

IV SEMINAR ON IMMIGRATION AND EUROPE

Immigration and Local Government: Experiences and Challenges

Barcelona, December 14th and 15th, 2006
Hotel ACEVI Villarroel, Barcelona

This fourth seminar on Immigration and Europe is designed to deal with daily challenges that immigration poses for local governments in Europe. Immigration is, probably, one of the clearest paradigms of the close link between globalisation and local dimension. Worldwide mobility takes on concrete form, finally, in a city, in a local community: local governments face these arrivals and they must assume the challenge of creating conditions for co-existence in a new scenario.

The fourth seminar on Immigration and Europe will analyse the competential and institutional frameworks of immigration policies, and it aims to discuss how the mission of local government is recognised today in Europe and how it could be developed to improve its effectiveness.

Provisional Programme

Thursday, December 14th

09.30h. **Accreditations**

10.00h. **Opening session**

Celestino Corbacho, President, Barcelona Provincial Council
Narcís Serra, President, CIDOB Foundation

10.30h. **The Local Dimension of Immigration in Europe: Basic Facts**
Albert Serra, Migrations Programme, CIDOB Foundation

11.00h. **Coffee Break**

11.30h. **The participation of local governments in immigration policies**

*Chair: Teresa Llorens, Head of Unit Area of Equality and Citizenship,
Diputació de Barcelona - Barcelona Provincial Council*

Ignasi Camós, Chair on Immigration, Rights and Citizenship, University of Girona

Vicenç Aguado, Professor of Administrative Law, University of Barcelona

12.30h. **Political experiences of immigration local management: The view of Mayors**
Chair: Mireia Belil, Director, Forum Foundation

In this session, local politicians and managers will discuss about their experience in managing immigration and diversity in different European cities.

Speakers to be confirmed*

14.00h. **Lunch Break**

16.00h. Local Government and Immigration (1)

Parallel Working Sessions

Session A: Policies and Models on Immigrants' reception and settlement

Conductor: Ramón Sanahuja, Director, Technical Cabinet on Immigration, City Council de Barcelona

Núria Lores, Coordinator, Observatorio de las Migraciones y la Convivencia Intercultural, Madrid City Council

Adrian Randall, Chief Office, Refugees and Asylum Seekers Department, Birmingham City Council

Pere Prat, Mayor, Manlleu City Council

Session B: Adapting public services

Conductor: Jaume Lluís, Director, Social Welfare and Family Area, Hospitalet de L. City Council

Jesús Husillos, Head, New Citizenship Programme, Hospitalet de L. City Council

Andreu Bover, Coordinator, Cohesion and Good Relations Area, Salt City Council

Montse Ibarz, Head of Unit, Social Services Department, Reus City Council

17.30h. End of the first day

Friday, December 15th

09.30h. Local Government and Immigration (and 2)

Parallel Working Sessions

Session C: Managing co-existence: models and tools

Conductor: Teresa Llorens, Head of Unit Area of Equality and Citizenship, Diputació de Barcelona - Barcelona Provincial Council

Joan Antoni Baron, Mayor, Mataró City Council

Lidovina Gil Climent, Deputy Mayor, Citizen Security, Gandia City Council

Antoni Fogué, Deputy Mayor, Personal Services Area, Santa Coloma de Gramanet City Council

Session D: Municipal organisation: programmes, transversal issues, inter-administrative cooperation and social participation

Conductor: Nico Villena, Head of Transversal Programmes, Santa Coloma de Gramanet City Council

Ramon Mora, Head of Citizenship Area, Sant Boi de L. City Council

Hazel Francey, Good Relations Manager, Belfast City Council

Francisco David Lucas, Deputy Mayor and Responsible for the Immigration Plan, Getafe City Council

11.00h. Coffee Break

11.30h. Conclusions of the Parallel Sessions

Chair: Josep Ribera, Director, CIDOB Foundation

Teresa Llorens, Head of Unit Area of Equality and Citizenship, Diputació de Barcelona - Barcelona Provincial Council

Jaume Lluís, Director, Social Welfare and Family Area, Hospitalet de L. City Council

Ramón Sanahuja, Director, Technical Cabinet on Immigration, City Council de Barcelona

Nico Villena, Head of Transversal Programmes, Santa Coloma de Gramanet City Council

12.30h. Closing session: Immigration policy and the role of local governments

Chair: Narcís Serra, President, Fundació CIDOB

Imma Moraleda, President-Delegate, Area of Equality and Citizenship,
Barcelona Provincial Council

Representant of the Catalan Government

Consuelo Rumí*, Secretary of State for Immigration and Emigration, Spanish
Ministry for Employment and Social Affairs

13.30h. End of the seminar

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Catalan, Spanish and English
(with simultaneous translation)

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