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Committee on Migration Issues

*Integration of migrants:
complementarity between civil society and public institutions*

Field study visit to Portugal & Spain

12–16 October 2026

Programme

A delegation of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe is travelling to Lisbon and Barcelona to meet civil society organisations, public authorities and migrants, and to observe on the ground how their actions complement each other in the field of integration.

Monday 12 October 2026 (Lisbon)

- Morning** **Welcome by the host INGO, MIAMSI** (International Movement of Apostolate in the Independent Social Milieus).
- 9:00** **Caritas Portugal** – Meeting with the President, Dr Rita Valadas, and the Secretary General, Dr João Pereira.
- 11:00** **Meeting with Dr José Leitão**, Portugal's first High Commissioner for Ethnic Minorities, former professor specialising in migration and member of the Lisbon Municipal Assembly.
- 12:00** **Agrupamento de Escolas Passos Manuel** – Meeting with the school management and the President of the General Council; presentation of the “Espaço Mais” project.
- 13:00** **Lunch** with the school's teaching staff.

Tuesday 13 October 2026 (Lisbon)

- 10:00** **CEPAC – CLAIM Lisboa-Estrela Centre** (Local Support Centre for the Integration of Migrants) – Meeting with the centre's team. cepac.pt
- 11:30** **Islamic Community of Lisbon** – Meeting with Sheikh David Munir and Mr Samir Acoobaker at the Central Mosque of Lisbon.
- 15:00** **Meeting with representatives of European embassies** in Lisbon, at the invitation of H.E. Mr Bart Lammens, Ambassador of Belgium to Portugal.
- Evening** **Departure for Barcelona.**

Wednesday 14 October 2026 (Barcelona)

- 9:30** **Barcelona City Council** – Meeting with Ms Maria Eugènia Gay, Second Deputy Mayor (Presidency, International Relations, Education, Health, Older People, Human Rights and Life Cycles).
- 12:00–14:00** **En Marxa project** of the Sant Joan de Déu Hospital Foundation – Employment integration of young migrants.
- 16:00–16:45** **Parliament of Catalonia** – Meeting with the Most Honourable Mr Josep Rull, President of the Parliament.

Thursday 15 October 2026 (Barcelona)

- 9:00–11:00** **Visit to Santa Anna – Hospital de Campanya** and meeting with its management. santaanna.org
- 12:00–14:00** **Càritas Barcelona** – Meeting with the management and the Episcopal Delegate of Càritas. caritas.barcelona
- 15:00–16:00** **Government of Catalonia (Generalitat)** – Meeting with Mr David Moya, Director General for Migration, Department of Social Rights and Inclusion.
- 16:30–18:30** **Platform of Christian organisations working with migrants** (Plataforma d'entitats cristianes amb les persones migrants) – Meeting with the platform and several member INGOs, at Sant Pau del Camp.

Friday 16 October 2026 (Barcelona)

- 9:00–10:30** **Meeting with consuls of several countries** at the invitation of Mr Pierre Brusselmans, Consul of Belgium in Barcelona.
- 11:00–13:00** **Fundació Roure** – Presentation of the Foundation's work and projects with people in vulnerable situations, exchange with a group of migrants about their experiences, and meeting with the management team.
- Afternoon** **Wrap-up of the visit** and end of the study visit.

The study visit will result in a summary note. Programme subject to change.