

**European Week of Regions and Cities 2020**  
**8 October 2020**

**Agenda: Do people with a migrant background benefit from EU funds?**

**Timeslot:** 09:30 - 11:00 CET (1,5 hrs duration)

09:30– 09:45 - Setting the scene

Lessons learnt in recent years about the use of EU Funds for migration and outlook for the 2021-2027 programming period

*Andrea Leruste, Deputy Head of Unit (DG EMPL); Marek Teplansky, Head of Unit (DG REGIO)*

09:45 – 10:55 – Moderated panel discussion, including Q&A with audience

Short introduction by panellists

Topics:

- How can the coordination of EU funds be further enhanced at national, regional and local level?
- What has been the impact of COVID-19 on people with a migrant background and what are possible policy responses?
- How efficient has the support provided by the EU Funds been to people with a migrant background?
- What are the main obstacles in accessing EU Funds for integration?
- How can people with a migrant background be effectively reached? What are the current gaps?
- How has civil society contributed to integration of people with a migrant background?
- What are recommendations for improvement in the next programming period?
- What is the impact of media misconceptions of people with a migrant background on policy making?
- What are the developments with the Pact on Migration and Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion?

Panellists:

- Adriana Rosasco, Policy officer, General Directorate of Immigration and Integration Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Italy
- Cosimo Palazzo, Director of Area of Rights, Inclusion and Projects, Social Policies Department, Municipality of Milano, Italy
- Lefteris Papagiannakis, Head of Advocacy Policy and Research, SolidarityNow, Athens, Greece
- Asef Farjam, former member of the Migrant Advisory Board
- Jo De Cock, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, Belgium
- José Luís Barão, Deputy National Director of Immigration and Borders Service, Portugal

Moderator: Andor Urmos, Policy Officer, DG REGIO

10:55-11:00 Concluding remarks