

5th EUROPEAN MIGRATION FORUM

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**From global to local governance of migration:
The role of local authorities and civil society
in managing migration and ensuring safe and
regular pathways to the EU**
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The 10 recommendations adopted by the Forum

Workshop 1: From global to local governance of migration: the role of local authorities in managing migration

- Include a social cohesion clause in EU/national funds that target migrants and make it mandatory to also involve people from the host community.
- Develop institutionalised multi-stakeholders platforms at local level that can bring together local authorities, NGOs, migrants' organisations, among others, to guarantee accessible, inclusive and relevant services to migrants, regardless of their status.

Workshop 2: What is the future of the EU legal migration policy?

- Establish a structured process for consultation of NGO, local authorities and social partners in the management of legal migration.
- Adopt a horizontal directive harmonising admission conditions and rights for all categories of non-EU nationals, that also includes equal treatment rights, intra-EU mobility and family reunification.

Workshop 3: The role of civil society organisations in developing and enhancing safe channels for humanitarian and protection reasons

- Expand extended family reunification programmes in the EU as part of complementary pathways to protection
- The European Commission should take steps to harmonise processes among EU countries for welcome and integration of migrants, regardless of ways of arrival, country of origin etc., with specific attention to the special needs of vulnerable groups and the critical need for specific accessible funding available in the new Multi-annual Financial Framework for civil society organisations, grassroots organisations and local authorities

Workshop 4: The role of civil society and other non-public actors in enhancing cooperation with third countries on managing migration

- Strengthen cooperation among civil society and diaspora organisations and support their effort to provide information and incentives for reintegration of migrants in the countries of origin
- Foster regional dialogue and platforms with a view to creating public-private partnerships for mobility

Workshop 5: Migrants' empowerment for better integration policies

- Develop pilot projects in local authorities across the EU to ensure access to human rights for all, including undocumented migrants, generally aiming at supporting social cohesion
- Fund and support local and grassroots organisations that work with vulnerable groups to develop gender-sensitive actions and policies at local/regional/national/EU level through multi-stakeholders approach