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Cities of Refuge: Towards a more Inclusive Approach?

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While in 2015 governments were discussing refugee quotas and border control measures, many European cities were responding to the arrival or transit of thousands of asylum seekers. This led cities to organise parallel accommodation programmes and build international alliances city to city. To what extent are local responses more inclusive? How does the fitting between the local, the national and the EU level work? Does cities' central position in terms of reception and social cohesion demand a reconfiguration of city-state relations in the field of immigration and asylum policies?

Cities of Refuge: Towards a more Inclusive Approach? is the first conference of the series '***Refugees: Dialogues among the main actors involved***', which is organised in collaboration with Palau Macaya and aims to open a space for dialogue and reflection between the different actors involved in the management of the so-called "refugee crisis" in the European Union.

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