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INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND THE MIGRANT CRISIS

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A brighter future for Europe

Welcome to beautiful Siracusa!

For many, Sicily is a paradise holiday destination, with wonderful beaches, food and culture that attract people from all over the world. In recent months, this paradise has been one of the main arrival points for thousands of migrants into Europe. Whilst their reasons for coming to Sicily are entirely different to the usual tourist, their welcome is no less warm. Sicily has a history of welcoming refugees and migrants; for a long time its citizens have been involved in developing innovative integration solutions to help migrants integrate into their community. 2016 is no different. Sicily is therefore a perfect place to host this event.

Social Innovation Europe (SIE) began highlighting innovation approaches to migrant integration last autumn with our online collection of case studies entitled 'Beyond Crisis'. We are now bringing this series to life here in Siracusa, Sicily. We are bringing a selection of the most interesting social innovations in this field from across Europe. We will help participants to understand how these projects work and why. We want participants to leave inspired, with ideas and tools that they can replicate in their own countries.

SIE has a focus on action – we believe our impact can be much bigger if we are connected, if best practice can be replicated, and if we can learn from each other and avoid duplicating mistakes. Instead of spending the next two days telling you what has made SIE a valuable network over the course of five years, we want to show you, and provide you with an opportunity to meet people and potential collaborators that you might not otherwise meet. We will also explore how actors form across Europe, from policy makers, to researchers, to foundations, can work together and play a role in tackling this crisis.

This event is the final in the series of SIE events, but is very much the beginning of realising our need to work together to co-create a brighter future for Europe.

We are looking forward to spending the next 2 days with you!

Best wishes,

The Social Innovation Europe team

Innovation, integration and the migrant crisis

The unprecedented flows of migrants approaching Europe is confronting the European Union and its Member States with a series of complex challenges. It raises fundamental questions about the social and cultural fabric of European societies. Ingenuity, vision, as well as political will and an efficient use of resources are required if we are to find ways to deal with this on going, unabated crisis.

The closing of borders and the rise of populism are the result of a public debate that has framed migration in negative terms, questioning the fundamental values that characterise Europe. Migration has been an engine for development throughout history, and Europe is a region with a long history of defending human rights and helping migrants integrate.

Beyond public rhetoric, communities are reacting to contemporary population movements spontaneously in creative and constructive ways. Several innovations are emerging, tackling immediate needs, raising awareness, welcoming new populations of refugees and migrants, and transforming them into long term opportunities. Understanding these responses is essential in shaping new policies that help integration, and allow the European society benefit from their arrival.

Public policy has an essential role to play in tackling this challenge, and will greatly benefit from the support of these innovative initiatives. From migrant entrepreneurship, new approaches to housing, food making and sharing, schooling and education, several models combine policy-led and bottom-up approaches across Europe that could serve as a blueprint for other communities to adapt and adopt over the coming years.

ORGANISERS

Social Innovation Exchange | www.socialinnovationeurope.eu

SIE was established in 2011 as the first pilot action on social innovation under the Innovation Union. Funded by DG Growth, the SIE platform has become a community of over 3000 people across Europe, a go to place to understand the context of social innovation in different countries, and a database of organizations and events across Europe. The magazine hosts the SIE interview series, with actors across Europe talking about key issues, from Digital Social Innovation to Stories of Impact.

Social Innovation Exchange | socialinnovationexchange.org

SIX is now the world's primary network focusing on social innovation. Our vision is that people all over the world can become better innovators by more easily connecting to their peers, sharing methods and exchanging solutions globally. We work with governments, businesses, academics, funders, practitioners and leading social innovation intermediaries and practitioners. By linking all these actors across sectors, fields and geographies, we can spread the most effective models more quickly.

AEIDL | www.aeidl.eu

Founded in 1988 to coordinate the ELISE (European Local Initiatives System of Exchanges) programme, and initially focused on the areas of employment policies, training, and socio-occupational integration, the European Association for Information on Local Development (AEIDL) expanded the scope of its activities in the 90s, notably in the field of rural development, and in particular through its role in coordinating the European LEADER Observatory and the network of "Rural Information Carrefours" (EU information points in rural areas).

Impact Hub Siracusa | siracusa.impacthub.net

Impact Hub Siracusa was launched with the aim of promoting social innovation and social entrepreneurship in Sicily. Connected to the Impact Hub global community - a network of almost 80 cities around the world, Impact Hub Siracusa brings together a community of social entrepreneurs and nurtures the local ecosystem.

commonground | www.commongroundpeople.com

commonground is a design led practice working in the field of service and experience design. Designing the space between people and the things they value, commonground applies human centred design principles to generate and develop innovative solutionsand positive social change. Design partner of social innovation initiatives.

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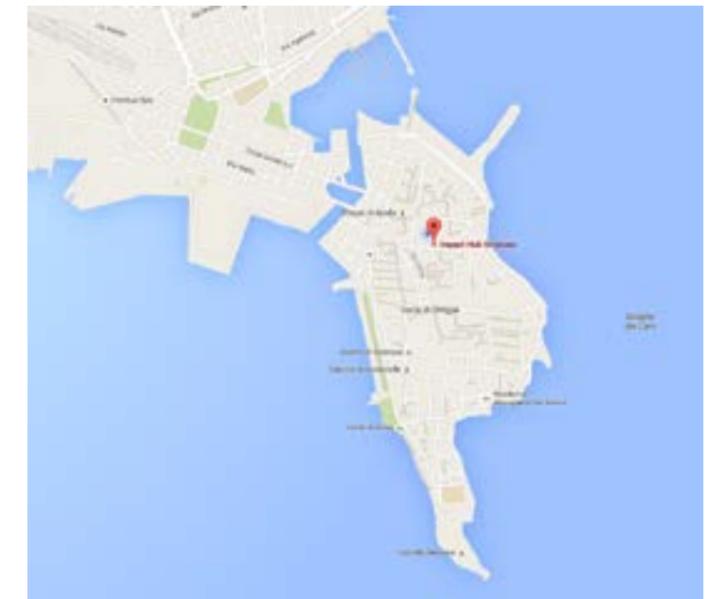Tuesday 12 April 2016 18:30 Palazzo Vermexio, Salone Borsellino, Piazza Duomo 4, Siracusa

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Impact Hub Siracusa is located in the historical centre of Siracusa, on the small island of Ortigia, surrounded by Greek historical landmarks and a lively atmosphere. The venue was convent and then an art school before becoming a centre for social innovation and entrepreneurship in 2011. From co-working activities to community events and incubation programmes the spaces offers all the comforts of an office space and a suggestive training centre.

HOW TO GET THERE

The easiest way to reach Siracusa is flying to **Catania International Airport** and then take a bus by Interbus line that in about 1 hour will drop you at Siracusa coach station, 15 minutes walk from Ortigia. You can also fly to Palermo, Trapani or Comiso, but transfer to Siracusa could become an adventure.

"Visiting Italy without going to Sicily leaves no image in the spirit. It is Sicily that is the key to everything!"

Goethe, German author

MONDAY 11 APRIL 2016
Understanding the context

12.00	Arrival, registration and lunch
14.00	**Opening remarks, welcome and icebreaker**

• Francesco Italia, Vice Mayor of Siracusa, Italy
• Eddy Adams, Social Innovation Exchange, UK
• Armelle Ledan Prade, AEIDL, France
• Vincenzo Di Maria, commonground, Italy
• Rosario Sapienza, Impact Hub Siracusa, Italy

15.00	**Context and Complexity**

This session will explore the complexity of the issue from an institutional and practitioner approaches. Yahya Bah will begin this session by sharing a personal experience, followed by insights from:

• Barbara Sidoti, 11eleven, Italy
• Rosario Sapienza, Impact Hub Siracusa, Italy
• Xavier Le Mounier, European Commission, Belgium
• Milica Begovic, UNDP, Turkey

16:30	Coffee break
17:00	**Digestion - reflect and react**

This session will allow participants to work in smaller groups and reflect on what they have heard.

18:00	**Informal sessions** - open stage and video projections from projects
	Refreshments and networking
21:00	**Close**

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016
Approaches and innovation models

08:30	Refreshments and registration
09:00	**Breaking down borders**
	Transnational collaboration wake up exercise
09:30	**Understanding different approaches to innovation - the contribution of design to reframe** Ezio Manzini, Author, Professor, Designer, Italy
	Deep dive into understanding case studies - micro meetings
10:00	

• Sanja Santor, Kiron Open Higher Education, Germany
• Ernest Radal, Mobilearn, Sweden
• Robert Kozma, Grupa 484, Serbia
• Guillaume Capelle, Singa, France
• Jeffrey Andreoni , Options Foodlab, Greece
• Dina Moreira, Don't Feed the Rumor, Portugal
• Maarit Tiittanen, Integration in Punkalaidun, Finland
• Giuseppe Pisano, Sapori Cult, Italy
• Mary Kreutzer, Missing Link, Austria

12:00	**Surfacing more projects**
	This session will give participants the opportunity to contribute and analyse the innovation aspects in more case studies around Europe.
13:00	Lunch and Case Study Gallery
18:00	**Spreading useful approaches across Europe - the role of networks**
	How can we learn from each other in between and beyond events?
15:00	Coffee break
15:30	**Exploring Roles**
	Whose responsibility is this work? How can policy, research, people and organisations play a role?
16:30	**Call to Action**
17:30	How do we amplify what we have learned during this event with the community, Europe and the world?
18.00	**PUBLIC EVENT**
20:00	**City Council, Palazzo Vermexio, Sala Borsellino**
	Sharing with the wider community in Siracusa what we have learnt
	Performance: Isola Quassud theatre group

BREAK BARRIERS

Our new neighbours

Don't feed the rumors

Let's talk about it!

CREATE CONNECTIONS

Options FoodLab

Integration in Punkalaidun

CALM SINGA

NURTURE SKILLS

MobiLearn

Kiron Open Higher Education

Sapori Cult

Our new Neighbours | Grupa 484
Serbia. http://grupa484.org.rs/

Joint collaboration between asylum seekers, artists, cultural workers and activists in presenting (personal) stories and experience of migrants and asylum seekers through creation of exhibition "the Border is closed" in order to get familiar citizens of hosting communities, especially young people, about the life of migrants and inspire solidarity with them.

Don't feed the rumor | Arrival City Network
Portugal. http://www.cm-amadora.pt/naoalimenteorumor/

The Arrival Cities Action Planning Network is tackling one of Europe's most urgent issues by looking at how cities can manage the challenges of old and new migration flows. The Amadora City Council launched a campaign with goal of demystifying rumours and prejudice against the immigrant communities residing in this municipality in the outskirts of Lisbon. The mayor Ms. Carla Tavares explained that the campaign "Don't feed the rumour" will have a parrot as its symbol and it is the result of a challenge presented by the Council of Europe. According to the lady mayor, the local authorities intend to train "anti-rumour agents" which will basically be the schools and the associations of Amadora where people who have many contacts with the local population can act as facilitators and multipliers in the dissemination of the information and contributing to eliminate prejudice.

Let's talk About it! | Missing Link
Austria.

ZusammenReden ("Let's talk about it!") debates various key issues of integration in form public discussions, round tables, and workshops for pupils and teachers. The topics range from: work, housing, nationalism, religion, gender issues, till multilingualism, asylm/migration, and much more. Our goals are to improve urban governance, enhance transcultural dialogue, support the creation of inclusive neighbourhoods and improve the general public's perception on migration.

Options Foodlab
Greece. http://options.limited/

Options FoodLab is a new project in Athens that is creating a physical space for cooks from different backgrounds to come and share their skills while learning new ones from seasoned professionals. The FoodLab's mission is to create a hybrid environment where residents and newcomers can come together and learn about their divergent worlds using the vehicle of food, culture, cooking, and friendship.

Punkalaidun | LEADER Projects
Finland.

Since 2011, Punkalaidun, a rural municipality in South-West Finland, has been investing in the integration and welfare of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers with the help of two LEADER projects. Based on a territorial and community-led approach, LEADER ('Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Economie Rurale') was a major EU rural development programme between 1990 and 2006. Its name and principles have been integrated into Axis 4 of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

CALM (Like at Home) | SINGA
France. http://singa.fr/la-communaute/calm-comme-a-la-maison/

CALM is an online platform connecting refugees seeking housing and private hosts. It uses web and mobile applications to mobilize a varied community of people offering accommodation all over France. More than just a solution to housing needs, CALM creates an enriching human experience with doors opening to the SINGA association community, and in a wider way, to all of French society. The system aims to prepare the future of refugees and their inclusion in social and professional life.

Mobilearn
Sweden. https://se.mobilearn.com/en/

Mobilearn is a mobile-based service that provides newly arrived immigrants important information in an easy and accessible way. Using modern technology and a modern approach to integration, individuals can easily take on everyday challenges, which otherwise may seem out-of-reach, especially in a new country. This technology is based on the idea that immigrants should have the same opportunity to create a living, a life and a future on their own, with help and support from a mobile "cicerone" anywhere at anytime. This is all in accordance with the UN's human rights conventions.

Kiron Open Higher Education
Germany. https://kiron.ngo/

Kiron is open higher education for refugees. They provide refugees with world-class education and the opportunity to graduate at a university free of charge. The idea for Kiron was born in the summer of 2014 by Vincent Zimmer and Markus Kreßler. Vincent was eager to start a revolution in higher education by developing a new kind of university that incorporates technological advances and focuses more on the individual learner. Markus, who was working with refugees and migrants at that time, was instantly overwhelmed by the opportunities this new kind of university offers for refugees who did not have access to higher education so far. So they started talking with online course providers, universities and decision makers in politics and economy and soon found out that there are quite easy solutions for every single barrier that made it impossible for refugees to enter higher education so far.

Sapori Cult | Arcolaio + 11eleven
Italy.

Sapori Cult aims to create a food brand that promotes integration using traditional Sicilian herbs, African spices and local produce of excellence. The project involves migrant and Italian youth, as well as skilled professionals from the food sector. It promotes integration and social inclusion through extensive capacity building in food production technology, business, marketing, and communication. It creates job opportunities, using food as a symbolic location for creativity and intercultural growth.

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3.	Ana María Alvarez Monge	Migration Hub	Germany
4.	Antoine Saint Denis	AEIDL/Europe for People	Belgium
5.	Arianna Toniolo	CoGruppo	Italy
6.	Armelle Ledan Prade	AEIDL	Belgium/France
7.	Barbara Sidoti	11eleven	Italy/Switzerland
8.	Benedetta Falmi	Porta Di Terra	Italy
9.	Bettina Hauge	Innofond	Denmark
10.	Carla Trommino	AccoglieRete	Italy
11.	Caterina Timpanaro	Gaia Education	Italy
12.	Christine Kotarakos	AEIDL	Belgium
13.	Clara Venuto	Territorial Commission of Siracusa	Italy
14.	Claudia Busetto	commonground	Italy
15.	Cristina Alga	CLAC Lab	Italy
16.	Dina Moreira	Do Not Feed the Rumour	Portugal
17.	Dominika Potkanska	Shipyard	Poland
18.	Eddy Adams	SIX / Urbact	UK
19.	Emanuela Pistone	Isola Quassùd	Italy
20.	Emmanuel Nyakech	Community Development	Kenya
21.	Ernest Radal	Mobilearn	Sweden
22.	Ewa Sadowska	Barka Foundation for Mutual Help	Poland/UK
23.	Ezio Manzini	DESIS Network	Italy
24.	Fausto Amico	CESVI	Italy
25.	Francesc Balcells	PIMCO	UK
26.	Giulia Maraviglia	SocioLab	Italy
27.	Giuseppe Pisano	Sapori Cult Arcolaio/11eleven	Italy
28.	Giuseppe Scuderi	School of Architecture, Siracusa	Italy
29.	Guillaume Capelle	SINGA	France
30.	Jeffrey Andreoni	Options FoodLab	Greece
31.	Jenny Prosser	Nesta	UK
32.	John Dodd	Young Foundation	UK
33.	Joice Biazoto	Melton Foundation	Germany
34.	Julie Simon	Nesta	UK
35.	Justina Adlyte	Deliotte	UK
36.	Louise Pulford	SIX	UK
37.	Luna Kalas	TechSoup Global	Poland
38.	Maarit Tiittanen	Punkaladiun Municipality	Finland
39.	Maja Durlik	The Shipyard	Poland
40.	Marco Zappalorto	Nesta	UK
41.	Maria Matloub	Designer	Italy
42.	Marie-Sophie Kammler	Designer	Germany
43.	Mary Kreutzer	Missing Link	Austria
44.	Maryna Manchenko	PhD student	Italy
45.	Medea Savary	UNHCR	Italy
46.	Michael Street	White Cube Projects	Italy
47.	Michaela Sieh	Open Hearts	Belgium
48.	Michela Giuffrida	Student	Italy
49.	Mike Dabbah	Open Hearts	Belgium
50.	Milica Begovic	UNDP	Turkey
51.	Monika Gonser	Reallabor Asyl	Germany
52.	Natasha Owen	White Cube Projects	Italy
53.	Nora van der Linden	Kennisland	Netherlands
54.	Peter Ramsden	AEIDL	UK/France
55.	Radhika Bynon	Young Foundation	UK
56.	Robert Kozma	Grupa 484	Serbia
57.	Rocio Nogales	EMES	Spain
58.	Rosario Sapienza	Impact Hub Siracusa	Italy
59.	Salvatore Timpanaro	Gaia Education	Italy
60.	Sanja Santor	Kiron Open Higher Education	Germany
61.	Sara Barbieri	Designer	UK
62.	Sebastaiana Di Martino	Associazione Papalagi	Italy
63.	Shagana Ehamparam	SIX	UK
64.	Silvia Zaccaria	Associazione Papalagi	Italy
65.	Simona Ghezzi	CESVI	Italy
66.	Sophie Reynolds	Nesta	UK
67.	Steve Bynon	Mind in Bexley	UK
68.	Vadim Levando	Student	France
69.	Vincenzo Di Maria	commonground	Italy
70.	Viviana Cannizzo	Impact Hub Siracusa	Italy
71.	Xavier Le Mounier	European Commission	Belgium
72.	Yves Champetier	AEIDL	France

Addisalem Abebe Mekuriaw

Addisalem Abebe Mekuriaw, originally from Ethiopia, is the General Secretary of the United African Women Organisation in Greece. Addis has organised various seminars on family planning and HIV/AIDS, women and domestic violence as well as training workshops for women migrants, entrepreneurship and business planning. She has also been a spokesperson in the campaign for granting the Greek citizenship to second-generation migrants (i.e. children born in Greece to legal migrants) and was invited to talk about the new bill in the Greek Parliament. Addis has been actively involved in various food related initiatives in Athens that focus on the social integration of women migrants/refugees. She is a core member of the Options FoodLab.

Alessandro Valera

Alessandro Valera is the Launch Director of Ashoka Italy. He's an Italian national and a global citizen passionate about social change and transnational movements. After having studied in Italy, Canada and the UK, he graduated in Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics. His career began in the UK in the field of social policy and behavioral change, where he advised the British Government on policy and communication aimed at children and young people, as well as their parents. Upon his return to Italy in 2011, after 12 years abroad, he started his own communication and research agency, with a particular focus on social media education for children, teachers and parents. He also became Director of European Alternatives, a human rights NGO. In 2014 he was chosen by Ashoka to lead the efforts for Ashoka Italy to set roots in the country.

Antoine Saint-Denis

Antoine Saint-Denis is a Policy Expert for ESF Transnational Platform. He has more than 15 years' experience in social affairs. A former national expert in the European Commission / DG EMPL, he has worked on a wide range of EU policies (fight against poverty, social protection, employment, social aspects of the internal market, consumer protection, digital technologies), doing his best to strengthen the connection between expertise and reform. Previously, as a higher civil servant in France, he managed the state service in charge of social assistance benefits. He is thus familiar with governance issues, law-making and public budget management. Engaged in supporting social innovation, Antoine monitors its implications on multi-level governance and public services.

Armelle Ledan Prade

Armelle Ledan Prade works across several AEIDL programmes, mainly as co-manager of the Social Innovation Europe (SIE) platform with SIX, and as the coordinator for the SIC (Social Innovation Community) Horizon 2020 project, as well as developing AEIDL activities regarding migrants integration from a local development perspective. She is also the expert for the European Social Fund (ESF) transnational network on Learning & Skills. Most of her career took place in the employment and social affairs field. After some years in Sudan working for UNDP, she established as an independent consultant once back in Europe. With a legal background and a Master in Social and Solidarity Economy, Armelle is currently involved in academic research with Montpellier University on social and territorial innovation, as well as lecturing.

Barbara Sidoti

Barbara Sidoti is an international consultant with extensive experience in migration policies, human rights, the fight against trafficking in persons and migrants smuggling. She works on policy development, capacity building and training, with a particular focus on criminal justice systems and the cooperation between State and non-State actors. She supports and facilitates multi-stakeholder strategic development and planning. Barbara has worked with UNODC, the OSCE, ODIHR, ICMPD, GIZ, CARE and various civil society organizations. A researcher and a social innovator, she is the author of various publications and the founder of 11eleven, an avant-garde integration project and a social enterprise co-created with talented young migrants and Italian youth.

Bettina Hauge

Bettina Hauge is a trained anthropologist with a PhD, a business degree and a passion for social innovation. After a career in the academic world, she now works at Innovationsfonden (Innovation Fund Denmark) as an investment manager and their scientific officer for social innovation in the social sciences and the humanities.

Carla Trimmono

Carla Trimmono is an immigrational lawyer in Siracusa since 2007. She is the local rapresentant of Asgi, working together with ONGs such as Emergency, OIM, UNHCR, Terres Des Hommes, Arci. She is currently involved in the project on "opposition to the rejection decrees in the eastern Sicily coast" funded by Open Society International. Carla is also founder and president of AccoglieRete Onlus, dealing with unaccompaigned minors, in partnership with Oxfam, Cesvi, Italian Order of Phsycologists and Italian Navy. She is lectio at the Italian School for the Judiciary and at Sant'anna Superior School of Pisa.

Caterina Timpanaro

Caterina Timpanaro is an experienced urban development professional with expertise in participatory processes, collaborative urban governance, urban sustainable and integrated development, and smart cities. She is the author of the book Public Spaces and Democratic Planning. She has a wide range of experience in fundraising, project design, management and evaluation at local level but also in the EU framework. She works both in the private and public sector and with NGOs. She is local coordinator of EU projects: (1) Urbact II GeniUSiracusa on open innovation and participatory process in a disadvantaged neighborhood; (2) Erasmus+ Raising Strong and Resilient Communities project, with Accoglierete NGO ;(3) Urbact III Techtown on digital economy. Currently she serves as Project Coordinator of SICILIA INTEGRA led by Gaia Education and the University of Catania in partnership with SPRARs, Organic Farming Cooperatives and private business partners. Sicilian Integra aims to support the socio-economic integration of migrants through agricultural capacity building activities.

Christine Kotarakos

Christine Kotarakos is heading the Business Development Unit (BDU) at AEIDL, where she oversees the strategic development and day-to-day running of the BDU. Her professional experience spans over two decades in both private companies and the European Commission. After spending her first career years in the international payment systems as market research manager, she moved on to heading the Standard Eurobarometer team with INRA ECO and then the European Opinion Research Group. In 2003, she set up her own consultancy, Capital Research, offering advice in international communication, environmental management and market research. From 2008 until 2011, she contributed to the work of DG Empoyment in the demography and social inclusion units. There, she was a member of the Task Force implementing the European Year against Poverty and Social Exclusion.

Clara Venuto

Clara Venuto has a degree in Culture and Human Rights, specializing in Development Cooperation. For many years, she has been interested in immigration, international cooperation and social projects linked to inclusion and integration of people. She has collaborated on projects on disability and child rights, especially for Kosovo and Tunisia, looking at participation for disability guidelines from 2010-2012. She has volunteered internationally with ProgettoMondo Mlal Ngo for education and social projects in Olinda, Brazil. She has experiences with different NGOs in Brazil on the issue of human rights and education, especially in the suburbs areas with particular interest to the theme of development, education and the protection of minors. Since 2014, Carla has been a substitute member of the Commission for the international protection in Siracusa, interviewing and assessing asylum claims and participating in the decision making process relating to areas of immigration.

Claudia Busetto

Claudia is co-founder of commongroundpeople. She is a designer specializing in communication: has a degree in literature, a master's degree in Public and Institutional Communication and decades of experience in the web world, where she started dealing with analysis and software development, and deepening over time the themes and methods of design centric, service design and of 'information architecture .

Dina Moreira

Dina Teresa Mendes Moreira is Office Coordinator at the Municipality of Amadora in Lisbon, Portugal. Since 1982, she has worked for the Municipality of Amadora and Lisbon City Council as a technician, manager and advisor, mainly in the areas of social development, migrations, housing, cooperation and management of EU funding projects. Currently, she coordinates the Special Projects Office of the Municipality of Amadora where she handles applications and the management of co-financed projects (national and EU level) and establishment of partnerships for projects with relevant impact on the municipality. She has worked for the Lisbon City Council in various roles including: Advisor of the Councilor for International Relations, Civil Protection and Security; Head of Studies and Planning Division/Department of Social Affairs and Advisor of the Councilor for Housing and Civil Protection.

Dominika Potkanska

Dominika Potkańska is a sociologist. She graduated from the Institute of Sociology at the University of Warsaw. Currently, she is a project coordinator and analyst at the Migration Policy Program at the NGO Institute of Public Affairs, a Polish think tank and an independent center for policy research and analysis based in Warsaw, Poland. She has experience in training projects in the field of intercultural education and support for foreigners on the Polish labour market. She is also researcher and author of the evaluation reports on the situation of migrants and refugees on the labour market in Poland. Last year, she coordinated a large social campaign on migrant women under the slogan "See the Invisible". She is also actively involved in the preparation and implementation of projects in the field of social and cultural animation in her community.

Eddy Adams

Eddy is an Advisor to SIX and supports the transnational work for Social Innovation Europe (SIE). He has a special interest in social innovation and cities. He is a process designer, facilitator and writer with extensive transnational experience. His current work includes the role of Adviser on Social Innovation and Human Capital to the EU URBACT (Cities exchange and learning) Programme, based in Paris. This involves supporting cities to utilise social innovation, as well as sharing the results with a wider audience. In 2013 Eddy designed and led the URBACT workstream exploring how EU cities are harnessing social innovation to tackle the youth crisis. Eddy also acts as an adviser to the award-winning York Genius social innovation platform,recently shortlisted for the Bloomberg Challenge Awards.

Eleanor Hazelton

Eleanor Hazelton is an Irish pensioner living in Ortigia (historical part of Siracusa), since November 2015. From November 2014 until February 2015, she lived in modern part of Siracusa, where she met a group of young male refugees in a local park and was saddened to learn that they were sleeping in disused railway carriages. She worked at FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN), Rome in the sixties and seventies, as a multi-lingual secretary. Subsequently, she undertook a BA in Third World Development Studies with the University of East London. Furthermore, she worked in South Africa (with AIDS sufferers and youth groups) and, as a volunteer, funded by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, in Uganda (with vulnerable children, women's groups, youth groups and AIDS sufferers). She is interested in justice for all, including the integration of all disadvantaged groups.

Emanuela Pistone

Emanuela Pistone is a theatre director and actress from Catania. She worked for: RAI UNO, RAI RADIOTRE, a cinema directed by Taviani brothers, Alessandro D'Alatri, Audrey Wells; assistant director in theatre for the Oscar Prize winner Nicola Piovani, Vincenzo Cerami, and Armando Pugliese. After a meaningful experience in South Africa, she developed a passion for sub-Saharan African cultures. As theater director, she participates in several festivals in Rome and Italy, adapting and directing stories and novels by contemporary African authors. At the end of 2004, she founded Isola Quassùd, multi-ethnic group that deals mostly with theatre and interculture. The association, in its 10 years of activity, has produced several performances and projects to promote intercultural exchange, working in collaboration with university, public and private organizations, other associations. Currently she is working on the theatre project "Life is beautiful". The project won the call "MigrArti" by Italian Ministery of Culture (MIBACT) in March 2016.

Emmanuel Odhiambo Nyakech

Emmanuel Odhiambo Nyakech comes from Central Kanyamkago, the southern part of Kenya, where he was born. For several years, he has been engaged in community-based activities at home. After completing high school, he joined the sugar industry company and served as a clerk in agriculture department. After three years, he joined the British American Tobacco (Kenya) with the same post. Up until now, he has gained suitable experience in agriculture and community development activities. Emmanual is hoping to collaborate with well-wishers to support him to gain more ideas for the betterment of our people

Ernest Radal

Ernest Radal is Chief Evangelist of Mobilearn. He has a background within marketing and sales and is a joint founder of the Mobilearn concept. Ernest has roots in former Yugoslavia, and has built up Mobilearn as a trademark on the Swedish market by cultivating politicians and other decision makers within the area of integration over a period of five years. By means of this work, Mobilearn has today achieved high status as a company with innovative solutions for supporting the establishment of migrants in society, not only in Sweden but in the rest of Europe as well.

Ewa Sadowska

Ewa Sadowska is a member of the Barka Foundation Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer of Barka UK, director of Barka for Mutual Help Ireland, and coordinator of the European Migrants Integration Network with projects in the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Ireland and Poland. She is a secretary of Barka Africa-INISE (International Network of Innovation social Entre-preneurship) with emerging social enterprise projects in East Africa. Ewa holds a master degree in Ethno-Linguistics at the Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan, Poland and a post-graduate degree in the Social Economy Management from the Warsaw University. Ewa has dedicated her life to serve vulnerable migrants, ethnic minorities, unprivileged local communities assisting them through support to develop local partnership-based social enterprises and vocational training centers.

Ezio Manzini

For more than two decades Ezio Manzini has been working in the field of design for sustainability. Most recently, his interests have focused on social innovation, considered as a major driver of sustainable changes, and on what design can do to support it. He started and currently coordinates DESIS: an international network of schools of design and other design-related organisations specifically active in the field of design for social innovation and sustainability. Presently, he collaborates with the Politecnico di Milano and he is Honorary Guest Professor at the Tongji University, in Shanghai, at the Jiangnan University, in Wuxi and, since 2014, at University of the Arts London. For his work he has received two Compasso d'Oro (Design Prizes), the Premio per l'innovazione (Prize for innovation), the Sir Misha Back Medal for the year 2012 (International prize for design teaching) and several honorary titles.

Fausto Amico

Fausto Amico is Project Manager at Cesvi in Sicily, Italy, particularly in the frame of projects and interventions in favor of refugees and other vulnerable targets.

Francesc Balcells

Francesc Balcells an executive vice president and portfolio manager in the London office of PIMCO. Prior to joining in 2012, he was employed at Rogge Capital Partners where he was the head of emerging markets and worked at Harvard Management Company focusing on emerging markets local rate and currency investments. Mr. Balcells also worked at the International Monetary Fund between 2002 and 2006, during which time he spent a year at PIMCO on secondment from the Fund. He has 20 years of investment experience and holds a master's degree in international economics and European studies from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. He received his undergraduate degree from the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Giulia Maraviglia

Giulia Maraviglia is a sociologist with 8 years experience in the field of social and political science research and analysis. She holds a degree in Sociology from the University of Florence (Italy), with a specific focus on urban policies design and visual methods. She is partner of Sociolab, a multidisciplinary research centre in the fields of participation, consensus building, conflict mediation, social and political research. For Sociolab, she has been responsible for the design, development and implementation of numerous projects aimed at mainstreaming a participatory approach to programming within local administrations, civil society groups and organizations. She has coordinated and facilitated some projects about migrants engagement and involvement, including, last 5 March, a national initiative on collaborative design practices for the social inclusion of asylum seekers, a open space technology event organized by Rena at Impact Hub in Florence.

Giuseppe Pisano

After a degree in Law at the University of Catania, Giuseppe Pisano got interested in international cooperation and social development issues. He started collaborating with the first Sicilian NGO, dealing with social and economic development problems. He then moved to Latin America, where he spent 11 years in Brazil and Argentina, engaged in Human Rights, Capacity Building and Local Development Projects. Since his return to Italy in 2008, he has been working with L'Arcolaio, a social enterprise based in Siracusa and involved in social and labor inclusion of disadvantaged people, particularly inmates of Siracusa Prison. Recently, L'Arcolaio started some projects aimed at integration and social inclusion of young migrants and refugees and asylum seekers.

Guillaume Capelle

Guillaume Capelle is a globe-trotter and a social entrepreneur. The eldest of three boys, he grew up between Brittany and Normandy. Based in Rennes, he travelled and explored the UK, Italy, Spain and the USA during school holidays. In 2005, when his family moved to Hamburg in Germany, he settled down in Paris to study international relations. Five years later, after having obtained his Master degree and a few internships in France and Japan, he went to work for Amnesty International in Australia. Back in France in 2012, he created CapEthic, a consulting firm in communication, and travels the European working-class neighbourhood, and co-founded SINGA, an NGO operating in France and Morocco in favour of the refugees' integration.

Jeffrey Andreoni

Jeffrey Andreoni is a writer for Shareable magazine, a researcher, and an activist who goes by the pseudonym "Bezdomny" while online. Born in Rhode Island, USA, he now lives in Athens, Greece where he co-coordinates the FoodLab project, which focuses on hybrid integration for asylum seekers and migrants who have chosen to live in Greece long-term. Jeffrey is also a OuiShare Connector and has long been an explorer in communities of sharing, having travelled, lived, and squatted in various intentional (and unintentional) communities throughout Europe, which culminated in his participation in the unMonastery project. The unMonastery is currently part of an EU research consortium called MAZI, which aims to bridge communities using wireless technology. Jeffrey brings his zany public performances to the consortium while incorporating an extensive knowledge of wireless networks.

Jenny Prosser

Jenny Prosser's background lies in social innovation having worked with social entrepreneurs across Europe, Africa and the Middle East. She currently works as a Programme Manager at Nesta's Challenge Prize Centre and supports the co-ordination of the European Social Innovation Competition, which this year is focused on the topic of refugee and migrant integration in Europe. Before joining Nesta, Jenny worked as the Head of Development for Digital Opportunity Trust. She also served as a Kiva Fellow in Zimbabwe and Uganda working to scale innovative credit programmes with field partners such as The Grameen Foundation. Previously Jenny was part of the senior management team at Ashoka UK, where she led the development of their Venture and Fellowship programmes.

John Dodd

John Dodd leads the Young Foundation's European social innovation research, engaging in a range of networks and projects to improve understanding and implementation of social innovation across the EU. An experienced European researcher and policy analyst, John's expertise covers urban and social affairs, social innovation, and health. Building on an academic background exploring social movements he's worked across sectors to develop and deliver projects to improve policy and interventions. Most recently, John was Strategic Research Lead and Head of Inclusion Programmes at Macmillan Cancer Support where he oversaw research strategy and large scale partnership development. He has also participated as an expert advisor on urban affairs in URBACT and EU Commission working groups.

Joice Biazoto

Joice Biazoto is the Marketing & Communications Manager at Melton Foundation. Joice started her journey to become a global citizen at age 18, when she left her home country of Brazil to go to college in Berea, a small town in Kentucky, USA. She earned an MA in Journalism from Indiana University in Bloomington while working at the local NPR station. Across the pond, Joice pursued a degree in Peace Studies at the University of Hamburg in Germany, and specialized in communications and public relations for nonprofits. Prior to joining the Melton Foundation, Joice was Communications Manager at Malteser International, a humanitarian relief agency with projects in 25 countries.

Julie Simon

Julie Simon is the Head of Government Innovation Research in the Policy and Research Team at Nesta. She is currently overseeing projects looking at the future of local councils, informal models of childcare and the use of big data by local councils. She is also developing larger programmes of work on democratic innovations - Before joining Nesta, Julie worked at the Young Foundation where she led the organisation's work on social innovation. She has written major reports on social innovation as part of TEPSIE, a European Commission project which explored the theoretical, empirical and policy foundations of social innovation in Europe. She also co-authored The Open Book of Social Innovation and Social Venturing and co-edited New Frontiers in Social Innovation Research.

Louise Pulford

Louise is the Director of SIX. She has been responsible for growing the network over the last 6 years, and worked on the SIX project since its inception in 2008, and through its incubation at the Young Foundation. Louise co-manages the European consortium who has run Social Innovation Europe (SIE) since 2011. Louise regularly speakers on the value of networks and delivers social innovation workshops all over the world. Prior to running SIX, Louise worked on a variety of projects at the Young Foundation, including coordinating its international work and the development of the UpRising leadership programme. Prior to that, Louise worked at a small social issues consultancy firm in Beijing. She has an MSc in East Asian Studies.

Luna Kalas

Luna Kalas currently lives in Warsaw and works at TechSoup Europe. In her role as a Community Program Manager, she develops and implements programs, which aim to empower organizations and activists to use technology for social good. Luna has specialized in civil society strengthening in transitional and post conflict settings and has worked to strengthen civil society participation in the Balkans, Central Europe and Asia. She is experienced in building and coordinating networks, human rights monitoring, conflict management, peace building and volunteerism development. Luna is from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and has been a refugee between 1992 and 1995.

Maarit Tiittanen

Maarit Tiittanen is an immigration coordinator since 2011 in Punkalaidun, Finland. She has a considerable experience and a large knowledge of integration work among refugees. She is running two LEADER projects in Punkalaidun in co-operation with Swan´s Route, Local Action Group (LAG). Her main role has been problem-solving and bridge-building between the newcomers and local citizens, public services, employers and schools which has brought her a number of awards and also brought her project to a national TV and other media. She has also given lectures concerning the Refugee Question in Finland. YLE invited Maarit to their documentary program 2016. She has received several awards including LEADER Swan´s Route (Local Action Group) award for a successful and productive plan for developing the rural areas 2015 and The Rural Person of the Year-award in Pirkankylä 2015. This Model has been introduced in over 200 municipals in Finland.

Maja Durlik

Maja Durlik is a sociologist, researcher and evaluator. She work for a polish NGO Unit for Research and Social Innovation "Shipyard" coordinating projects in the fields of social innovation, ICT and culture. Her latest projects include: coordinating the European Social Innovation Competition organised by the European Commission (in 2016 dedicated to social innovations for refugees and migrants) and MEMO – project focused on creating a multimedia device dedicated to memory training for the elderly. Before working for Shipyard, she was responsible for conducting research projects for the Museum of History for Polish Jews, Polish Film Institute and British Council. She has received scholarships from University College Maastricht and Italian Culture Institute.

Marco Zappalorto

Marco Zappalorto is Head of European Development at Nesta and he is currently developing a coherent European strategy for the organisation to expand Nesta's European reach and core partnerships. Marco is a leading expert for challenge prize design and he contributed to the initial set-up of Nesta's Centre for Challenge Prizes. He has led on the design of challenge prizes for the EU Commission, Italian Government, United Nations Development Programme, Everglades Foundation, and the British Government. He has contributed as an expert to several challenge prizes events, workshops and publications. Prior to Nesta, Marco worked for OmniCompete (now Innocentive), managing the execution of prize competitions in the defence and security sectors for both the public sector and industry.

Maria Matloub

With a professional training in design and innovation, each project Maria Matloub engages in represents a new challenge to create processes and future scenarios. Over the past years, her passion for conceptualizing and her entrepreneurial mindset, along with her teaching experience in foundation design studies influenced the course of her practice, and enabled her to attend several workshops, conferences and events related to social innovation, entrepreneurship and design in multiple cities. She is currently based in Milan studying service design at Politecnico di Milano and developing 'servicedesignmena.org'

Marie Sophie Kammler

Marie Sophie Kammler is a System Designer and gives lectures for Design Processes and Methods at School of Art and Design Kassel / Kassel University (Germany), where she also founded and still runs the experimental Laboratory for Food- and Eating-Culture. She loves creating platforms and opportunities as tools for connecting different people and work contexts. Marie is fascinated by the power of communities and strongly believes in collaboration and hosting as frames to be designed responsibly. In 2015, Marie worked as a trainee for Impact Hub Siracusa (Italy). There she was involved in European projects fostering the potential of Social Innovation in the Mediterranean Area, which also led to the ongoing research for her thesis. Prior, she worked for the internationally known exhibition for contemporary art dOCUMENTA(13), Product Innovation Lab and was co-organiser of the first international convention on Lucius Burckhardt, Swiss sociologist and inventor of the discipline Spaziergangswissenschaft (Strollology).

Marta Simoncelli

Marta Simoncelli is an Italian and has been living in Spain for the last 10 years. She works as a Project Manager in the educational field since 2012, and started projects in several Spanish schools to introduce new methodologies in the classroom. Since 2014, she has been the Coordinator of the Educational Programs of Scholas Occurrentes Foundation for Spain, focusing their work on integrating communities of all over the world. Marta loves innovation and strongly believes we can change the world if we start with education.

Mary Kreutzer

Mary Kreutzer leads Missing Link, the department for integration and community work (Asylum and Integration) of Caritas Vienna since 2009. She was born 1970 in Upper Austria and later migrated to Guatemala and Carinthia. She is a political scientist and has published on antisemitism, women's rights, development politics, migration and refugees. Her work has been recognized with the Eduard Ploier Radio Award of the Austrian Board of Education, the European Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Concordia-Publizistikpreis, Category Human Rights, and the Elfriede Grünberg Preis of the "Antifascist Initiative Wels". She is chairwoman of the League of Emancipatory Development Cooperation (LeEZA), which organizes projects for women in Iraq, Turkey and Syria and editor of magazine liga from the Austrian League of Human Rights. Since 2009 she she teaches a course on migration at the University of Applied Sciences in Dornbirn.

Michael Street

Michael Street is co-founder of WhiteCubeProjects, a non-profit network that works through projects, partnerships and idea exchanges to promote sustainability, green economy, social and cultural integration, social entrepreneurship and learning communities. Since 2003, their projects have involved local citizens, youth and migrants of mainly African origin settled in this region of Sicily. Michael has over 40 years' experience in Africa, Asia and Europe as an engineer, development consultant, teacher, lecturer and expedition leader. His current research interests are the green economy and integrated river basin planning in Africa and Sicily. He is based in Sicily since 2001.

Michaela Sieh

Michaela Sieh co-founded Open Hearts: a global network of social innovators aiming to create caring and resilient communities, who welcome new neighbours. Refugees are co-leading in all our activities. They work with participatory practices, such as World Café, Circle Way, Art of Hosting and their working language is English (Arabic, Dutch, German are possible). Open Heart's current projects are: 1. Catering for events (organic home-made Syrian traditional dishes) and Cooking ateliers. 2. Refugees as (social) entrepreneurs 3. Prototyping private sponsorship for refugees in Belgium. Michaela's field of work include: youth participation and intergenerational work (Wiser Together movement by the World Café Community Foundation); individual and collective grief and trauma; developing trauma-informed practices in refugee integration projects; hosting online participatory events.

Mike Dabbah

Mike Dabbah reached Belgium seven months ago and is trying to build a better future for both the hosts and hosted of Europe to coexist in a peaceful and prosperous environment. He started working with Open Hearts on simple but effective topics to bring cultures together using simple pleasures of life like food, a smile and hope. In his former life in Syria, he used to work in accommodation and hospitality management. He also volunteered for the local community in activities focused on nurturing the society by combining activities that bring together the elderly and youth.

Milica Begovic

Milica Begovic works on UNDP's Europe and Central Asia region based in Istanbul. She works with teams, UNDP and national/local partners, across the region to find out next ways of tackling stubborn problems, test out fresh ideas and new perspectives in UNDP context. She is working on bringing innovation to development - one person, and one experiment at a time. Her areas of expertise include social innovation, change management, design thinking, user innovation, citizen engegment, social network analysis and local development. In 2013, she ran UNDP's first challenge prize (UNDP/Nesta Renewable Energy Challenge) and in 2014-205, she designed and tested a new approach to 'scaling up' in development.

Monika Gonser

Dr. Monika Gonser holds the position of a project coordinator for the Reallabor Asyl in the Rhine-Neckar Region, Germany. In this cooperation between the Pedagogical University of Heidelberg, the Center for European Economic Research and the University of Heidelberg, she coordinates four refugee-related research projects on language and professional training, labour market integration, decentral housing and civil society support. The Reallabor Asyl also involves local communities and administration. In the past, Monika Gonser has been working on various projects in international cooperation, specifically on migration and Eastern Europe. Her research focuses on employment relations, migration and research cooperation with practitioners.

Natasha Owen

Natasha Owen is co-founder of WhiteCubeProjects, a non-profit network that works through projects, partnerships and idea exchanges to promote sustainability, green economy, social and cultural integration, social entrepreneurship and learning communities. Since 2003, their projects have involved local citizens, youth and migrants of mainly African origin settled in this region of Sicily. Natasha has led projects with organisations on change, strategy, communication and development in a range of corporate and non-profit sectors. She has an MA from Oxford University and MBA from London Business School. Current research interests are migration in Sicily, social entrepreneurship and mindfulness at work. She is based in Sicily since 2001.

Nora van der Linden

Nora van der Linden works for Dutch think and do tank Kennisland. The main focus in her work is how to create and design new strategies and approaches for social change. She has experience in supporting bottom up innovative projects and concepts at Dutch schools. She had the lead in setting up the Radical Innovators campaign in the Netherlands, and she designed learning programs for social innovators in Europe and globally. Now she works on a Social Lab in Vienna, and on the European Social Innovation Competition. She enjoys setting up new collaborations for projects where innovative methods, interventions and ideas are being developed and tested. Nora studied sociology and philosophy at the University of Amsterdam and McGill University in Montreal. Before she was a lecturer and tutor in philosophy of science, she has been working at Kennisland since 2011.

Peter Ramsden

Peter Ramsden is a leading thinker and activist in the field of local, urban and regional economic development with a proven track record in promoting and disseminating new ideas. He has worked in the European Commission, in the Regional Development Agency movement, in the public and private sectors, in leading think tanks and now leads the company Freiss ltd, a niche consultancy focusing on social innovation and local development. He is a Pole Manager for the EU URBACT programme helping cities to exchange and learn from good practices. He also co-wrote the new guide to social innovation in cohesion policy and the guidance for CLLD in Europe.

Radhika Bynon

Radhika Bynon is an experienced innovation practitioner, with expertise in participatory methodologies. She works at The Young Foundation as Programme Manager and Director of The U, which strengthens neighbourliness through community-based learning sessions, working in 12 localities around the country. She also leads on community engagement on YF's Amplify programme, working on a platform of interconnected research, community engagement, and innovation supported designed to spark new ideas for tackling inequality by responding to the lived experiences of people in those communities. She wrote Benches For Everyone, which uses ethnographic approaches to explore the use of public benches and asks questions about the implications of the current practice of removing them. She is involved in a number of community activities in East London.

Robert Kozma

Robert Kozma graduated at the Faculty of Political sciences, University of Belgrade (Serbia), with a degree in political sciences, and obtained Master degree in political sciences at the Department of Political Sciences of the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary). He is Manager of Group 484 Program for Intercultural dialogue "We and the others" and has been a member of Group 484 team since September 2011. His special interest is focused on the following topics: intercultural dialogue, education and social economy.

Salvo Fallica

Salvo Fallica is a Project Designer and consultant specialized in European Project Management, with extensive experience in team management, business strategy, coaching and training. 5+ years entrepreneurial experience in Creative Industry and Social Innovation, as business developer and consultant for animation studios, new media agencies and innovative start-ups. After returning to Italy in 2012, Salvo has invested resources and expertise in coaching and mentoring innovators and young entrepreneurs who want to settle and generate impact in Sicily and the Mediterranean region. Today he is partner of Impact Hub Siracusa, responsible for European Programmes and incubation manager at Vulcanìc in Catania.

Rocio Nogales

Rocío Nogales is Executive Director at EMES since 2004. She graduated from the University of Seville, Spain (BA in Communications) and earned a Masters in Art Management at Carnegie Mellon University (US), a Masters in Art History at the University of Pittsburgh (US), and a Masters in Management Science at the University of Liege (Belgium).She is currently completing her PhD thesis at the University of Barcelona. Her professional experience includes the cultural non-profit sector, where she managed a social enterprise initiative in a community arts centre in the US. Her research interest is social innovation and the management strategies operating in third sector organizations. The EMES network is coordinating Social Innovation Europe's Co-produced Social Innovation Research Agenda (Co-SIRA).

Sanja Santor

Sanja Santor is eager to contribute in resolution of the recent refugee crisis, Sanja Sontor joined Kiron in November 2015 and has been active in building international academic relations and fundraising. Prior to joining Kiron, Sanja founded Edu:Man-ufaktura, a social start-up with an aim to bring higher education opportunities closer to the Western Balkan students. Previously, Sanja worked as an analyst and a consultant for European Commission, international organizations, and government agencies in the U.S., Belgium, and Portugal. She holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the Hertie School of Governance and a Master's degree in Economics and Business from the University of Zagreb, where she was also awarded a degree in Portuguese language and literature.

Rosario Sapienza

Rosario Sapienza is an anthropologist with more than 20 years of experience in the field of social sciences. He started his professional career as associated researcher at the CENSIS Foundation, Italy. He carried out and coordinated several research projects on immigration, criminality, trafficking of human being and on different youth related issues. Since 2000, after a Master in 'Euro-project management', he started collaborating with ABATON Srl, Rome. He monitored, evaluated, planned and managed projects in more than 25 countries in the field of the International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid. Among the principal organisations he provided his services there are the EC, the Italian Cooperation, IFAD, UNDP, UNICEF, USAID. Since 2010, Rosario is co-founder of Impact HUB Siracuse and co-coordinator of the "EU Cluster Working Group" within the Impact HUB Network.

Sara Barbieri

Sara Barbieri is a freelance designer from Florence, graduated in Interior and Product Design. During her studies, she increased her awareness about the problems of consumer society, and she started addressing her work towards an ethical and sustainable design. She's worked many years in a cultural association, designing set-up and art installations through the use of waste materials, in order to sensitize people about contemporary issues. As a freelance, she always try to take a careful approach towards environmental and social impact of every project. At the moment, thanks to collaborations with associations and NGOs, she is dedicating my personal research to the issues of migration and integration.

Salvatore Timpanaro

After the graduation in Chemistry at Catania University in 1996, Salvatore Timpanaro carried out research activities in the field of new materials and nanotechnology, at first at Milano- Bicocca University and subsequently at Philips Natlab and at Potsdam University where he obtained his PhD. In 2005, he moved to design and project management in the field of Innovation and Technology Transfer, at first working at Aster in Bologna and since 2009 at Environment Park in Torino. In 2014, he decided to move back to Catania and work as freelance. Currently, he serves as Project Manager of 'SICILIA INTEGRA' led by Gaia Education and the University of Catania in partnership with SPRARs, Organic Farming Cooperatives and private business partners. Sicilian Integra aims to support the socio-economic integration of migrants through agricultural capacity building activities.

Shagana Ehamparam

Shagana Ehamparam is the Communications and Events Coordinator at Social Innovation Exchange (SIX). She also takes a project managing role for Social Innovation Europe (SIE). Prior to joining SIX, Shagana worked as a Communications Assistant at the Wellesley Institute, a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization that engages in research, policy & community mobilization to advance population health. She also has work experiences in the government, media and the arts. Shagana has a Bachelor in International Business from the Schulich School of Business in Canada. She also completed an International Management and Business Communications stream at the Toulouse Business School in France and has studied at the Ontario College of Arts and Design (OCAD) in Canada.

Simona Ghezzi

Simona Ghezzi is Desk officer within Cesvi Projects Department, developing the Italy Programme of intervention in favor of vulnerable targets

Sophie Reynolds

Sophie works across a number of Nesta's public services innovation programmes, as a Senior Researcher in Nesta's Policy and Research unit. She leads on Lab Notes – a monthly digest bringing together interesting tools and news from public sector innovators around the world. Sophie also works on TRANSITION, an EU-funded research project, that seeks to learn and share best practice in social innovation incubation around Europe, and has helped lead Nesta's research on the Collaborative Economy. At Nesta, Sophie has contributed to and edited a number of research publications such as i-teams, Digital Social Innovation, and Making Sense of the UK's Collaborative Economy. Prior to working at Nesta, Sophie worked in the Science Gallery in Dublin, as an English and Social Studies Teacher in Muscat, Oman, and as an Attendance Coach at Southwark College.

Steve Bynon

Steve Bynon has worked with in the voluntary sector for over 15 years. He presently works with the mental health charity Mind in Bexley as an innovation manager. Steve has supported a creative team of practitioners to change the way services are delivered for those with mental ill-health, moving away from traditional approaches to a recovery college model which focuses on an individual's assets and supports resilience. Steve is particularly interested in refugee and migrant issues, having helped to create St Pancras Refugee Centre in central London. He has been volunteering in the camp in Calais and continues to lead work on migrant and refugee issues at Mind in Bexley. Steve is a founder of Asha Trust in Sri Lanka, supporting local workers to develop innovative solutions to address the issues people face in a challenging community at the edge of Colombo.

Vadim Levando

Vadim Levando is a French student in sociology (Aix-Marseille University) writing a master's thesis on social entrepreneurship; The goal is to define this practice by highlighting the representations at the foundation of social entrepreneurship. Writing this thesis is in fact the beginning of a wider research project that he wants to realize in a PhD thesis with the main question around the European Union's construction of a specific link between public policy, European institutions, and social entrepreneurship. "Refugees crisis" is a human crisis and he wants to know if the model of social entrepreneurship is able to sustain a connection, in a large scale, between liberalism, trade, and social support.

Vincenzo Di Maria

Vincenzo Di Maria is a service designer and social innovator currently working across Europe. His work focuses on socially responsive design and innovation ranging from products to services and experiences. His approach to design is holistic, playful and people-centred. In 2010 Vincenzo co-founded commonground, the place where design meets positive social change. commonground works with socially minded organisations to deliver service innovation and user-driven experiences.

Viviana Cannizzo

Viviana is co-founder and manager of events Impact Hub Syracuse space. She has gained her experience in the organization of cultural events, dealing with the design, coordination, fundraising and relations with the PA.

Xavier Le Mounier

Xavier Le Mounier has worked for the Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry (now DG GROW) at the European Commission since January 2012. He is in charge of policy measures and pilot actions to stimulate social innovation in Europe. More particularly, he supervises the Social Innovation Europe platform and the European Social Innovation Competition, as well as the EU Network for workplace innovation (EUWIN). Prior to this, Xavier worked ten years in the field of international cooperation. Xavier has a background in political science and holds a Master degree in Development Economics.

Yves Champetier

A member of the AEIDL board, Yves Champetier has considerable experience in rural development at local, regional, European and international level.He was in Brussels the director of the LEADER Coordinating Unit from 1992 to 1994, and of the European LEADER Observatory from April 1992 to January 2001. Between 2001 and 2014, he was the business development director at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Montpellier. Since 2001, he has also been a consultant, involved in numerous seminars and conferences in most European countries. He also worked for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, for the Andalucía Region in Spain, for the URBACT Secretariat in Paris, the ENPARD program in Tunisia, and for the European Commission's Directorate-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs (DG MARE). He is currently an expert for FARNET, the European fisheries areas network, and for the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD).

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