

High-Level Event

INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES, STRONGER DEMOCRACIES

Building a shared future where everyone can contribute, belong and thrive

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Programme

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration & Welcome**

9:00 – 9:30 **High-Level opening session: Democracy, Diversity and Inclusion: Addressing Europe's Emerging Opportunities and Challenges**

Welcome remarks by:

- **Aurora Ailincăi**, Head of Anti-discrimination and Inclusion Department, Council of Europe
- **Elma Saiz Delgado**, Minister for Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Government of Spain

9:30 – 10:15 **Session 1: From Principles to Action: Turning the 10 Principles for Inclusive Societies and Stronger Democracies into Practice**

The session will officially launch the 10 Principles, present the process through which they were developed and the rationale underpinning them. It will also present the accompanying video and webpage. Finally, it will explain how stakeholders can endorse the 10 Principles and commit to putting them into practice in their respective contexts.

- **Video presentation: 10 Principles for Inclusive Societies and Stronger Democracies**

Panellists:

- **Käthlin Sander**, Chair of the Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), Council of Europe
- **Karoline Fernández de la Hoz Zeitler**, Spain's representative to the Committee of Experts on Intercultural Inclusion (ADI-INT), Council of Europe
- **Iñigo Zubizarreta**, Councillor for Human Rights, Living together, Cooperation and Interculturality of the City of Bilbao (Spain)
- **Óscar Alberto Flores Morales**, Councillor, Iztapalapa City Council (Mexico)

Moderator: *Tom de Bruyn, Chair of the Committee of Experts on Intercultural Inclusion (ADI-INT), Council of Europe*

Statements from the floor by: *Marisol Herreño Traslaviña, Mayor of Robregordo (Madrid); Grégory Jaquet, member of ADI-INT and Head of the Multicultural Cohesion Department of the Canton of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) and other local and regional authorities' representatives.*

- **Video message by Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights**

10:15 – 11:15 Session 2: Roundtable: Shaping Our Common Future in a Changing Europe. Perspectives from Foresight, National Policy and Youth Voices

The session will explore how Europe can build more inclusive and resilient democracies in the face of demographic, social, cultural, technological and economic change. It will bring together perspectives from foresight, national policy and younger generations to consider what future awaits us, what future we want, and how we can prepare for it.

Panellists:

- **Josep Antoni Lobera Serrano, Director of the National Office of Foresight and Strategy – Presidency of the Government of Spain**
- **Robin Wilson, Expert, Council of Europe Intercultural Cities Programme**
- **Josef Burker, Member of Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe**
- **Gabriella Blomberg McCormack, Youth Delegate, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (United Kingdom)**

Followed by Q & A and exchange with participants

Moderator: *Gemma Pinyol - Jiménez, RECI Coordinator*

- **Video message by Michaela Moua, Coordinator on Combating Racism, European Commission**

11:15 – 12:00 Coffee break and Networking

12:00 – 13:00 Session 3: Roundtable: From Principles to Practice: Experiences of Inclusion, Participation and Belonging

The discussion will explore how inclusive and intercultural approaches can create the conditions for everyone to participate, belong and thrive at local level. Drawing on practical experience from an Intercultural Cities member and citizens' voices, it will highlight lessons, challenges and enabling conditions for meaningful participation, interaction and belonging.

Panellists:

- **Anila Noor**, New Women's Connectors
- **Julio Ramallo Rodríguez**, Technical Director of the Tenerife Immigration Observatory (OBIén), Spain
- **Sara Santos**, Educator, APISAL, Portugal
- **Ruth Agudo Gil**, Asociación la Torre de Hortaleza, Spain

Followed by Q & A and exchange with participants

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- **Video message by María Elósegui**, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

13:00 – 13:45 Session 4: High-level Dialogue: Looking Ahead: Priorities and Recommendations for Advancing Inclusive and Resilient Democracies

The dialogue will bring together key national and international representatives to reflect on the main messages emerging from the event and identify priorities and next steps for advancing inclusive and resilient democracies across Europe. It will also provide an opportunity to gather recommendations and contributions to the Council of Europe's New Democratic Pact for Europe.

Panellists:

- **Juan Fernando López Aguilar**, Member of the European Parliament and of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
- **Luz Martínez Seijo**, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, First Vice-Chairperson, Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Member of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- **Pilar Cancela Rodríguez**, Secretary of State for Migration, Government of Spain

Moderator: **Aurora Ailincai**, Head of Anti-discrimination and Inclusion Department, Council of Europe

13:45 – 14:00 Closing remarks

Concluding reflections highlighting the main messages from the event and outlining possible next steps.

Speakers:

- **Aurora Ailincai**, Head of Antidiscrimination and Inclusion Department, Council of Europe
- **Pilar Cancela Rodríguez**, Secretary of State for Migration, Government of Spain

