

The multi-dimensional reality of migration in cities: side event, October 17

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At the forthcoming UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) held in Quito, Ecuador 17 – 20 October, ICMPD and UN-Habitat are co-hosting the side-event: „The multi-dimensional reality of migration in cities“. This side event is taking place on 17 October and is exploring the role of cities in the migration agenda, illustrating the urban reality of migration, as well as its complex ramifications and opportunities at local level, by drawing on the experience gathered through MIEUX initiative and MC2CM project.

The EU-funded MIEUX (Migration EU eXpertise) initiative and MC2CM project (Mediterranean City-to-City Migration) are both led by ICMPD. Julien Simon, ICMPD coordinator for the Mediterranean region explains why migration in the urban context needs to be addressed: “A large number of migrants live in urban areas. Their social, economic and cultural impacts in

their ‘host cities’ are, and will continue to be, significant. Through dialogue, knowledge and action, the MC2CM supports partner cities in bringing migration to the fore of their urban development agenda.”

The MC2CM „city-to-city“ project works with nine major cities from both sides of the Mediterranean to address these issues. The idea is to collect diverse experiences from various cities, increase the knowledge base on urban migration, nurture a peer-to-peer dialogue among the participating cities to support mutual learning and, finally, engage in actions based on the findings and experiences. The project is funded by the EU through the Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations and co-funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

Furthermore, the event participants will learn about MIEUX, which provides short-term expertise to partner countries authorities’ at all levels, including local authorities, on any subject related to migration. MIEUX mobilizes experts from EU Member States and other countries who have first-hand experience of migration management.

Together with their partner UN-Habitat, MC2CM and MIEUX have defined five objectives for the event at Habitat III which recently announced the participation of more than 35 000 participants:

1. illustrate how cities address the multidimensional reality of migration by developing effective local strategies and policies;
2. discuss the role of supranational level and multi-level governance in addressing this urban dimension of migration;
3. draw on preliminary results of the MC2CM project, currently bringing together nine cities: Amman, Beirut, Lisbon, Lyon, Madrid, Tangiers, Tunis, Turin and Vienna;
4. present the MIEUX initiative which supports local authorities to better manage migration;
5. receive input and ideas on how to improve migration governance at city level through dialogue, knowledge and action.

The event takes place Monday, 17 October, 9.30 in Room 3 of Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana, Benjamín Carrión. All registered Habitat III participants are invited to attend the side. An extra registration is not required.

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