Transnational Meeting

Partners met in Cartagena, Spain, on March the 31st and April the 1st. This meeting aimed to share the results of the pilot actions and all raising awareness activities organised by the different EPI partners, as well as focussing on the final definition of the European Final Conference programme and sessions.



##### EPI Integration Strategies

We entered the last phase of the project, where the EPI cities are finalizing their own integration action plan to enhance the local inclusion and integration actions already in place either through the formalization of a policy process that will set its implementation or through the direct deployment of follow-up actions and initiatives.

## SAVE THE DATE

On May the 30th and 31st, the EPI European Final Conference will be organised in Monza, Italy. The event aims to reflect on the current crisis situation in reception and integration of third-country nationals and to lay the foundations, thanks to the results of the EPI, for a common effort to ensure an integrated response of European municipalities to the challenges of the new scenarios.

The event will last two days and will be attended by a very diverse audience. The goal of day 1 is to give an overview of EPI, as an EU pilot project aimed to improve the strategy for intercultural integration and open working groups for future collaborations, while the goal of day 2 is to launch a work on a Manifesto of an integrated European response in municipalities for welcoming third country nationals and refugees. In particular, the conference will include<sup>2</sup>

- Inspiring keynote speeches where national and policy-makers from EU institutions and high-level experts from OECD and Council of Europe will stimulate reflections and discussions on integration and inclusion of third-country nationals.
- Panel discussions where international experts and institutional representatives will debate on the most important Cities Strategies' priority areas (such as education, governance & participation, housing, employment & labour market, etc.).
- Thematic groups led by the technical partners and experts that have been engaged in all project's activities carried out at cities' level (including the definition and approval of the City Integration Strategies).

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