

# Promoting evidence-based Communities of Practice on migrant integration

## SPRING Launch Conference

8 June 2021  
 3:00-5:00pm CEST  
 Zoom Webinar  
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### Agenda

#### Background

The SPRING Launch conference aims to explore how knowledge exchange can be best achieved around sustainable integration practices. It will look at the knowledge needs among researchers, policymakers and practitioners while highlighting positive experiences and identifying possible synergies. The conference will kick-start the SPRING participatory process that, over two years, will develop into a number of tools allowing diverse communities of practices to identify and access validated knowledge on sustainable integration practices. Access to sound and relevant knowledge by practitioners, researchers and policymakers is key for developing sustainable integration practices.

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##### Opening

15:00 - 15:05	<b>Presentation of the SPRING project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guia Gilardoni, SPRING Coordinator (ISMU)</li> </ul>
15:05 - 15:10	<b>Vision by the European Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cristina Marcuzzo (EACEA), SPRING Project Officer (European Commission)</li> </ul>

##### Session 1: The role of knowledge exchange in advancing practices

- *Moderation: Sarah Spencer (University of Oxford)*

15:10 - 15:15	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Spencer (University of Oxford)</li> </ul>
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15:15 – 15:50	<p><b>Dialogue between knowledge and practices in H2020 projects on integration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asya Pisarevskaya (Erasmus University Rotterdam), WP Leader of the SPRING Project (Sustainable Practices of Integration)</li> <li>• Karel Arnaut (Catholic University of Leuven), Project Coordinator of the ReROOT H2020 Project (Arrival infrastructures as sites of integration for recent newcomers)</li> <li>• Carles X Simo-Noguera (Valencia University) Representative of the MERGING Project (Housing for immigrants and community integration in Europe and beyond)</li> <li>• Tiziana Caponio (University of Turin), Project Coordinator of the WHOLE-COMM H2020 Project (Exploring the Integration of Post-2014 Migrants in Small and Medium-sized Towns and Rural Areas from a Whole of Community Perspective)</li> </ul>
15:50 – 16:00	Q&A
<p><b>Session 2: Strategic discussion: what works in informing/disseminating research findings in communities of practices on integration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Moderation: Carlos Roldán (SOLIDAR) &amp; Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe)</i></li> </ul>	
16:00 – 16:10	<p><b>Expectations, needs and good practices from the ground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carlos Roldán (SOLIDAR) &amp; Petra Hueck (ICMC Europe)</li> </ul>
16:10 – 16:45	<p><b>How to mainstream evidence into practices?</b> discussion between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irena Guidikova, Head of Division Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Programmes, Intercultural Cities, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Michele LeVoy, Director of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, PICUM</li> <li>• Katharina Bamberg, Policy Advisor – Migration and Integration, EURO CITIES</li> </ul>
16:45 – 16:55	Q&A
<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>	
16:55 – 17:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gemma Pinyol-Jiménez, Head of Migration Policies and Diversity, InStrategies</li> </ul>

