

## Local Partnership and INTEGRATION / INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

- Sweden

In September 2012 an agreement was signed between the City of Gothenburg/Administration for Allocation of Social Welfare and the social economy with the purpose to create a sustainable city through strengthening the interaction between the public sector and the social economy. The aim was also to enable the social economy to play a major role in the development of welfare in the city.

In this spirit, a unique collaboration between the public sector and the social economy (Bräcke Diakoni, Göteborgs Kyrkliga Stadsmission, Göteborgs Räddningsmission and the Salvation Army) for a Voluntary Public Agreement has been developed. It represents a new way of working since the public sector has chosen not to procure the services and organisations have not received grants; instead the partnership has developed the concept together. This way, the social economy can remain independent while working in close partnership with the public authority.

The Voluntary Public Agreement, originally signed in November 2013 and renewed several times since then, is about different ways to support EU migrants who are temporarily staying in Gothenburg. It is a financial model between public procurement and organisational grants, and it can be used for services that are not available on the open market and that do not need to be procured in accordance with EU procurement regulation. Both parties in the agreement must contribute with different kinds of resources (financial, voluntary time or of other kinds) to the partnership.

This Public-Private Partnership for EU migrants received a special mention for the [REVES Excellence Award 2015](#).

- Italy

Social empowerment of migrants lies at the heart of a project, which is carried out by the Municipality of Cinisello Balsamo (Italy) in collaboration with associations, voluntary organisations (Gruppo di Volontariato Vincenziano and Casa degli amici dell'accoglienza) and a Croatian cultural mediator.

The initiative "UNITED COLOURS OF CINISELLO" aims, in particular, to create a place of privileged reception for migrants as well as to develop the latter's social networks as a basis of social empowerment and active participation.

Among the activities that have been realised figure:

- a) Italian language laboratories, which take into account – through an individualised approach - the needs of the users, and therefore diverse cultural and religious origins (example: ad hoc courses for women from Arab countries);
- b) creation of a centre in which third-country nationals and other persons with migration background may find a person (a local or a migrant) listening to their worries and concerns;
- c) development of a space for active listening and guidance regarding health issues and
- d) the provision of a space for cultural exchange on and mutual assistance (between different migrant groups and locals) in questions related to everyday life such as childcare, ways of tackling family problems in respect of different cultures, information and guidance on the services provided by the city etc.