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ECCAR General Conference

CommunicAction – Together to protect human rights at the local level

19 and 20 November 2020

Programme

Live stream on <https://www.facebook.com/ECCARnetwork>

19 November 2020

14:30-15.00 Welcome greetings

Mr. Virginio Merola, Mayor of Bologna
Ms. Elly Schlein, Vice-President of the Emilia-Romagna Region
Ms. Gabriela Ramos, UNESCO/ICCAR Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
Mr. Benedetto Zacchirolì, President of the ECCAR

15.00-15.50 Dialogue between Karen Taylor, ENAR Chair and Magid Magid, activist, author and former MEP

The taboo's on racism and discriminations in the European political and institutional discourse

15.50-16.00 Break - *Creattivism – New Sights Against Discriminations****

16.00-17.15 Mayors Roundtable

Going beyond EU Law: the role of local authorities in the field of education, youth and communication in shaping inclusive cities

Mr. Virginio Merola, Mayor of Bologna
Ms. Isabella Conti, Mayor of San Lazzaro, Bologna
Mr. Milan Trivic, Deputy-Mayor of Sarajevo
Mr. Marco Giusta, Deputy-Mayor, Torino
Mr. Ted Wheeler, Mayor of Portland, Oregon, USA (video-message)
Ms. Chiara Appendino, Mayor of Torino (video-message)

Chair: Giuseppina Marcante, journalist

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*** *Introduction to the slide-shows that will be screened during the breaks.*

In the last week of August 2019, 36 young adults from various European countries met at the [Scuola di Pace di Monte Sole](#) to take part in the **EU2BE Summer School “Creativism – New Sights Against Discriminations”**. The first part of the week was dedicated to an introduction on the history of the Monte Sole area. Furthermore, They talked about the way memory is built, passed on and used – in the past as well as in the present. They continued by discussing the mechanisms and different kinds of discrimination as well as the ways societies and individuals can fight them. One medium of political activism is art – and exactly this activist approach constituted the main focus of the second part of the week: together with Else Edizioni and the artist Marco Smacchia they had the opportunity to create political manifestos that should artistically provoke the spectator’s engagement and confrontation with different forms of discrimination.

The "EU2BE. Europe that will be" project, carried out with the support of the Legislative Assembly of Emilia-Romagna and the collaboration of the Europe Direct Centre of the region, saw the participation of European young adults, natives and migrants, and wanted to promote awareness on the issues of European citizenship, the value and importance of memories and the dangers of disinformation, propaganda and discrimination, which are some of the pillars on which a society characterized by violence and oppression is built.

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20 November 2020

9:45-11.00 Opening session

Together to protect human rights at the local level: European institutions, international organisations, cities, media and young generations

Welcome greetings and Chair: Mr. Marco Lombardo, Deputy Mayor on International relations and projects, Employment, Civil society

Ms. Helena Dalli, EC Commissioner for Equality, *Opening key-note address* (video-message)

Ms. Lucia Serena Rossi, Judge, European Court of Justice: *The state of art on the protection of the right to equality in Europe*

Mr. Michael O’Flaherty, Director, EU Fundamental Rights Agency: *Fundamental Rights Survey: EU citizens’ attitude towards human rights* (video-message)

Ms. Lucila Rodríguez-Alarcón, General Director Por Causa Foundation: *The role of Communication - public, institutional, media - to build inclusive societies*

Ms. Wissal Houbabi, activist, writer, artist, intercultural worker at Trama di Terre: *An intersectional approach on systemic racism: starting from myself, together with the women with whom I resist every day.*

11:00-11:15 *Moving towards the Working Groups, working sessions among cities and other stakeholders*

11:15-13.00 Parallel Working Groups

1) Speaking up! Youth and media voices and narratives to communicate new cities**

Moderator: Neva Cocchi, We World-GVC onlus, [CIAK MIGRACTION](#) Project

Contributions by the cities of Athens, Gothenburg, Helsingborg, Kadikoy

2) Protecting vulnerable groups. A focus on the dimensions of education, youth and communication in the fight against discriminations towards Muslims at the local level

Moderator: Tommaso Chiamparino, Fundamental Rights Policy, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Contributions by the cities of Barcelona, Berlin, Bologna, Cologne, Heidelberg, Helsingborg

3) The role of cities to ensure access to housing in the rental market

Moderators: Katrien Staelens, City of Gent and Prof. Dr. Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Contributions by the cities of Barcelona, Berlin, Bologna, Genk, Liège, Malmo, Rotterdam

13.00-14.00 Break - *Creattivism - New Sights Against Discriminations****

14:00-15.35 Working groups continuation

15.35-15.40 Moving back to the plenary

15.40-16.10 Reporting in plenary

16.10-16.20 Federica Zito, Cefa onlus: Presentation of the video **“Against All Discriminations”**, **#sonofattituo** Campaign, produced by the Italian Newspaper Fanpage in collaboration with



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Cefa onlus as part of the *Pinocchio Project: Culture, sport, civic participation and social networks against discrimination for greater social inclusion*

16.20-16.30 Break

16.30-17.15 **Anti-racism, interculturalism and social inclusion: a long-due alliance to ensure social justice?**

Dialogue:

Ms. Irena Guidikova, Intercultural cities network, Council of Europe

Mr. Danijel Cubelic, ECCAR Vice-president, City of Heidelberg

Mr. Chris Tomesani, Welfare Area, City of Bologna

Moderator: Lucia Fresa, ECCAR Contact point, City of Bologna

17.15-17.40 **Closing remarks**

Mr. Triantafillos Loukarelis, UNAR Director, Italian National Office Against Racial Discriminations

Ms. Susanna Zaccaria, City of Bologna Deputy Mayor on Countering Discriminations, School, Equal Opportunities

Mr. Benedetto Zacchiroli, ECCAR President, City of Bologna

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