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### A Multilevel approach to the intercultural paradigm: the experience of Intercultural Cities

*Room A1*

*Interpretation – ENGLISH, SPANISH, BASQUE*

**Date:** 12 de junio

**Timetable:** 17:10 -19.00.

- **Ivana d’Alessandro**, Head of the Intercultural Cities Unit (Council of Europe)
- **Diana De Marchi**, City Councillor of Milan-Intercultural Cities
- **Imanol Landa Jauregi**, Mayor of Getxo, President EUDEL
- **Ernesto Sainz de Lanchares**, Director of Family and Diversity of the Basque Government

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Across Europe, competences on immigration and integration policies at state, regional and local governments vary significantly. This complex institutional landscape reflects the transversal and interdisciplinary nature of integration and, at the same time, it makes it particularly challenging to conceive and implement coherent and coordinated policies between the different policy areas and governance levels.

A strong case can be made in favour of orienting both national and local policies towards a more inclusive approach. This would definitely favour States' compliance with the obligations undertaken under various international legal instruments (eg. European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter), but also ensure more peaceful, prosperous, dynamic and safe societies.

Inclusive integration requires a framework for equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities for all, as well as policies to foster intercultural interaction, understanding and participation. The former is primarily the task of national authorities; the latter relies on regions and cities. Thus, for inclusive integration to happen, all governance levels must cooperate more effectively than at present.

**Reflections of initiation:**

- **Why promote multilevel intercultural governance / collaboration?**
- **What challenges and difficulties does this kind of collaboration pose?**
- **What solutions should be explored?**