



## European Migrant Advisory Board

### Why?

For migrants and refugees, integration into society can be a complex and multi-faceted issue, in which many factors decide the eventual success to integrate. There have been many examples of integration policy failing to hit the mark, or being disconnected from the target group. One way to prevent this is to involve migrants and refugees more in the policy that is made for them. The Partnership on Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees and Open Society Foundations therefore aim to include migrants and refugees in the process of finding solutions to the obstacles to integration and inclusion.

### How?

The European Migrant Advisory Board (*working title, official name to be decided*) will be launched in October 2017. The goal of the Advisory Board is to support the Partnership on Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees and the EU in developing and launching policies and initiatives that are successful in addressing the inclusion of migrants and refugees. The main objective of the European Migrant Advisory Board is to provide an objective, third-party viewpoint and reality check on the work of the Partnership on migrant and refugee integration.

### What?

The Advisory Board will be comprised of migrants and (former) refugees based in the Partnership cities (Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin and Helsinki), and will offer its advice to the Partnership on Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees and its members. The ambition is to make the Advisory Board available to all EU cities and to the European Commission after its pilot year. To ensure that the Advisory Board has maximum impact, the Advisory Board will ideally be involved in the initial stages of policymaking. This means that the Advisory Board will advise on concepts rather than extensive reports/policy papers.

### Questions?

Do you have questions or are you interested in joining the Advisory Board? Please contact Nahom Berhane ([N.Berhane.Sium@amsterdam.nl](mailto:N.Berhane.Sium@amsterdam.nl)).

