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Cesena's project total cost:
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€ 20.458,94

Co-financing of Cesena
(10%):
€ 2.273,21

Program:
**Asylum, Migration and
Integration Fund (AMIF)**



Comune di Cesena

PARTNERSHIP

Coordinator:

- EUROCITIES (Rete di città europee)

Partners:

- EUROCITIES
- European Volunteer Centre
- City of Amsterdam (NL)
- City of Bristol (GB)
- City of Brno (CZ)
- City of Dusseldorf (DE)
- City of Madrid (E)
- City of Nuremberg (DE)
- City of Oslo (N)
- City of Ostende (BE)
- City of Riga (LV)
- City of Sheffield (GB)
- City of Terrassa (E)
- City of Thessaloniki (GR)
- City of Toulouse (F)
- City of Torino (IT)
- City of Zurich (CH)
- City of Cesena (IT)

Volunteering Activities to Leverage Urban and European Social integration of migrants.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the project is to exchange know-how, expertise and good practice between cities and volunteer networks at transnational level and to concrete local actions that successfully integrate foreign citizens, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. The goal of the project is to develop a welcoming local community by creating spaces for discussion, meeting and dialogue with foreign communities.

ACTIONS

The project is subdivided in 4 groups of cities to work together as a 'community of practice' and visiting each other to develop common guidelines and practical tools to improve the way they work with volunteers and communities.

During 24 months, the project seeks to have: **mentoring visits by the communities of practice to each city, and city staff & volunteer exchange among paired cities.**

1. Mentoring visits by the communities of practice to each city: together, cities will share experience and offer independent support and reflection to each host city which wants to raise standards and carry out changes.

All parties will benefit as cities not only help their implementing partners to bring about desired improvements, but also learn from this continuous dialogue throughout the project.

During the project it will be different meetings in each city to: visit projects related to the theme, to investigate the issues raised and think about how they could into practice and to create an Action Plan.

2. City staff and volunteer exchanges among paired cities: the goal of this activity will be building capacity between cities and volunteer organisations to enhance the role of volunteering in integration at local level. During each exchange scheme, city staff and volunteer leaders will participate in a series of workshops, interviews and events in the host city to transfer the knowledge acquired in their local context. In the final, the city staff members and volunteers will provide a report of their experience following a template with key research questions.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Implementation of **strategies** (action plans) drafted in a collaborative manner;
- **Work exchange schemes** involving volunteer leaders in host cities;
- **Integrating Cities Toolkits** to translate commitments into concrete recommendations;
- **Infographics and videos** showcasing good practices.

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