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Memorandum of Understanding



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Letter of Intent

EMBRACIN – Enhancing Migrants’ Bottom-up, Responsive and Citizen-led Integration in Europe – is a project funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the European Union.

The idea is to test a common approach to integration in cities all over Europe and to evaluate its success and overall impact. To sustain the effort, all members will create an EU-wide networking space where the gained knowledge and experience will be shared.

This document is linked directly to this networking space as the signatories show their aspiration to share with and learn from others in order to realize a holistic pan-European approach to integration for everyone’s benefit.





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Manifesto

The values and principles of EMBRACIN

The EMBRACIN model reflects the practical implementation of values and principles that constitute the core of the initiative: four integrated pillars provide a solid framework towards this aim – regardless of the language, location or other local factors.

The pillars are: Urban public policies and engagement of civil society (I), reframing of current integration policies (II), a proactive civil society (III) and a holistic approach with the presence of a multidisciplinary team (IV). This makes it possible for stakeholders all over Europe to act in concert, making EMBRACIN a truly European approach:

We believe that it is essential to reflect on the role of everyone involved and to create a setting in which the responsibilities are clearly defined. The key is to connect all levels of actors in integration and provide them with an understanding of their tasks. In particular, we are convinced that local authorities play a central role in successful integration.

Integration is a complex process with varying timelines due to individual needs and contexts. EMBRACIN promotes an environment that takes this into account – while also creating interaction spaces for communities. Both time and space are essential factors for any inclusion process.

Vulnerable Third Country Nationals often get invaluable support from non-state stakeholders. EMBRACIN advocates for local authorities to





learn from their experience and expertise, incorporating them both into a diverse and sustainable forward looking local policy.

When issuing policies, considering all sectors is equally significant as taking the local situation into account: EMBRACIN represents a holistic approach, ranging from housing, employment and education to anti-discrimination and equal opportunities. Although this is an enormous challenge, it is of crucial importance that different sectors work in harmony and synergy and break down the silos mentality; we believe in these values and principles.





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