



Building structures for intercultural integration in Cyprus

Reflections and future steps

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Leventis Gallery, Nicosia

This conference will provide an overview of the "Building structures for intercultural integration in Cyprus" project and reflect on what has been achieved over the past two years and look together at possible future steps.

The project was implemented by the Intercultural Cities Programme, in partnership with the European Commission's Directorate General for Structural Reform Support, and the Civil Registry and Migration Department of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Cyprus.

The project aimed to support the Republic of Cyprus in its integration efforts, by empowering local authorities, NGOs, and migrant organisations to be part of the integration process. To do so, it supported the development of five regional intercultural networks and organised activities including training courses, exchanges of good practice, research, as well as providing recommendations for multilevel governance to improve horizontal and vertical policy coordination.

The conference will show how the conceptual, analytical and policymaking tools of the Council of Europe's Intercultural Cities Programme will continue to support intercultural integration in Cyprus, through the implementation of the action plans and strategies of the five regional intercultural networks.



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PROGRAMME	
9.00 – 9.30	Registration and welcome coffee
9.30 – 10.00	<p><i>Opening remarks</i></p> <p>Maria Adamidou, Director, Civil Registry and Migration Department, Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Myrto Zamparta, Head of European Commission Representation in Cyprus</p> <p>Ioannis Hadjiyiannis, Head of Unit 01 – Horizontal Policies, Directorate General for Structural Reform Support, European Commission</p> <p>Ivana d’Alessandro, Head of Intercultural Cities Unit, Council of Europe</p>
10.00 – 11.30	<p><i>Regional Intercultural Networks – results so far and next actions</i></p> <p>Larnaka District Intercultural Network Doris Christodoulou, Citizens in Power</p> <p>Limassol District Intercultural Network Nikolas Vryoni</p> <p>Nicosia District and Famagusta Intercultural Networks Christina Kyriakides, Centre for social Cohesion Development and Care (CODECA)</p> <p>Paphos District Intercultural Network Marina Aristodimou, Cross Culture International Foundation Cyprus (CCIF)</p> <p>Q&A</p>
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee Break
12.00 – 12.50	<p><i>Report from the study visit to the Intercultural Cities of Barcelona and Santa Coloma de Gramenet (Spain)</i></p> <p>Nenad Bogdanovic, National coordinator, Building structures for intercultural integration at the local level</p> <p><i>Moderated discussion - could good practices from Spain be adapted to Cyprus?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Michael Beys, Civil Registry and Migration Department, Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Kyriakos Kareklas, Mayor of Athienou</p> <p>Andreas Antoniou, Deputy Mayor of Idalion</p> <p>Marinos Lamprou, Mayor of Pegeia - tbc</p> <p>Neophytos Charalambides, Deputy Mayor of Limassol</p> <p>Kleanthis Karamanides, Deputy Mayor of Ypsonas -tbc</p>

12.50 – 13.10	<p><i>The Prototype Social Cohesion Monitoring Toolkit for the Local Level in Cyprus</i></p> <p>Dr. Stefanos Spaneas, CODECA – Center for Social Cohesion, Development and Care</p>
13.10 – 13.30	<p><i>Presentation of handbooks for an inclusive labour market</i></p> <p>Alexandros Efstathiou, Senior Associate at Chrysostomides Advocates & Legal Consultants</p>
13.30 – 13.45	<p><i>Next Steps for intercultural integration in Cyprus and conclusions</i></p> <p>Michael Beys, Civil Registry and Migration Department, Ministry of Interior</p>
13.45	<p>Light lunch</p>

English/Greek interpretation will be provided