



## **Workshop Objectives:**

This 7 day workshop will help all the participants gain a greater understanding of issues that affect non-EU migrants and people with disadvantaged backgrounds when integrating within European cities. In response to the various critical events affecting European countries; the focus on this workshop will not only be based on being able to communicate effectively with people of different backgrounds but gaining ‘hands-on’ practical skills of working to better the lives of integrated non-EU migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Throughout the workshop, teaching and learning, panel discussions, activities, networking and sharing of ideas in relation to intercultural interactions will take place.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **02 November Arrival of the participants**

### **03 November: Registration + Understanding the Migration Issues of Southern EU Countries**

Introduction to the Day and the Weekly Programme: registration, introduction of participants and networking, ‘Welcome to Italy’ and introductory workshop on current migration issues South EU states face. This course introduces not only some of the key issues migrants from non-EU countries face upon arrival to the EU but also some of the solutions that practitioners and institutions should have in place when they arrive using Southern Italy as a case example.

### **04 November:**

#### **Migrant Pathway Options (1): Visit to Riace**

Visit to **Riace**, a small villages that thanks to the arrival and integration of refugees have been repopulated after the local inhabitants have emigrated to the North of Italy or abroad. Thanks to the arrival of refugees the local schools have remained open and lots of houses have been renovated and refurbished.



**Discussion:** Has Italy always been a traditionally tolerant or conservative country towards migrants? How are the inhabitants reacting to the changing demographic of EU and Non-EU migration?

**05 November:**

### **History of Immigration in Southern Europe and Perceptions**

This will be a short day session introducing a brief history on migrant immigration in Southern Europe: When did it start? How are migrants often perceived? Is there a difference between how EU and Non-EU Migrants are treated? How is the scope of immigration changing? We aim to compare recent migration data in Italy with other EU countries such as Spain, Turkey and Greece and Britain. How will the migrants and refugees arriving in Southern Europe change the rest of Europe? Is it a “Mediterranean Problem” or “European Problem” or more?

**06 November :**

### **How are different cultures and religions accommodated in Europe?**

As reaching out to young people and adults with fewer opportunities such as refugees and asylum seekers is one of the main objectives for many EU based NGOs and migrant organisations; this day presentation aims to highlight some of the best social inclusion and prevention of violent radicalisation methods that have helped and are helping integrate minorities in Southern Europe and Italy. What is happening with some of these minorities now in Italy and across Europe.

Burning Issue Question: To what extent should a tolerant society tolerate intolerance?

**07 November:**

### **Migrant Pathway Options (2) + Afternoon visit to a local “centro di accoglienza”**

Presentation about what has been done in order to give the refugees the necessary social, cultural and professional skills to better integrate in Europe.



In the afternoon; a visit will be arranged to a local migrant centre as participants will have the opportunity to exchange models of good practices by seeing how migrants in Italy are supported by language learning, cultural integration and practical skills training by existing organisations; also if these same migrants have a qualification from the countries they are coming – we will see what is the best pathway for them?

### **08 November:**

#### **Workshop at a migrant centre in Reggio Calabria**

The day workshop and inclusive education training at a local migrant centre involves working hands on with staff and migrants at a local centre. Participants can expect to practically learn more about developing social, civic and intercultural competences whilst working with migrants in Calabria.

### **09 November:**

#### **The importance of promoting European values and tackle social exclusion**

Presentation on the importance of promoting common European values, intercultural dialogue and tackle social exclusion.

Facing the reality: Introduction on how and why Southern Europe is seen as a gateway to Europe by illustrating and narrating what happens when many Middle Eastern and African migrants arrive on the shores of Southern Italy.

Burning issue: what EU countries could do in order to help migrants in their respective countries? What has been done so far?

There will also be an evaluation and feedback session on this day.