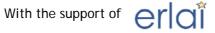


The ERLAIM Project **European Regional and Local Authorities** for the Integration of Migrants:

Conference on EU Policy, Funding Opportunities and Local Practices

Thursday 7 & Friday 8, June 2007 Brussels, Committee of the Regions

Preliminary Programme



Thursday, 7 June 2007

1.00 p.m. Registration

Session I: Setting European Policy for Integration

2.00 p.m. Welcome Speech

• Sonia Masini - President of Reggio Emilia Province, Member of the CoR, Rapporteur of the Opinion on Migrant Women in the EU

The European Council and the Integration of Migrants

• Representative of the German Presidency

The EU Policy on Migration

• DG JLS, European Commission

Presentation of the ERLAIM Project

• Chiara Rossetti, Project Coordinator, Regione Emilia-Romagna

3.45 p.m. Coffee break

Session II: The Key Role of the Regional and Local Dimension

4.00 p.m. Preliminary results of the Analysis: National, Regional and Local Competencies for the Integration of Migrants

Exchange of regional and local experiences - open floor

• Testimonies from ERLAIM Project Partners

6.00 p.m. End of day one

Friday, 8 June 2007

Session III: EU Financial Opportunities and Networking

9.00 a.m. Introduction to current EU funding programmes that can support immigration projects:

- European Fund for the Integration of Third-country nationals
- European Refugee Fund
- PROGRESS

11.00 a.m. Coffee Break

- Europe for Citizens Programme
- 2008: European Year of Intercultural Dialogue

Presentation of Project Ideas by the Participants

1.00 p.m. Networking Lunch

2.30 p.m. End of the Conference