

EMBRACIN FINAL CONFERENCE



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The EMBRACIN project - Enhancing Migrants' Bottom-up, Responsive and Citizen-led Integration in Europe offers a new approach to the reception and integration of third-country nationals in Europe. The project aims to develop and test a model of integration which can be valid for all European Countries, starting from the assumptions of "6+6x6". The partners coming from different countries across Europe (Italy, Slovenia, Germany, Greece, Cyprus, Spain, Sweden), will raise awareness and capacity building on integration policies topics among European local authorities, in particular Municipalities, with the final aim to increase the number of municipalities which will sign the Memorandum of understanding to promote and engage the specific model.

The EMBRACIN project's Final Conference took place at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels on November 30, 2022. Partners in the partnership as well as representatives from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, and Spain attended the summit.

The Conference was organised to raise knowledge of the project's theory and practices, demonstrate to participants how it might benefit their communities and the reintegration of



foreign nationals, and urge more cities to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and Letter of Intent.

Salvatore Petronella, strategic advisor and coordinator of the EMBRACIN Scientific board, moderated the event. Pierfrancesco Majorino, an honorable member of the EU Parliament, gave the conference's opening remarks. He discussed the necessity to provide European governments with a dependable and comprehensive solution in order to manage present and future migrant flows from third-country nations.

Sara Bertoldo, the director of the Padova Municipality's social services department, proceeded with some insight into the project's goals and three-year implementation period.

Following with a presentation on the pilot projects carried out with newcomers in Padova, Margherita Colonnello, councillor for social services in the Padova Municipality, demonstrated the effort, the difficulties, and the successes that were noticed.

To offer a more scientific approach to the presentation of results, Carlos Serra, Researcher at Polibienestar and partner of the EMBRACIN consortium, exhibited the results of the data analysis performed to discover how and in which areas the beneficiaries have advanced from their participation in the program.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion between Antonio Silvio Calo' – European Citizen of 2018, Antje Groetheer - Vice-President of Bremen State Parliament and CoR-member, Alessandra Moretti, Honorable Member of EU Parliament, Antje Groethe Representative European Committee of the Regions, Angelique Petrits, DG HOME - European Commission and Sofia Toscano – Senior Advocacy Adviser Save the Children.

The EMBRACIN project started in January 2020 and will be finalized in December 2022.

More details about the project can be found at the project's website www.embracin.eu



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