EPIC-UP webinar - Building bridges: culture and creativity for social inclusion

16 September 2026 | 10:00 – 12:00 CEST

How can culture become a pathway to inclusion and belonging? Join EPIC-UP for an inspiring webinar exploring how arts, culture and creative expression can help build more inclusive communities and strengthen migrant integration across Europe.

Registration is available here

AGENDA

Time (CEST)	Session
10:00 – 10:10	**Welcome and introduction** • Marisol Castro, AEIDL
10:10 – 10:25	**Setting the scene: Why culture matters for inclusion** *This session will present evidence and lessons on how arts and culture contribute to social inclusion, belonging, intercultural dialogue and community cohesion.* • Tom Green, Counterpoints Arts
10:25 – 11:00	**EPIC-UP social innovation pilots: creative pathways to strengthen integration services at the local level** *Presentation of two social innovative pilot projects being implemented by EPIC-UP local Communities of Practice (CoPs).* • Creative Path project: mentoring migrant entrepreneurs in the creative sector, Marga Dresen, Municipality of Oberhausen • Harraga Vibes project: music-based approaches to build trust with young people with migrant backgrounds, Luca Martinengo and David Kobby Abban, ADL Zavidovici
11:00 – 11:55	**Concrete good practices: cultural initiatives for the inclusion of migrants, women, and youth** *Inspiring practices that use arts and culture for the social inclusion of people at risk of exclusion, followed by a discussion.* • Youth music education promoting inclusion and belonging, Anis Barnat, El Sistema Greece / Community Arts Network • Arts-based approaches to strengthen employability skills, Paolo Montemurro, Materahub • Museums as meeting point for intercultural exchange, Pooneh Yekta, Multaka
11:55 – 12:00	**Closing remarks and next steps** • Marisol Castro, AEIDL

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