

10–11 October, Brussels

Heading into the 2024 Elections – Solidarity cities reshaping migration in Europe

How can European cities strengthen the EU's efforts to build a functioning and fair migration system? How can EU stakeholders support cities taking the lead to develop innovative and welcoming approaches locally? Together we aim to shift the debate towards a welcoming strategy in EU migration policy.

The event will be held in English.

9 October

19.00 Informal dinner

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Event location: [L42, Rue de la Loi 42, 1040 Brussels](#)

Moderation: Dr. Elif Durmuş (Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Antwerp)

8.30 Coffee and registration

9.00 Opening and Welcome

Julia Scheurer (Project Leader at Moving Cities) and Lea Rau (Migration Officer at the Berlin Governance Platform)

9.30 Keynote: Policy brief "Towards the 2024 European elections: Cities and civil society as MEP key partners for a radical reform of EU migration policy"

Dr. Federico Alagna (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence)

9.45 Kick off: Local approaches to refugee inclusion and the power of sharing good practice

Katarina Niewiedzial (Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Integration and Migration), Kawtar Koubaa (Project Leader at LVV Program Amsterdam/Advisor for Undocumented Migrants), Gordan Bosanac (Member of the City Council, President of the City Coordination for Human Rights, Zagreb), Tiago da Cruz Bartholo (Coordinator of FSTC - From the Sea to the City), Léa Enon-Baron (National Co-director of ANVITA - National Association of Welcoming Cities and Territories). Moderated by Maura Magni (Migration Officer at Moving Cities).

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Workshops: Moving Cities – Sharing inspiring approaches

AMSTERDAM WORKSHOP – Inclusion without papers: The Amsterdam approach to undocumented migrants

Niels Tubbing (Senior Advisor to the Mayor and Deputy Mayors on European and International Social Affairs) and Kawtar Koubaa (Project Leader at LVV Program Amsterdam/Advisor for Undocumented Migrants). Room: Live

BERLIN WORKSHOP – Diversity becoming law: Berlin's path towards the Participation Act

Katarina Niewiedzial (Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Integration and Migration) and Janne Grote (Policy Officer for City Networks in Refugee and Migration Policies at the Berlin Senate Department for Integration). Room: Link01

ZAGREB WORKSHOP – Developing local integration policy in a challenging environment

Gordan Bosanac (Member of the City Council, President of the City Coordination for Human Rights, Zagreb) and Jana Radić (City office for culture and civil society, Head of Department for promoting human rights and civil society, Zagreb). Room: Link02

13.00 Networking lunch

- 14.30 **Opening of the afternoon session**
Roderick Kefferpütz (Director of the European Union office of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung) and Anna Schröder (Director of the European Union office of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung)
- 14.45 **Presentation: EU institutions and policy processes – The case of the CEAS reform**
Katharina Sophie Zimmer (Accredited Parliamentary Assistant to MEP Cornelia Ernst, GUE/NGL)
- 15.30 **Presentation of the International Alliance of Safe Harbours (IASH) statement and advocacy strategy**
Gerhard Mayer (Head of the Office for Housing and Migration, Munich) and Lea Rau (Migration Officer at the Berlin Governance Platform)
- 16.30 **Coffee Break**
- 17.00 **Public panel: Shaping EU migration policies – Bridging the gap between local realities and political decision making in the EU**
Erik Marquardt (Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA), Anna Schmidt (Policy Officer for Asylum, European Commission, DG Migration and Home Affairs), Mathieu Garabedian (Deputy Mayor, Villeurbanne), Janne Grote (Representative of IASH - International Alliance of Safe Harbours and Policy Officer for City Networks in Refugee and Migration Policies at the Berlin Senate Department for Integration). Moderated by Dr. Laura Colini (Researcher at the University of Venice and member of FSTC - From the Sea to the City).
- 18.30 **Closing**
- 19.00 **Networking dinner**

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Closed-door conversations with cities and EU stakeholders

- 8.30 Meeting point: Espace Léopold, Rue Wiertz 60, Entrance Simone Veil, 1047 Brussels
- 9.00–10.30 **Closed-door conversation with Members of the European Parliament**
Location: EU Parliament
- 11.00–12.00 **Closed-door conversation with representatives of the European Commission**
Location: EU Commission

Simultaneously: Round-table discussion

- 10.00–12.00 **“SPACES BETWEEN US: A strategic conversation between civil society organisations and researchers in the migration domain”**
Moderated by Allegra Salvini (Advocacy Coordinator of Europe Must Act/ President of Italy Must Act) and Hannah-Milena Elias (Seebrücke Switzerland), both members of FSTC - From the Sea to the City.
Location: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue du Luxembourg, 47-51, 1050 Brussels

The event is hosted by Moving Cities and the EU-funded project Cities4Refugees in cooperation with the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels and the Berlin Governance Platform.

